



# Loxwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Loxwood held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 8pm in the main hall North Hall.

01/2022 ATTENDANCE: Parish Councillors: Parish Councillors: Rick Kelsey (Chair); Tony Colling; Annette Gardner; Simon Bates; Hannah Carey; Chris Agar; Charles Todhunter. CDC Cllr G Evans (left the meeting during 08/2022). WSCC and CDC J Duncton (Left the meeting at item 05/2022) 3 members of the public.  
Jane Bromley, Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Parish Councillor Roger Newman.

02/2022 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: None.

03/2022 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021, and the Planning Committee Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 as accurate accounts of those meetings.

03/2022 **APPENDIX 1 ACTION POINT LIST:** The Parish Council updated the list of Actions.

04/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

4.1 Two members of the Loxwood Sports Association (LSA) spoke concerning the recent complaint, received by the Parish Council, from a neighbour of the LSA about parking outside the LSA along the Plaistow Rd. causing a hazard. The LSA member felt that a significant improvement would be felt once the new car park was constructed in early spring. The average attendance is below 100 about 70 or 80, recently there was quite high attendance but that was an exception, as other games locally were not playing a lot of spectators turned up and attendance was a little over 100.

4.2 Cllr Bates felt it was good news that there was such good attendance and that Loxwood played in the FA Cup. Everything possible is done by volunteers to ensure the road is kept safe.

4.3 Cllr Agar pointed out that some cars parked near the junction which was a safety hazard. WSCC Janet Duncton would check to see if the yellow lines could be extended there. **Action**

**WSCC JD**

4.4 Cllr Agar suggested that should numbers again become so high that volunteers make sure the parking is safe.

4.5 Cllr Kelsey summarised that once the new car park was laid that the situation be reassessed.

05/2022 REPORT FROM WSCC JANET DUNCTON- See attached report.

5.1 WSCC apologised she would not be available for next month's meeting.

5.2 Cllr Kelsey asked re the timescale for the revision to the Local Plan WSCC J Duncton would ask at the workshop coming up shortly. ACTION WSCC JD

06/2022 REPORT FROM CDC GARETH EVANS- See attached report.

6.1 Cllr Kelsey asked if the Clay Pit proposal was to be heard at the CDC Planning Committee meeting in March and Cllr Evans felt that this would be the case as there was a lot of material for the officers to get through.

6.2 Cllr Colling advised that at the recent Planning Committee meeting CDC were putting forward a view that the Interim Policy Statement should continue to be used regardless of CDC now having evidence for a 5- year housing supply. Cllr Colling had spoken against this as Loxwood had a made neighbourhood plan whose policies should be used rather than the IPS. An application for Hawthorn Cottage had been refused purely on the Water Neutrality Issue although stating that it conformed to the IPS. The Officer did not mention the LNP Policies to which the application did not conform. Cllr Colling had emailed the officer after the meeting regarding this but has received no reply. CDC Officer Toby Ayling had been sent the email and CDC Gareth Evans would look into why we had not received a reply. ACTION CDC GE/ Clerk

07/2022 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT -Payments of £8263.84 were RESOLVED as approved.

08/2022 UPDATES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: -

- (a) Highway/Roads. The Parish Council to consider a recommendation from Cllr Agar to accept the quote from I-Transport for consultancy for traffic calming through Loxwood. The alternative quote from GTA having been considered but not recommended by Cllr Agar. Due to the nature of the services to be provided only an estimate of costs could be provided the estimate from I Transport being £13400 net and GTA £7650 but those services quoted for are those the Consultant considers necessary and are not therefore identical.

Cllr Agar advised the two quotes had been looked at in detail and meetings with both had taken place. I Transport was a more structured quote and GTA more focused on local issues. Both were acceptable although costs were not comparable. I Transport had good links with WSCC Highways and this was felt to be important.

Cllr Kelsey proposed the I Transport quote be RESOLVED as accepted seconded by Cllr Agar and all in favour. The Clerk would advise the two organisations of the outcome and ask I Transport to commence work. ACTION Clerk.

- (b) Drainage/ Sewerage Infrastructure.

- There is concern from residents in Pond Copse Lane re potential flooding from the Thakeham site.

Over the Christmas period it was noted the attenuation pond was filling up with water and there was no outflow at that time. Residents lobbied Thakeham who had made no provision for this and a temporary drainage solution was put together. Thakeham have issued residents with a newsletter giving them an update on how the development was progressing. Some saturation can be expected this time of year with the clay ground. A further meeting was to be held between Thakeham and the Parish Council and the residents. **ACTION Cllr Colling.**

- Brewhurst Lane bridge across the river has been reported but there is no action despite being reported for some time. The Landowner is responsible although WSCC could enforce the repair.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Landowner and copy in WSCC PROW to say that the bridge is unsafe. **ACTION Clerk**

(c) North Hall-

- The Trustees are looking into providing photovoltaic panels and the cost will be in the order of £35,000. They are trying to source grants etc to fund this.
- The Playground inspections need to be carried out whilst Peter Winney is not able to do this due to ill health and a volunteer rota is required for a general visual inspection. Cllr Kelsey will ask Peter Winney for the inspection folder. **Action Cllr Kelsey.**

(d) School- No report.

(e) Neighbourhood Plan- Nothing to report.

(f) Queens Platinum Jubilee: Update and consideration of jubilee mugs for the school. (Example mug <https://www.clerksandcouncilsdirect.co.uk/content.asp?id=50> )

- The Parish Council felt that the mug for school children idea would not be progressed as the Parish Council do fund a lot of school projects.
- A Committee had been formed for organising the celebration and Cllr Colling would send out an email to all of the volunteers.
- Three oak trees had been planted for the jubilee and the Clerk would order the bench. **ACTION Clerk.**
- The heritage trail had been set out in conjunction with the history society. Those with properties mentioned on the trail would need to be contacted to make sure they are happy to be pointed out on the trail. A sign board similar to that used by the Wey and Arun Canal was a possibility. **ACTION Cllr Kelsey**

09/2022 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES. Councillor Vacancy; meeting dates; vigilance due to spate of thefts; Jubilee Celebration for Sunday 5th June in the evening.

Councillor vacancy also to be advertised on Facebook and the Clerk would send Cllr Todhunter some wording **ACTION Clerk**

10/2022 Items for the next month's agenda. Queens Jubilee.

11/2022 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The meeting closed at 9.30pm