

# Loddiswell Parish Council

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

PRESENT: Peter Sheard (Vice Chair), Derek Brooking,  
Francis Baker, Paul Harvey, Mike Hine, Malcolm Dicken  
Emma Sweet, County Cllr Rufus Gilbert, District Cllr Kate Kemp  
APOLOGIES: Martin Widger (Chair), Ian Satterley, Emma Hemmins  
IN ATTENDANCE: Fiona Stace (Parish Clerk)  
MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 4th  
February 2020, have been circulated and were approved by the acting  
Chair

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

**Item no:**

### **1843 Policing Matters**

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

### **1844 Public Comment**

One member of the public attended the meeting with concerns over the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. They suggested a contingency plan be put in place for the elderly and people of ill health in the village, should they need help with food supplies and collection of prescriptions etc. Cllr Gilbert and Cllr Kemp both had information regarding helpful online links for those who have use of the internet (clerk to post these links on fb site and in the cabinet). A volunteer list was suggested which the clerk will organise. Anyone able to help out please contact the clerk at: [loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:loddiswellparishclerk@gmail.com) or through the fb link. Cllr Dicken said that the domiciliary care will be the first to go unfortunately, and people who are not medically trained cannot help with this. Please keep an eye on the local news and at your local surgery for advice and help in this matter. In the meantime, keep washing your hands and avoid anywhere or anyone you think could have been exposed.

### **1845 County Cllr report - Rufus Gilbert**

Cllr Gilbert expressed thanks to Cllr Widger for his input into getting the road closure from Sorley Cross postponed. The work could possibly be done overnight IF the nearby housing agree to it. A meeting will be held prior to any work starting.  
The road sign from Sorley to Kingsbridge has come down and is a danger with the high winds possibly being able to lift it. Cllr Gilbert will get in touch with Highways.  
Cllr Gilbert has also agreed to getting the Rake Corner finger post fixed or replaced again, with funding from the locality budget. Clerk to organise.

VAS signs (the digital speed awareness signs) are under review in government and it is hoped that local villages will be allowed to buy and erect their own signs without Highways permission in future.

The drainage budget has doubled from £1million to £2million this year, but it is undecided as to whether this is done in-house or if the work goes out to contract.

Council tax increase this year 2% more for social care and a further 2% (per household) for elderly care.

Cllr Gilbert was made aware that the new tarmac that has been laid in Ashwood Park is coming up already. He will get in touch with Highways to have a look.

#### **1846 District Cllr report - Kate Kemp**

Cllr Kemp gave the Clerk some Climate Change posters to put up in the display cabinet and in the shop to advertise workshops to help awareness in the village. You can also find details at: [climatechange@southwestdevon.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@southwestdevon.gov.uk).

Cllr Kemp was asked to research water turbines for the village, following the example at Totnes on the River Dart.

Boxes and notifications for the new recycling system starts in September. Concerns around this new system are that the boxes will be blowing around the streets and the lorries trying to collect all the boxes and debris will slow up traffic.

#### **1847 Public Pathways**

Cllr Dicken has completed the annual survey and it has been returned. Funding for the access to the path in Towns Lane has been applied for.

#### **1848 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Ian Satterley was not present

#### **1849 Planning**

Cllr Brooking declared an interest for both 0401/20/FUL and 0455/20/HHO and was not present for decision making.

**0409/20/HHO Hown Service Road, Loddiswell, TQ7 4DD:** Householder application for demolition of existing sun room and new extension proposed and further front extension  
**Approved**

**0401/20/FUL Unit 5 and 6, Loddiswell Business Park, TQ7 4QG:** Proposed change of use from B1 to B2 usage.  
**Approved**

**0455/20/HHO Ashwood House, Village Cross Road, Loddiswell, TQ7 4SG:** First floor extension to the rear of the dwelling.  
**Approved**

#### **1850 AOB & matters arising from last months minutes**

- a) An email was sent regarding the state of the entrance to the well having been damaged, which was caused by a vehicle driving over the already damaged land causing the pipe to collapse. Cllr Harvey and Cllr Hine will organise laying a new pipe to help with the drainage and re lay the path.
- b) VAS sign for the village: The post has been concreted into the ground and the sign should go up later on in the week, weather permitting. Our thanks to the Councillors for working hard together to make this possible. Cllr Baker has the software on his laptop and will be able to see the readings from the traffic passing through the village including the volume and average speeds. Please keep your speed down below 30mph.
- c) The village Hall and Playing Fields Trust have asked to form a joint sub committee with LPC in the hope to deliver a new village survey asking 'what the village wants'. 3 of the councillors have agreed to join and will give us an update once the first meeting has taken place.
- d) Community Payback: This is an opportunity to welcome prison workers to help with jobs in the village. Clerk has arranged a meeting with the Community Payback representative next week and will discuss jobs such as church grounds maintenance, painting the public toilets and possibly the bus shelter to name a few.

#### **1851 Added at the Chairs discretion:**

The clerk has been asked to find out who has laid the leads on the local roads from Modbury. Highways has no knowledge of any Scarf testing. Clerk to write to Modbury clerk and find out if it is a development exercise for the new housing.

Clerk has also been asked to find out who is responsible for tarmac in the car park as it needs resurfacing.

Cllr Dicken is keeping a close eye on who is putting in for planning on the old school field on behalf of the NHS as they are concerned with the heavily over subscribed GP surgeries.

For the AGM, the Clerk has been asked to buy individually wrapped nibbles and drinks with concerns around the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Please do remember to come and support your village in the congregational hall on Tuesday 24th March at 7pm for 7.30pm

LPC have agreed to pay for a BBQ for the Loddiswell Show. It will be available for anyone in other Loddiswell organisations wishing to fundraise.

<b>1852</b>	<b>Balance at the start of the meeting</b>	<b>£59,667.30</b>
	a) F. Stace - Clerks wages & disbursements	- £376.42
	b) Richard Barney - Maintenance	- £432
	c) PAYE	- £247.80
	d) Public works loan, allotments	- £1463.58
	e) Aune Valley Engineering - posts for road signs	- £164.59
	<b>Balance at the close of the meeting</b>	<b>£56,982.91</b>

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

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

The next meeting will be held at the Congregational Hall on Tuesday April 7th 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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