

# Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 1st October 2019

**PRESENT:** Martin Widger (Chair) Peter Sheard (Vice Chair) Derek Brooking, Mike Hine, Francis Baker, Emma Hemmins, Paul Harvey, Emma Sweet, County Cllr Rufus Gilbert,

**APOLOGIES:** District Cllr Kate Kemp, Malcolm Dicken, Ian Satterley,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Fiona Stace (Parish Clerk) 2 members of the public

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3rd September 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:**

### **1793 Policing Matters**

Unfortunately the police website is a few months behind and so we can only report the local crime for July 2019:

1 x Anti social behaviour on or near Towns Lane

1 x Drugs offence on or near Village Cross Road

1 x Violence or Sexual offence on or near Elmwood Park

### **1794 Public Comment**

1 member came regarding item 1791 from last months minutes regarding the gate still being locked into the school field. Cllr Gilbert said that the field is County Council owned and he met with the assets team to discuss it. The Ecological surveys have been completed and a planning application is about to be submitted. There has never been an intent to unlock the field even though Cllr Hemmins has written several emails regarding the vital access that the air ambulance and fire brigade need. Action: Clerk to write to DCC and ask if we can have a combination lock put onto the gate so that someone local can unlock the gate (given the code), should the emergency services need to get in there. Cllr Gilbert also added that, given the planning application, this could be a great opportunity for S106b money, perhaps to go towards a level crossing up by the playing fields ..... this would obviously take some time.

The second member of the public is concerned that the Speedwatch project has come to a standstill and has offered to take over the organising hoping to push things forward. There was a traffic count in the village earlier this week on the road heading out to California Cross.

**1795 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert**

Letters are being written by Gary Streeter regarding the pinch points on the B3196 out to the A38. Elmwood Park will receive a slurry dressing on the footpaths, all the paper work has been done and the order is in, but no date set yet for the work to be carried out. The road behind the pub is on the 'system' to be re surfaced. Clerk to email Cllr Gilbert reminding him that Towns Lane and Village Cross Road have not been mentioned since the meeting with Highways and both are in desperate need of re surfacing.

**1796 District Cllr report - Kate Kemp**

Cllr Kemp was not present due to illness.

**1797 Public Pathways**

Cllr Dicken was not present

**1798 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Satterley was not present

**1799 Planning**

2868/19/LBC Listed building consent for replacement porch: Littlegate, Loddiswell, TQ74RB - Support

2901/19/HHO Proposed alterations to existing dwelling: 55 Elmwood Park - Support  
Sub Meeting

3006/19/HHO Extension to existing dwelling: Coppthorn, Loddiswell, TQ7 4RQ - Support  
Highways Act 1980: Section 116 - Proposed application to Stop Up lane past Stanton Cottage, Loddiswell - Support

**1800 AOB & matters arising from last months minutes**

- a) Highways meeting: There was no commitment from Highways after several of the councillors met with Adam Keay and walked him around the village pointing out the areas that need working on. LPC were hoping to move the 30mph sign further out of the village, but apparently the legal costs for this would be too high. Cllr Gilbert has agreed to put some political pressure on this argument. We cannot install a zebra crossing because we are unable to prove we meet the Highways guidelines: The number of cars passing multiplied by people who cross the road must exceed 3 million.

Highways do not think that the village has a speed issue so the idea of chicanes was also turned down. Bottom line is that Highways do not have the money for matters that are not urgent. The road that collapsed going towards Avon Mill will now not be repaired until early 2021. Action - Clerk to contact the Woodland Trust, again, to organise getting the hedged out back on the road to the Loddiswell bridge. Also, to get a professional opinion on where the hedges are in need of trimming in the village.

- b) Budget and forward plans: Clerk to organise a meeting with Playing Fields and Village Hall trust committee members to discuss plans for the village hall and pre school. Many ideas around where things can be changed but this will need to be discussed.
- c) Benches: Clerk to order another bench for the Courtledge matching the one kindly donated by Susan Freeman
- d) Damaged railings and flower basket by the shop: The insurance from the lorry who hit the railings has now finally paid up, so these will be mended as soon as possible.
- e) Letter from Highways (added to point 1799) in support of the Stop Up Lane

**1801 Added at the Chairs discretion:**

Following an allotment meeting, LPC have been asked if they can pay for 2 bays to be installed up at the allotments for wood chip, dung and compost. LPC have asked for a quote and will be happy to discuss a possible donation. The step on Clerks Barn Road has been done and the gates have been fitted down by the Well. Clerk to check when the grass cutting contract is due for renewal.

<b>1802</b>	<b>Balance at the start of the meeting</b>	<b>£51,137.55</b>
	a) F. Stace - Clerks wages & disbursements	- £351.17
	b) Richard Barney - Maintenance	- £639
	c) Julian Meek defies maintenance	- £166.76
	d) Greenspace grass cutting	- £160
	e) Grapevine Donation	- £350
	f) Precept final payment	- £14,145.50
	g) AXA insurance payout for railings	- £375.86
	<b>Balance at the close of the meeting</b>	<b>£63,990.98</b>

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

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

The next meeting will be held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 5th November 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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