



# Loxwood Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Loxwood held in the Mursell Room, North Hall, Loxwood on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 at 8pm.

Attendance: Parish Councillors: Chris Agar (Chair); Tony Colling; Simon Bates; Simon Laker; Annette Gardner; Roger Newman; Rick Kelsey.

Chichester District Councillor Peter Wilding; West Sussex County Councillor Janet Duncton. 5 members of the public.

18/134 Apologies for absence – Parish Councillors David O'Brien; Martin Loxton.

18/135 Declaration of Members' Interests – None.

18/136 Minutes of the Last Meetings – The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018, the Planning Committee Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 as accurate records of the meetings.

18/137 APPENDIX 1 ACTION POINT LIST: The Parish Council updated the list of Action Points. With regard to the site for Community Led Housing the landowner had decided not to pursue this at this time.

18/138 Public Participation – There were three speakers.

Peter Winney North Hall trustee expressed his concern that the grounds of North Hall were exposed to potential threat from illegal caravan parking. He put forward his plans to erect a barrier to prevent high vehicles entering unbidden and a bund a ditch on either side of this. He gave to the Clerk a grant application for monies towards this. The Parish Council requested a further two quotes for the works in order to consider the application.

A landowner described an arson attack he had suffered on his land which had burnt down a barn and seating area. He asked that the Parish Council report anything they might hear to the police who were currently investigating this.

A resident expressed a desire to form part of the Steering Group should the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan be revised as a result of the impending revision of the Chichester Local Plan.

18/139 Report from Chichester District Councillor – Cllr. Peter Wilding. A group opposed to the Velo south event had applied for a judicial review of the process by which it was agreed by WSCC to close roads for this event.

The Chichester Southern Gateway Development is at the tender stage.

The A27 bi pass is currently with WSCC to evaluate both the north and south routes proposed. A Midhurst site that CDC had proposed for a shop was being reconsidered for sale for a care home as there were no takers for the shop.

18/140 Report from West Sussex County Councillor – Cllr. Janet Dunton. A library consultation was ongoing in Worthing whereby a scheme for multiple use of the site was being considered. Positive comments had been received so far. There were no plans to stop the mobile library service to Loxwood.

18/141 Clerk's Report. A resident had reported a lot of dog waste along the canal near the Onslow pub. The Parish Councillors pointed out there was a dog waste bin in the area but that it would put further comments on the newsletter regarding clearing up after dogs. It was noted that this was not necessarily a problem from local people but visitors to the canal.

The Clerk reported the external audit had been finalised with no comments from the auditors.

18/142 Neighbourhood Plan- The Parish Council RESOLVED the recommendations from the Planning Committee with regard to a potential revision of the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED the recommendation that the Parish Council hold a public meeting presenting the facts as put to them by Chichester District Council concerning housing numbers allocated to Loxwood Parish and thereafter allowing the public to vote as to whether they would support the Parish Council in revising the Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED the recommendation that Loxwood Parish Council engage the services of a Planning Consultant to comment on revised policies in the Chichester District Council Local Plan at the time of its statutory consultation.

18/143 Accounts for Payment -The payments totalling £2548.27 for September were agreed.

18/144 Updates and items for discussion: -

(a) Highway/Roads and Traffic Calming.

The Parish Council Speed Indicator Signs had been deployed in various places over the summer and they seemed to be working well. The Clerk was to chase the pole positioning along Station Road. ACTION Clerk.

The Nursery Site VASs had been positioned either end of the development along the Guildford Road. The incoming Southerly VAS was in a good position but that facing North seemed to be of little use as vehicles were relatively slow in that area already.

The Speed watch Group had reported to the police in excess of 200 speeding vehicles. CA was to investigate the possibility of a sign advertising the speed watch in progress. ACTION CA Planning Inspectorate ROW/3186915 Nepp Lane- enquiry was to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> September and Councillors Colling and Agar would attend and speak.

(b) Nursery Site update. APPENDIX 2 Draft letter to CDC Officer with regard to DOC 10. The Parish Council discussed and approved the draft letter to CDC Officer and RESOLVED to send it to CDC planning Officer N Langford and copied to Southern Water and Gillian Keegan MP. The letter

expressed the Parish Council concerns with the solution to Discharge Condition 10 being the sewerage connection to the infrastructure.

- (c) Drainage/Flooding. Operation Watershed (OW) funding update. Following a meeting with Operation Watershed with regard to their funding, consultancy and modelling work for Loxwood flood mitigation, OW have supplied a tender of the consultancy works they are prepared to fund. The Parish Council discussed the correspondence from OW and RESOLVED to provide OW with the quote they required but to continue with the full scope of works they had planned with the Consultants Water Environment and to fund those works outside the remit of Operation Watershed from Parish Council funds.
- (d) North Hall. Extension update. There had been some delays due to lead times but the extension was on course to finish by the end of September 18.
- (e) Farm Close. Viability study update. Nothing further had been received on this and it was believed that the Study was still being considered by the Farm Close site proposers. The Clerk would contact the Planning Officer. ACTION Clerk
- (f) School. The school was advertising vacancies for governors and were particularly interested in those with pertinent skills.

The Clerk was to chase action on the land drain investigation the failure of which had caused flooding in Burley Close during a recent flash flood. ACTION Clerk

18/145 E- Bulletin and Newsletter articles.

Dog fouling. Hedges, SIDS stats.

18/146 Parish Matters. The odd job man was to carry out works to the playground entrance at a cost of £1200.

18/147 Date of the next meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

**The meeting closed at 10pm**