

Loddiswell Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday 4th February 2020

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

APOLOGIES: Malcolm Dicken

IN ATTENDANCE: Fiona Stace (Parish Clerk)

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7th January 2020, 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:

1833 Policing Matters

Report from December 2019:
No crimes were reported for this month

1834 Public Comment

No members of the public attended

1835 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert

Cllr Gilbert confirmed that the road surface in Ashwood Park has now been stripped and relaid and a new drop kerb has been installed to help an individual who requested this a while ago. The road surface issue at Butts corner has been acknowledged and the contractor has agreed that they are at fault and they are evaluating the best way to proceed with the repairs.

We have been told that prisoners could be asked to do some community work for local villages and towns with things like painting and cutting back hedges. Clerk to find out more details and see if we take up this opportunity of some free help with maintenance in the village.

Tax payers spent £2.9 million on having the new village school built.

Sorley Green Cross: There is to be a road closure from 17th to and including the 21st February of the road that runs from Sorley Cross down to Rake Lane. This will cause a huge amount of disruption, but is necessary as a safety barrier needs to be replaced. The Clerk and Cllr Gilbert have been in contact with the contractors to see if they can 'traffic light' the road or reduce the hours that the road is closed, but neither is possible. There will be a taxi service running from the village to replace the bus service and passengers are asked to telephone and book the taxi around the times that bus would have been leaving. Hopefully the diversion signs will mean that local businesses and people travelling to and from work will not suffer extreme consequences. Please make sure you have your journey planned before leaving the house that week, make allowances for the

the extra time the journey will take and if you can, make others aware. A map of the diversions will be going up in the display cabinet where the old post office is and a taxi note will be put up in the bus stop.

There is a site inspection being carried out at New Mill Bridge soon to check whether the bridge's condition has changed from its Sept 2018 inspection and if so whether it has any effect on the assessment to determine whether it is a weight bearing bridge. Further information will be available after the assessment has been done.

1836 District Cllr report - Kate Kemp

Cllr Kemp is looking into the 5 metres of hedge that has been removed near New Bridge. She has taken it to Chief executive level and enforcements have been notified.

There is a consultation on the Rope Walk development in Kingsbridge which you can fill out online through the SHDC website. Please send ideas in by filling in the consultation forms using the following link:
<https://www.engagement.southhams.gov.uk>

1837 Public Pathways

Cllr Dicken was not present

1838 Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing to report

1839 Planning

0223/20/VAR - Inner Weeke, Loddiswell, TQ74AQ Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 3 (facing and roofing materials) of householder consent 0929/19/HHO:
Approved

1840 AOB & matters arising from last months minutes

- a) Village Hall and Playing Fields trust have asked to join forces with LPC to help create and deliver a new survey that reaches out to all of the village residents again asking specific questions that will help us consider the future direction of the Trust's assets. LPC have suggested a sub committee be formed to discuss further.
- b) The Annual Parish Meeting has been set for Tuesday 24th March. Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be soft refreshments before and after the meeting. Attendance has been extremely disappointing the last few years and LPC would appreciate your support in attending, finding out what has been going on in your village and putting forward any ideas you have for the future of your village. The meeting will be begin at 7.30pm prompt in the Congregational Hall (upstairs), doors will open at 7pm.

- c) A tree on the playing fields has cut back to make way for a radar traffic sign which will be erected after a Method Statement and Risk Assessment have been carried out by LPC and agreed by VHPFT.
- d) PC Ryan Hayhurst will no longer be the local policeman to Loddiswell. Sergeant Dave Greens has been replaced by Sergeant James Timmis. PC Hayhurst emailed to say what a pleasure it has been working with Loddiswell and hopes we will forge a good relationship with the new Sergeant in the future.
- e) Digging by the river: there are ongoing questions regarding all the digging down near New Mill and the information is with the relevant authorities.
- f) The register of electors for 2020 has been received by the Clerk and a notice for the Representation of the Peoples Acts will be printed and displayed in the cabinet by the old post office.
- g) S106 money: Loddiswell Parish Council currently have £6172.47 allocated towards 'sports facility and improvements to the play area at the Butts' and will expect funds from the old school site upon occupancy of the 2nd and 4th dwelling. This will amount to an extra £16,551. This money is not yet available or certain.
- h) Cllr Martin Widger has given notice and stepping down from being the Chair of LPC due to work commitments. Cllr Widger has agreed to stay in position until after the APM, after which a new Chair will be nominated and appointed.

1841 Added at the Chairs discretion:

The Street lights in the village seem to be off kilter - Clerk to phone SHDC and have them re set.

Drains at New Bridge seem to be blocked. Clerk has informed SHDC, who will be out to take a look. This was discovered by Andrew Widger, who has very kindly been trying to keep the drains clear on a regular basis, in his own time. LPC are most grateful to Mr Widger for his acts of kindness and his community spirit ... especially in the bad weather!

1842	Balance at the start of the meeting	£59,465.30
	a) F. Stace - Clerks wages & disbursements	- £351.75
	b) Richard Barney - Maintenance	- £355
	c) Greenspace Grass cutting	- £80
	d) Green Magic - new bus stop display cabinet	- £61.25
	e) Vision ICT website hosting and support	- £150
	f) Allotments rent received	+ £1,200
	Balance at the close of the meeting	£59,667.30

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 March 3rd 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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