



# Loxwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Loxwood held in the Mursell Room, North Hall, Loxwood on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 at 8pm.

19/125 Attendance: Parish Councillors: Chris Agar (Chair); Rick Kelsey; Chris Kershaw; Simon Bates; Annette Gardner; John Lewis.

Jane Bromley, Parish Council Clerk.

3 residents

CDC Gareth Evans (left after 19/132) WSCC Janet Duncton (arrived during 19/131 and left after 19/132)

19/126 Apologies for absence Parish Councillors: Roger Newman; Simon Laker; and Tony Colling.

19/127 Declaration of Members' Interests – None

19/128 Minutes of the Last Meetings – The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019, and the Planning Committee Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 are accurate records.

19/129 APPENDIX 1 ACTION POINT LIST: The Parish Council updated the list of Action Points.

19/130 Public Participation –A resident who had suffered two arson attacks spoke concerning the lack of interest the police had shown in the situation and asked if there was anything the Parish Council could do. Cllr Agar agreed that the Parish Council write to the Police Commissioner Katie Bourne to point out the lack of policing within rural communities and to ask if anything further could be done with regard to this case. **ACTION CA/Clerk.**

19/131 Report from Chichester District Councillor – Cllr. Gareth Evans. Has continued to attend councillor induction sessions with the most recent one being the Local Plan induction on the 24th June. He has responded to potential questions on the local plan. He was asked at the Plaistow and Ifold PC meeting last week “When the 6 week review for public consultation will be?” and received the response below from Vicky Owen the Public Policy Officer: “As you will be aware the political make-up of the council has recently changed and officers are therefore discussing the appropriate way forward with members. The Local Plan Review timetable is currently under review as part of this discussion. Although no dates have yet been confirmed officers currently envisage a revised Local Development Scheme being reported to Council for approval in the autumn. This revised timetable will set out when we expect to next consult on the plan, which we currently expect to be the formal consultation on a Publication Plan - i.e. the plan as we intend to submit for examination. I am sorry I cannot give a more definite answer at this stage. The website will be updated shortly to explain that the timetable is being reviewed.”

Cllr Evan’s school term has ended now and whilst he will still be going into the office it has afforded him more flexibility with his work schedule so will be attending further training over the

course of this week in order to complete all induction training. This will largely be connected to the committees that he has been elected to sit on.

He will also be using this time to go and personally meet planning officers at CDC and in the case of Loxwood Parish he will go and see Jeremy Bushall with regards to the Thakeham Homes Planning Application. He has been in regular contact with Jeremy both via email and on the phone and have forwarded the Clerk responses so far received with regards to this application. Councillor Surgeries began in June and a reminder of when and where he will be across the Ward is below:

6 JULY Half Moon, Northchapel; 20 JULY Plaistow Stores; 3 AUGUST Kirdford Village Stores  
17 AUGUST Onslow Arms, Loxwood.

If these are not convenient you can email Mr Evans at [gbevans@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:gbevans@chichester.gov.uk) or call 07958918056. He will also be delivering a thankyou leaflet which is intended also to give our contact details to residents so they know how to contact him.

Cllr Evan commented on a wonderful fete in Loxwood (North Hall) this month which he and his wife enjoyed very much. Despite the rain it certainly did not dampen our spirits

Forward Plan – notes of interest

CDC are in talks to participate in food waste collection trial – Decision due by 5th September  
Local Development Scheme – time table for the local plan and other planning documents (Cabinet decision by 3rd September and decision by Council due 24th September)  
Local Plan Review - responses to representations and agreement of the distribution of development to be included in the Publication Plan (Cabinet Decision due by 5th November 2019 and Council Decision due by 26th November)

19/132 Report from West Sussex County Councillor – Cllr. Janet Duncton. Had attended functions for Armed forces weekend and advised the Parish Council of the Armed Forces Champion initiative whereby ex -army offices received assistance for application to enter onto housing lists or obtain mortgages etc. WSCC Fire Service and Children Services had recently received bad external reports and WSCC were working to improve the situation.

19/133 Clerk's Report. Resident correspondence re traffic situation at the school and surrounding roads causing a hazard. The Clerk was advised to write to the Head of the school and suggest parents are asked to report incidents on the WSCC Operation Crackdown website.

**ACTION Clerk**

Various reports of Giant Hogweed growing around the village had been received and the Clerk was asked to write to five specific land owners to point out the problem on their land and with a

request to seek help from the environment agencies as to what to do about the problem.

**ACTION Clerk**

19/ 134 APPENDIX 2 Ofwat Letter regarding Sewerage Infrastructure in Loxwood. The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the letter to Ofwat to be copied to MP G Keagan; WSCC Janet Duncton; CDC Mike Allgrove; CDC CEO Diane Shepperd; CDC G Evans.

19/135 APPENDIX 3a and b Cybercrime insurance quote for consideration. The Parish Council RESOLVED not to go ahead with this extra insurance as they did not feel the risk was significant.

19/136 APPENDIX 4a d and c New Homes Bonus Funding Application. The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the application for funding for a smiley face SID to be submitted to CDC by 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

19/137 Appendix 5a School grant application for laptops £4000. Appendix 5b School application for CIL for £15,000 for 7 Clever touch 65" screens for classrooms. The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Project Grant application for £4000. The Parish Council were unable to approve the CIL application as CDC had considered the application not to be suitable for CIL.

19/138 Accounts for Payment -Payments of £32432.47 (including CIL monies to be allocated) were approved.

19/139 Updates and items for discussion: -

a) Highway/Roads and Traffic Calming.

Nothing further.

b) Nursery Site.

Nothing further.

c) Drainage/Flooding

Nothing further.

d) North Hall. There was to be a North Hall Management Trustee AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> July and problems associated with young persons' using the pergola outside were to be discussed.

e) Farm Close.

Nothing further.

f) School.

Nothing further.

g) Neighbourhood Plan.

A meeting had been arranged for 29<sup>th</sup> July with the Planning Consultant to discuss the work he was to do for the Parish Council in revising the Plan.

19/140 E- Bulletin and Newsletter articles.

Giant Hog weed; Arson awareness.

19/141 Parish Matters. Thanks, were expressed for Tony Colling and Len Milsoms' hard work for the Lox Society and a successful AGM and Barbeque.

19/142 Date of the next meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019