



# Loxwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Loxwood held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 8.00pm in the main hall North Hall.

01/ 2023 ATTENDANCE: Parish Councillors: Rick Kelsey (Chair); Charles Todhunter; Jamie Lynch; Annette Gardner; Tony Colling; Simon Bates; Roger Newman. WSCC and CDC Janet Dunton (left the meeting after item 06/2023). CDC Gareth Evans (left the meeting after 12/2023)

Jane Bromley, Parish Council Clerk. 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Parish Councillors: James Hume and Hannah Carey.

02/2023 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: None.

03/2023 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS The Parish Council Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, and the Planning Committee Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 are accurate accounts of those meetings.

04/2023 **APPENDIX 1** ACTION POINT LIST: The Parish Council updated the list of Actions.

05/2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – The North Hall Trustee spoke concerning the Coronation weekend and as to whether the Parish Council had any plans for the weekend. The Parish Council would add an item to a future agenda to discuss this.

The Trustee passed a plaque to the Chair which commemorated the first meeting of Gallop which was held in 1948 at the hall. The Plaque commemorated this meeting and would be put up at the hall in due course.

06/2023 REPORT FROM WSCC JANET DUNTON- See attached report.

07/2023 REPORT FROM CDC GARETH EVANS- See attached report. Southern Water have been invited to attend the All Parishes meeting early February.

Crouchlands outline application has caused Andrew Griffith MP to write to CDC against the application it is understood Gillian Keagan MP is also to object.

08/2023 CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN MEETING 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY: Feedback and discussion.

CDC advised at this meeting that the allocation for Loxwood is 220 houses with a cut- off date of April 2021 for new planning applications. This means that all planning applications approved before this date will NOT be counted in the new allocation.

Loxwood has one such application for 24 houses on Land South of Loxwood Farm Place.

The previous allocation which we based our revised NP on was 125 houses, 50 of which have already been built. (Thakeham) We are also expecting to have to carry forward 17 houses from the first NP (Farm Close)

Any windfall development under 6 houses does not count towards the allocation. (i.e Willetts Way)

This gives  $220 + 17 + 24 = 261$  houses to be built on allocated sites over the plan period.

What this really means is that since 2021, the total uplift in housing for Loxwood will be  $261 + 50 = 311$  houses over the 18-year plan period, not including windfall.

CDC also stated that they have dropped the OAN number of houses for the whole district from 630 to 535 houses per year with the North 4 parishes contributing 40 per year.

The previous OAN calculated by the government's standard method was 630. CDC are hoping that by putting a significantly higher number of houses in the North, PINS will accept the reduced OAN. Preliminary consultation with PINS has so far, had a positive response.

Cllr Colling advised that the revised Reg 14 Neighbourhood Plan is now out of date. A new call for sites etc was now required. The existing Neighbourhood Plan runs until 2029 for the uplifted CIL obligation. The Parish would need to consult with the community as to whether to produce a revised Neighbourhood Plan again and whether there was any motivation to do so.

CDC advised there would be a 5 year moratorium on housing due to water neutrality. Loxwood Parish Council were sceptical as to how this will work.

The Plaistow & Ifold Clerk has suggested a Zoom meeting for the beginning of the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> January.

09/2023 NORTH HALL HEATING COSTS: Donation request for £250 towards the increase in costs suffered this winter into a Crowd Funding scheme. The Co Op charity would match any individual donations up to £250 to a maximum amount made to the Hall. Having reconsidered, the North Hall Trustee advised they would soon achieve the maximum that could be raised this way from the Co Op crowd funding and therefore the Trustee advised the Parish Council funding would be appreciated at a later point.

A resident has objected to this application for a donation as the Parish Council would then be subsidising groups that are making a profit from using the hall. The Trustee explained the retention of these groups was beneficial to the village and it was in the village interests to keep these enterprises at North Hall.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to consider funding in the future when the bill is received at the end of January. **ACTION Clerk**

10/2023 **APPENDIX 2** VEXATIOUS REQUEST STATUS SUB COMMITTEE: Terms of reference to be agreed upon. The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the terms.

11/2023 HERITAGE TRAIL: Discussion. Cllr Gardner advised the deadlines for the local magazines are 7<sup>th</sup> of each month for any announcement on the Heritage Trail website.

12/2023 **APPENDIX 3** PRECEPT 23/24 £49630: See attached draft of precept as prepared by the Finance Committee but updated in line with the current tax base representing a Band D increase

of 3.9% on last year. This draft to be approved or amended for submission to CDC by 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Cllr Newman felt the significant reserves the Parish held did not warrant an increase of the precept from £45190 to £49630. The Clerk pointed out the increase in the number of houses in the Parish meant the increase for a Band D property was 3.9% which was below the rate of inflation.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the precept at £49630 (one against).

13/2023 PAYMENT SCHEDULE JANUARY: Circulated separately. The payments for January were approved.

14/2023 UPDATES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:-

(a) Highway/Roads. New WSCC rules in deciding appropriate speed limits:

- The intended use of a road will become the key feature in deciding an appropriate speed limit - emphasis will be on the mix of vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians first and then motorised traffic.
- An option for lower speed limits on rural roads, or those used as walking and cycling routes in quieter traffic (known as 'quiet ways').
- Making it easier for 20mph limits to be introduced outside schools, where appropriate, and provides new guidance.
- Greater flexibility in deciding an appropriate speed limit and opportunity to discuss and debate where it isn't clear what speed limit is appropriate.

The new rules as set out above suggested to the Parish Council that achieving reduced speed limits in sensitive areas may now be possible. Cllr Newman advised the dangers along Skiff Lane where the National Speed Limit exists currently. The users of the Lane include horse riders cyclist and walkers and a number of accidents suggests this is not an appropriate speed restriction. The Parish Council RESOLVED to submit a Traffic Regulation Order request for a 30mph limit along the Lane and support from residents would be sought. **ACTION Clerk**

Two speed watch sessions are organised for January.

(b) Drainage/ Sewerage Infrastructure.

**APPENDIX 4** Draft letter to Ofwat for consideration (Internal publication only). Cllr Colling advised flow meters are to be added to the network to try to establish how much infiltration there currently is to the pipework. This will advise their Growth Plan for 2026 onwards.

The Thakeham site temporary solution was nothing better than a cesspit against the Environmental Agency advice and against the CDC Supplemental document recommendations. It was thought about 50% of the properties were now occupied.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to send the letter as drafted. A similar letter would also be drafted and sent to CDC. **ACTION Clerk/Cllr Colling.**

(c) School- Cllr Newman had spoken to the new business manager and Head and they may be applying for funding from the Parish Council at some point soon.

(d) North Hall: Nothing further.

(e) Thakeham /Stonewater site. Nothing further.

(f) Neighbourhood Plan/ IPS statement. Nothing further.

15/2023 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES. Skiff Lane speed reduction resident comments request.

16/2023 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

17/2023 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023

The meeting closed at 9.45pm