

Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 5th November 2019

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

APOLOGIES:

IN ATTENDANCE: Fiona Stace (Parish Clerk)

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1st October 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:

1803 Policing Matters

Unfortunately the police website is a few months behind and so we can only report the local crime for September: 3 crimes

2 x Anti Social Behaviour

1 x violence or Sexual Assault (not stated)

1804 Public Comment

No members of the public attended

1805 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert

Cllr Gilbert attended the local Ceilahah in the Village Hall recently and said what a brilliant evening it was! However, on the way back to his car he fell into one of the pot holes outside the old Post Office. Whilst this was mentioned to Highways on their recent visit and survey of the village, pot holes still need to be reported online. Please do report them if you come across them in the village on the SHDC website under report a pot hole.

Oakwood Park footpath will be slurry sealed for repair soon, the road to the car park has been put forward for resurfacing and we are trying to get the 'go ahead' to extend the speed limit out on the north end of the village. Towns Lane and Village Cross Road are due to be patched in 2020 and dressed in 2021. Cllr Gilbert has been researching having volunteer people currently in prison to come and help communities with general labouring jobs and Malborough are keen to jump on board with this idea.

Highways have agreed to plough back the muddy area on the road by the bend at the bottom of the hill by Loddiswell Bridge, helping to widen the road. Whilst we have made several attempts to get the hedges cut back or even to have help from Highways with this, the survey from them has come back stating that the trees and hedges on the road leading out of the village towards Kingsbridge, are not dangerous and do not need cutting back.

Action: Clerk to email Highways again asking them to send out formal letters to the land owners asking them to cut back their own trees that are encroaching onto the road.

Ashwood Parks pot hole repairs will be done by March 2020 and the payment for this will be coming out of a Political Fund that Cllr Gilbert has control over. FYI the Totnes Road that is being ripped up is being done at no cost to the tax payers. It was not done to spec and so it has to be re laid.

1806 District Cllr report - Kate Kemp

Eligible local residents with no heating can apply for heating through the SHDC website. Please take care with recycling at Christmas, you can find all the information you need to help you at south hams.gov.uk/christmasrecycling

1807 Public Pathways

There have been several new gates and stiles erected throughout the village. LPC will be looking at the stile at the end of Towns Lane and hope to put in a gate there instead. Cllr Dicken will be off around all the footpaths in the village soon to do his annual report.

1808 Neighbourhood Plan

Disappointing return of surveys that were made available and delivered to all the households in the village. From the survey, it shows that there is not much demand for more housing in the village. There will be an amalgamation of the 2 surveys that have been done over the last couple of years and this will be recorded.

1809 Planning

3251/19/FUL Holly House - In support, with a note that they make a contribution to the S106 money for road repairs
3332/19/HHO 26 Elmwood Park - In support

1810 AOB & matters arising from last months minutes

- a) Speedwatch discussion: LPC does not think that the village would benefit from Autospeed Watch as it comes at a high cost and the data retrieved would not stand in favour of any decisions made by Highways as they would not take them into consideration.
- b) Grass Cutting Contract: The Grass Cutting contract finishes on 31st December 2019 and LPC are now putting the contract out for tender. If you are interested, please contact the parish clerk at: loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com for information. Applications should be in no later than end of November and be delivered in an unmarked envelope.
- c) Meeting with Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust: A meeting has been set for 19th November for LPC and the Village Hall to meet and discuss where and if LPC can help the future of the Playing Fields and Village Hall Trust. This will not be a public meeting.
- d) Update on Hedge Cutting: Covered in point **1805**

1811 Added at the Chairs discretion:

Francis Baker has kindly agreed to lay the wreath on behalf of LPC at this Sundays Remembrance Service.

An email has been responded to by the Chair regarding any plans to install an electric car charging port in the village. The Chair has said that we have no plans to install one. Clerk to look into costing and possibilities of doing this.

One of the councillors tried getting hold of the police to report an illegal car being used in the village. 101 had an answer machine on and so they tried 999 and were told that a car would be sent from Exeter. A car did arrive much sooner than expected but still not in time to catch the driver. Ongoing concerns about the lack of policing locally.

1812	Balance at the start of the meeting	£63,990.98
	a) F. Stace - Clerks wages & disbursements	- £363.89
	b) Richard Barney - Maintenance	- £628
	c) R J Beer - hedge trimming	- £90
	d) PKF Littlejohn external audit	- £240
	e) Martin Jeffreys repairs in the village	- £267
	f) Mike Hine repairs in the village	- £146.65
	Balance at the close of the meeting	£62,255.44

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9pm.

Signed Dated

The next meeting will be held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 3rd December 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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