



Loxwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Loxwood held on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 8.00pm in the main hall North Hall.

140/2022 ATTENDANCE: Parish Councillors: Rick Kelsey (Chair); Charles Todhunter; Tony Colling; Simon Bates; Annette Gardner; Jamie Lynch (joined to meeting after election at item 142/2022). WSCC Janet Duncton (left the meeting after 148/2022).

5 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Parish Councillors: Hannah Carey; Roger Newman and James Hume
CDC Gareth Evans.

141/2022 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: None.

142/2022 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION: Nomination Mr J Lynch. The Parish Council RESOLVED to Co Op Mr J Lynch as a member of the Parish Council.

143/2022 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS – The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 6th September 2022, and the Planning Committee Minutes of the 5th and the Extra Planning Committee Meeting on 6th September 2022 are accurate accounts of those meetings.

144/2022 **APPENDIX 1** ACTION POINT LIST: The Parish Council updated the list of Actions.

145/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – A member of the public would speak during item 148/2022. A Trustee of North Hall during the item dealing with North Hall 151/2022. The resident building the heritage trail website would also be speaking during the item 149/2022.

146/2022 REPORT FROM WSCC and CDC JANET DUNCTON- See attached report.

147/2022 REPORT FROM CDC GARETH EVANS – See attached report

148/2022 **APPENDIX 2** SELF BUILD SITES' ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE PARISH. Updated Letter. The resident commented he had used the phrase “poor” housing standards as comparable to custom build standards when queried by Cllr Kelsey. The letter was updated to substitute “basic” for “poor” and other minor amendments were made at the meeting. The Parish Council then RESOLVED to send in the letter to CDC. **ACTION Clerk**

149/2022 HERITAGE TRAIL- Update. The resident designing the website for the Heritage Trail spoke to explain the website had been designed to show how the Parish has developed over the years. The website is about 85% complete and could now be launched. It is an ongoing project and will be updated and added to. Surrounding villages are also included to some extent

including Ifold and Wisborough Green as to how those villages contributed to the area as it is today.

The resident is now in need of help, proof reading and critique from people with local knowledge. Also, someone to think about the commercial aspect going forward. The site will go live shortly and there will be links from several Loxwood sites such as the Parish Council and the Loxwood Information page.

Three sign boards are to be placed around the village to indicate the Heritage Trail. One in the centre by the village sign also at North Hall and the Canal.

Ann application for funding has been submitted for CDC Rural Funding.

Cllr Kelsey and Cllr Gardner would assist with proof reading and media for the site. **ACTION Cllr Kelsey and Cllr Gardner.**

150/2022 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT -Schedule separately circulated. The Parish Council RESOLVED as approved the payments of £4868.51.

151/2022 UPDATES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: -

- (a) Highway/Roads- The main road through the village has been resurfaced. The Thakeham site traffic calming road painting had been started but some infilling was required. Speed watch was ongoing although a few more volunteers would be ideal.
- (b) Drainage/ Sewerage Infrastructure- Nothing further to report.
- (c) School- No report.
- (d) North Hall- A North Hall trustee informed the Council the electricity bill had been £5k per year but going forward it would be approximately £20K after the price cap. Measures have been taken to save energy including planning to install PV Panels, the latter saving energy costs of about £7k per year. It may be necessary to apply to the Parish Council for a grant as well as the District and County Council.
- (e) Thakeham /Stonewater site. The Clerk continued to chase Stonewater for a grant for PV Panels and Traffic Calming.
- (f) Neighbourhood Plan/ IPS statement. Nothing further to report.

152/2022 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES. Supporting you from WSCC. Spy Lane Dog Bin moving.

153/2022 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA. None.

154/2022 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 7th November 2022 Finance Meeting 14th November 2022

The meeting closed at 9.25pm