



Loxwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th April 2022 at 8.00pm in the main hall North Hall.

40/2022 ATTENDANCE: Rick Kelsey (Chair); Tony Colling; Annette Gardner; Simon Bates; Hannah Carey; Roger Newman; Chris Agar; Charles Todhunter. WSCC and CDC Janet Duncton (left the meeting after 45/2022).

3 members of the public. Jane Bromley, Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: CDC Gareth Evans.

41/2022 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: None.

42/2022 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – The Parish Council Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 7th March 2022, and the Planning Committee Minutes of the 7th March 2022 are accurate accounts of those meetings.

43/2022 **APPENDIX 1 ACTION POINT LIST:** The Parish Council reviewed and updated the list of Actions.

44/2022 PARTICIPATION – The North Hall Trustee contributed during item 50/2022.

45/2022 REPORT FROM WSCC JANET DUNCTON- See attached report. WSCC to come back to the Clerk regarding the answer to her enquiry of WSCC Highways regarding extending the Yellow Lines from the junction on the Plaistow Rd.

46/2022 REPORT FROM CDC GARETH EVANS- See attached report. Cllr Kelsey mentioned the Willets Way development sinking tanks on site to store grey water to overcome water neutrality, residents had expressed concerns to Cllr Evans. Cllr Colling advised the water neutrality calculations had been looked at for this site and they appeared inadequate as details of how the offset was to be achieved were not given. The Clerk was asked to pass this comment back to CDC G Evans. **ACTION Clerk**

47/2022 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - The payments were approved aside from the Clerks salary charge from CDC which the Clerk was asked to reconcile ahead of approval. ACTION Clerk.

48/2022 UKRAINE: Discussion regarding any action from the Parish Council following advice from NALC previously circulated.

North Hall Trustees were proposing that refugees in the village would be welcome to use the facility of North Hall to enable families to meet up at the venue free of charge. Two families were known to be hosted in the village. The Parish Council agreed they would support families in any way they could and adapt as the situation materialises and the organisations; the Church, Parish Council and North Hall trustees should work together. It was also recognised that all refugees should be helped. The Clerk was asked to ascertain if any funds would be available to communities for supporting the refugees from WSCC or CDC. **ACTION Clerk** Cllr Kelsey suggested the NE Parishes Clerks be asked what their Parishes were doing towards supporting the refugees. **ACTION Clerk**

49/2022 NOTICE BOARD REPAIR: The Parish Council to discuss and agreed to the repairs necessary to the Parish Council Notice Board. Cllr Carey recommended an odd job man in the Parish and would contact him for a quote and Cllr Newman would ask the odd job man that the Parish Council usually used for a quote. Cllr Colling would inspect the notice board to see what was required. **ACTION Cllrs Colling, Carey and Newman.**

50/2022 **APPENDIX 2** NORTH HALL GRANT APPLICATION. The Trustees were looking for some idea as to whether the Parish Council would consider a grant for the photovoltaic panels. They were not ready to go ahead with the project straight away as the specification had to be tightened up. The Parish Council were supportive of this project.

51/2022 **APPENDIX 3** RESIDENT QUERY RE DOGS BINS: Discussion. Cllr Colling would look to see if the dog bin along the Green Lane near the village shop could be moved nearer the road to make it more accessible as suggested by the resident. **ACTION Cllr Colling/ Clerk**

52/2022 **APPENDIX 4** INFRASTRUCTURE BUSINESS PLAN: Discussion on any additions to Loxwood Projects.

IBP/772 Doctors Surgery Internal Building Improvements to be taken off as renegotiations over the lease were ongoing.

IBP/696 Pedestrian Crossing to be renamed to include reference to the whole traffic calming project.

New Project: The purchase of a building for a Parish Museum £250,000.

The CIL Officer was to be asked about the Parish qualifying for Strategic CIL. **ACTION Clerk**

53/2022 **VENUE FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**: Discussion. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to move back upstairs with the proviso that the wall be repaired and repainted for projection and that a permanent projector be installed projecting from the ceiling. In addition, the Parish Council would like to have the option to use the main hall if they anticipated a well -attended meeting. **ACTION Clerk**

54/2022 **UPDATES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**: -

(a) Highway/Roads. A resident had complained about parking and traffic speed at the Station Rd Junction area and her correspondence was to be forwarded to the Consultant for comment.

ACTION Clerk

The Traffic Consultant was to provide costings now for his proposals although firstly to talk to WSCC Highways on the feasibility of the suggestions.

The Consultant had asked whether the speed limit was to be requested to be reduced as far as the Plaistow Rd junction as it was less likely to be approved if the extension was this far out rather than just up to the village gates. The Parish Council wanted to extend the speed limit to the Plaistow Rd.

The Thakeham Footway being constructed along the B2133 has stopped short. It should join the Nursery Green development. It does not appear to be 1.2 metres wide either. The Clerk was asked to contact WSCC Lee Moses to advise him of this. **ACTION Clerk**

Cllr Todhunter was now charging the SID batteries.

(b) Drainage/ Sewerage Infrastructure. The Pond Copse Lane residents had been asked for comments on the Thakeham site construction and if they had any complaints or queries. In particular they were worried about the SUDs ponds working correctly. The Parish Council RESOLVED to ask Thakeham to present to the residents how the SUDs solution was to operate. The Clerk was asked to circulate the resident comments to Thakeham and ask for such a meeting. **ACTION Clerk**

(c) School- Nothing to report.

(d) Thakeham /Stonewater site. Update re arranging a meeting with residents and meeting with the Parish Council regarding voluntary contributions. The meeting with Stonewater via Zoom is to be 3pm on 8th April 2022.

(e) Queens Platinum Jubilee: Update. The fete planning is going well with a children's party in the afternoon and the evening a hog roast and live music. The heritage trail has been drafted by three residents one of which also indicated he would like to resurrect the history society. The team are suggesting the trails start from the village sign in the centre of Loxwood. The basic design for the leaflet and signs is being put together. Three history boards along the route. The Parish Council gave their support to the proposals so far and costings would be supplied in due course.

(f) Neighbourhood Plan IPS statement following a letter sent to the MP use and informal NE Parishes Meeting. At the NE Parishes informal meeting there was a consensus that now was not the time for any legal action against CDC with regard to the use of the IPS and the proposal to test various housing numbers for the Parishes. It was suggested a report be compiled by each parish to suggest why the housing numbers could not be supported by the current infrastructure. Wisborough Green have since compiled a report and Cllr Kelsey and the Clerk would draft something for Loxwood. Cllr Colling suggested that the IPS and the NPPF are in conflict and that this argument should be included in the statement. **ACTION Clerk**

55/2022 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES. Ukraine information email address. Annual Parish Meeting. Jubilee party. Facebook page.

56/2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 25th APRIL: Speakers: CDC Gareth Evans; School Head; Greg Cushing and the new curate James Hanson will be asked to speak on their efforts for Ukraine; Tony Colling to speak on Parish development and Rick Kelsey with an annual report for the Parish Council.

57/2022 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA. TBC

58/2022 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Finance Meeting MONDAY 11th April 2022 7pm;
MONDAY 9th May 2022

The meeting closed at 10.25pm