



Loxwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Loxwood held on
Monday 7th February 2022 at 8.15pm in the main hall North Hall.

12/2022 ATTENDANCE: Parish Councillors: Parish Councillors: Rick Kelsey (Chair); Tony Colling; Annette Gardner; Simon Bates; Hannah Carey; Roger Newman; Charles Todhunter. CDC Cllr G Evans.

2 members of the public.

Jane Bromley, Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Parish Councillor Chris Agar. WSCC and CDC Janet Duncton.

13/2022 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: None.

14/2022 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 10th January 2022, and the Planning Committee Minutes of the 10th January 2022 as accurate accounts of those meetings.

15/2022 **APPENDIX 1** ACTION POINT LIST: The Parish Council updated the list of Actions.

16/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – No speakers

17/2022 REPORT FROM WSCC JANET DUNCTON- See attached report.

18/2022 REPORT FROM CDC GARETH EVANS- See attached report.

19/2022 **APPENDIX 2** CDC Letter with regarding to future housing numbers to be included in the CDC Local Plan for the Parish and **APPENDIX 3** CDC Email regarding the use of the Interim Position Statement (IPS) in deciding planning proposals

19.1 Proposal to arrange a NE Parishes Meeting to discuss this issue.

CDC have made 5 proposals with regard to housing for Loxwood Parish as well as the other Parishes in the North of the District. The proposals suggest a number of housing number scenarios for each Parish. This is after comments received by CDC from the Inspectorate with regard to development in the District having to achieve higher housing numbers in the northern parishes.

The table suggests a range of scenarios for additional houses varying from 95 to 242 over the Plan period, However, the table does not take account of the 74 permissions already received and permitted for Loxwood. Thus 74 has to be added to the table numbers. The revised

Neighbourhood Plan allocated 125 houses on new sites so irrespective of which scenario CDC chooses,

the revised Neighbourhood Plan will need to be redone.

Cllr Newman attended an All Parishes meeting of CDC District and CDC presented on the five year housing supply. CDC have demonstrated they can demonstrate a five -year supply going forward and with this have greater control over housing developments. They advise their Local Plan, and hence the Loxwood Made Neighbourhood Plan, development policies are out of date and housing allocations will be decided using the Interim Policy Statement (IPS). The IPS suggests if there would be harm to the infrastructure from a proposal then an application would be refused. The IPS does not allocate sites but imposes criteria on sites coming forward.

Cllr Colling proposes to hold a meeting of the NE Parishes to discuss this with a view to objecting to this, seconded by Cllr Kelsey and all in favour. The Clerk to circulate a draft agenda for approval by Loxwood PC and then to try to organise a meeting. **ACTION Clerk**

19.2 Proposal to obtain planning advice on CDC's position with regard to the IPS. Cllr Colling proposed that the Neighbourhood Plan Planning Consultant be asked if the IPS can supersede a Made Neighbourhood Plan in the light of the email from CDC (Appendix 3). Cllr Colling to draft an email to the Planning Consultant to review the email from CDC. **ACTION Cllr Colling/Clerk**

20/2022 PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS- Discussion and Resolution regarding whether the Parish Council set up a face book page for a Loxwood face book group. The Facebook page to be linked to the website.

Cllr Kelsey proposed a Facebook page may be a more modern way to keep in touch with parishioners, seconded by Cllr Gardener and all in favour. Cllr Gardener and Todhunter would begin the set up of the page and link it to the website. **ACTION Cllr Todhunter/Gardener**

21/2022 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT -The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the payments of £2623.94

22/2022 UPDATES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: -

- (a) Highway/Roads. Cllr Agar and Cllr Kelsey met with the Traffic Consultant who is working on proposals for speed control through the Parish and this work is now ongoing. The Clerk to ask for a timeframe. **ACTION Clerk**
- (b) Drainage/ Sewerage Infrastructure. No further update.
- (c) North Hall- No report.
- (d) School- Cllr Newman advised a new headteacher has been selected Fiona Dowly who has been acting as interim head. Publicity of the school is an urgent issue as the head count at the school is dwindling which impacts finances of the school.

- (e) Thakeham /Stonewater site. A list of concerns is to be drafted and a date for a meeting will then be set. Concerns include: lack of response to residents' concerns; footpath along Orchard Cottage; landscaping. CDC to be chased re CIL contribution query. ACTION Cllr Colling/Clerk
- (f) Queens Platinum Jubilee: Heritage Trail- Cllr Kelsey has circulated a document on the construction on the trail for comments from Councillors. ACTION All Cllrs.

Jubilee Celebrations- The Committee are trying to organise a party for children on the Sunday 5th June afternoon. The Playgroup and school will be asked for interest. The Committee asked if the school had any plans and if not whether they would like to help organise the event. Cllr Kelsey to send the school contact details to the Committee. ACTION Cllr Kelsey.

The event for the evening would be a hog roast meal with entertainment which Cllr Bates is organising and a budget would be given to him for this. The budget for the whole event is £4000. The next meeting being 21st February.

CDC Jubilee Grant Scheme £250 application. Cllr Todhunter suggested something for the heritage trail and this would be borne in mind when planning the trail.

23/2022 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES. APM.

24/2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM): Suggested date MONDAY 25th APRIL 2022 from 7.30pm: Discussion regarding speakers. Gallup had their first board meeting in Loxwood and this is an anniversary year, they would be asked if they would speak. Cllr Colling to speak re the NP and development. New school head. LSA.

25/2022 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA. TBC.

26/2022 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING MONDAY 7th March 2022

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed Chair-----

Dated -----

