



Loxwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Loxwood to be held on Monday 7th November 2022 at 8.00pm in the main hall North Hall.

155/2022 ATTENDANCE: Parish Councillors: Rick Kelsey (Chair); Charles Todhunter; Roger Newman; James Hume; Jamie Lynch; Annette Gardner; Hannah Carey; Tony Collings; Simon Bates. WSCC Janet Dunton. Jane Bromley, Parish Council Clerk. 5 members of the public. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE CDC Gareth Evans.

156/2022 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: None.

157/2022 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS – The Parish Council Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 3rd October 2022, and the Planning Committee Minutes of the 3rd October 2022 are accurate accounts of those meetings.

158/2022 **APPENDIX 1 ACTION POINT LIST:** The Parish Council reviewed and updated the list of Actions.

159/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – A resident spoke to say he was available for questions on The Retreat change of lease arrangements item 168/2022.

160/2022 REPORT FROM WSCC JANET DUNTON- See attached report.

161/2022 REPORT FROM CDC GARETH EVANS- See attached report.

162/2022 Plaistow Junction Bus Stop Renovations: Discussion. The bus stop is over grown and some of the wooden slats are rotting. The Clerk was asked to get an estimate for clearing the vegetation and remedial work on the shelter itself. **ACTION Clerk**

163/2022 North Parishes discussion re CDC and the water neutrality strategy. The Clerk was asked to find out from Kirdford Parish Council as to the status of their complaint. **ACTION Clerk**

164/2022 Residents' complaint regarding Dog Bin removal Spy Lane and lack of accessibility near the Post Office. The verges were not in Council ownership but private ownership along Spy Lane hence the bins removal to North Hall where a second bin was necessary. The Parish Council considered responsible dog owners should in any event take waste home with them. The path near

the Post Office had been reported to WSCC who were responsible for its maintenance and once this repair was carried out access to the dog bin should be possible.

165/2022 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Consultation CDC closes 14th November:
Discussion on any Parish Council comments to this.

<https://chichester.box.com/s/130zk1g42bo1sj9ncjaa03ckwummy1b>

The Parish Council does not have the necessary expertise to comment effectively upon this technical document.

166/2022 APPENDIX 2 North Hall Photo Voltaic Panels Grant Application £15,000. The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the grant and the order would be placed by them with P Winney as contact for the project. Payment would be from CIL, if possible, otherwise General Reserves.

ACTION Clerk.

167/2022 Alfold Neighbourhood Plan Reg 14 Consultation: Discussion as to any comments to be made by Loxwood Parish Council.

<https://alfoldparishcouncil.gov.uk/alfold-parish-council/alfold-parish-council-neighbourhood-plan/documents/>

The Parish Council had no comment to make other than be supportive of their plan. **ACTION Clerk**

168/2022 APPENDIX 3 The Retreat, Spy Lane: Alternative Letting Policy. Designed originally for the elderly in the 1960s but now the units are considered too small and the lack of public transport is a problem. It is now very difficult to let out. Single bed units seem to be in demand and if the units could be advertised more widely other than within the Trust Deed constraints then it could be possible to utilise the units. The building could be adapted and funding is available. Cllr Colling advised; Louise Williams Housing Enabling Officer at CDC would have details of the housing register to see what demand there was for such units. The Parish Council would be supportive of such a change in use and the Trustees will confirm what is required in due course

169/2022 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT -Schedule separately circulated. The payments of £2075.52 were RESOLVED as approved.

170/2022UPDATES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: -

- (a) Highway/Roads. The new road line layout is confusing but maybe purposefully so as it takes away the confidence to drive fast. It is also not quite finished yet.
There is a new speed watch site agreed outside the Old Telephone Exchange. Speed watch signs are to be supplied by the police.

(b) Drainage/ Sewerage Infrastructure. The culvert in Station Road nearly flooded recently. WSCC were going to put the culverts enlargement into their works programme and the Clerk would chase this. **ACTION Clerk**

Thakeham site surface water drainage is not working the hydro brake is not installed. The open culvert along Pond Copse Lane is full of leaves and backing up. Water is coming out of the manhole cover nearby and flowing down the Lane. There are other issues. The drainage works have not been completed despite the occupation now taking place in the site. The Parish Council RESOLVED to send a letter to A Frost Head of Planning at CDC to advise them as to what is occurring a copy of this would be circulated to members ahead of sending. **ACTION Cllr Colling/ Clerk**

(c) School- No report.

(d) North Hall- Nothing further.

(e) Thakeham /Stonewater site. See b) above.

(f) Neighbourhood Plan/ IPS statement. Awaiting allocation of numbers for Loxwood from CDC.

171/2022 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES. Heritage Trail update as website is now live. Does anyone use the Plaistow Rd bus stop as the PC are thinking of refurbishing it.

172/2022 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA. Precept agreement.

173/2022 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: **Finance** Meeting 6.30pm Monday 14th November 2022

Parish Council Monday 5th December 2022

The meeting closed at 10pm