

# Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 3rd September 2019

**PRESENT:** Martin Widger (Chair) Peter Sheard (Vice Chair) Derek Brooking, Malcolm Dicken, Mike Hine, Francis Baker, Ian Satterley, Emma Hemmins, Paul Harvey, District Cllr Kate Kemp

**APOLOGIES:** County Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Emma Sweet

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Fiona Stace (Parish Clerk) 1 member of the public

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th August 2019, have been circulated and were approved by the Chair

## **Standing Orders Suspended: Public Participation and to receive reports from Cllr Gilbert and Cllr Kemp**

**Item no:**

### **1783 Policing Matters**

Unfortunately the police website is a few months behind and so we can only report that there was one offence in June of anti social behaviour.

### **1784 Public Comment**

One member of the public came to offer help to the Parish in any way possible. They also reported that the drain blockage in Towns Lane has been logged and will be rectified as soon as possible. LPC are grateful for the offer and will bear them in mind for future projects.

### **1785 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert**

Cllr Gilbert was not present.

### **1786 District Cllr report - Kate Kemp**

Cllr Kemp has researched the S106 money left 'in the pot' and can confirm that there is £472.47 outstanding from Harveys Field and a further £5,700 from Higher Hatch Farm. LPC will discuss where the money can best be used. There is talk of a Bank for our Region which each authority will need to invest £50,000. It is called South West Mutual Bank and it will be funded from a Business Rates Pilot. The bank still needs to obtain a licence but if they don't get it, what will happen to the funding? Cllr Kemp to send email to Clerk. The 1 year spending review will be announced this week. The Old School site has now had approval for 5 dwellings and 10 contained parking spaces. For anyone who would like to jump on board, there is a County Line survey online at [gov.co.uk](http://gov.co.uk) county lines survey.

**1787 Public Pathways**

Nothing to report

**1788 Neighbourhood Plan**

Nothing to report

**1789 Planning**

**2525/19/HHO** - The Stables, Loddiswell, TQ7 4DX. Replacement of roof over existing sun room extension - In Support

**1790 AOB & matters arising from last months minutes**

a) Highways meeting scheduled for 18th September. 7 of the councillors will be meeting with Highways to assess and move forward repairs that desperately need doing in the village. There are pot holes, dangerous pavements and overgrown hedges as well as a lack of speed signage and restrictive speed bumps (or similar) and it is time that Highways got on board and gave us a detailed report about when the work will be done. There has been no SCARF done and with summer now over, the traffic will be less intrusive, which is really what we needed them to see. The councillors spoke very passionately about the need for getting these repairs completed and have had many complaints from residents, one of whom has received an injury from stumbling on a pot hole. LPC have been chasing Highways for years about the state of the roads and have had promise after promise. Action: Clerk to type up a comprehensive list of complaints and areas of concern and to email DCC about hedge cutting in the village.

The list is as follows, thus far:

Pot holes and damaged pavements: Village Cross Road, Towns Lane, New Road, Fore street, Road to old Post Office, Loddiswell Butts, Stocks Lane & Part of Ham Butts, Big Lane, Road around Myrtal Cotts, Lower Well Street, Station Road, Ashwood Park, Elmwood Park pavement, Chile Farm. We need to move the 30mph signs, we need a zebra crossing (or two) Hedges need cutting back and fresh white lines on the road.

There are many hedges that need attending to and cutting back now that summer is coming to an end and we need new lines painted on the road up by the entrance to the Business Park. The list will continue.

There has also been a lot of discussions around the pinch points on the B3196, so hopefully something will be concluded soon.

There are also many tractors and heavy loads driving through the village, but this will soon be over as harvesting time is almost done.

**1791 Added at the Chairs discretion:**

Cllr Hine will try to rectify the drop over the stile at Elmwood Park by adding another step on the outside. The blocked path at Woolston Fields shall remain blocked and LPC will organise having it filled in at some point in the near future as they see it as a danger for people stepping out directly onto the road. There was a unanimous vote on this as there is

poor vision in both directions and a possible accident waiting to happen,. Clerk to contact Woolston Fields grounds maintenance company to organise getting the perimeter hedges cut.

The tree on the Courtledge Green that has a rope swing attached to it, has exposed roots and the grass around it has suffered at feet of the children using the swing. Unfortunately there is nothing that can be done unless the area is fenced off, so LPC have decided not to take any action in this instance.

Cllr Hemmins has been trying to get the grass in the Old School Field cut, but is up against the county ecologist saying that there is possible wildlife in the field and so they have only cut a small square for the air ambulance to land on (if necessary) and intend to cut the whole field in the Autumn. Cllr Hemmins will send further emails regarding the fact that the field has been padlocked and that if there is an incident whereby the air ambulance is needed, how will they get access to the field.

It has been agreed that LPC will pay for a replacement bench on the Courtledge with a plastic one matching the others that have been replaced in the village.

<b>1792</b>	<b>Balance at the start of the meeting</b>	<b>£54,930.83</b>
	a) F. Stace - Clerks wages & disbursements	- £352.37
	b) Richard Barney - Maintenance	- £941
	c) PAYE	- £595.12
	d) Greenspace grass cutting	- £80
	e) Totnes Road Signs	- £441.21
	f) Public Works Loan for Allotments	- £1463.58
	<b>Balance at the close of the meeting</b>	<b>£51,057.55</b>

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....

The next meeting will be held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday October 1st 2019 at  
7.30pm

**Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend and take part at the start of  
the meeting.**

*The Clerk*

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