



Loxwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council I of Loxwood held in the Mursell Room, North Hall, Loxwood on Monday 6th November 2017 at 8pm.

Attendance: Parish Councillors: Chris Agar (Chair); Roger Newman; David O'Brien; Simon Laker; Tony Colling; Martin Loxton; Rick Kelsey.

Jane Bromley, Clerk to the Parish Council

WSCC Janet Duncton (arrived during 17/193)

CDC Dr Peter Wilding (arrived during 17/186)

1 member of the public

17/183 Apologies for absence – Parish Councillors: Simon Bates and Annette Gardner.

17/184 Declaration of Members' Interests – None.

17/185 Minutes of the Last Meetings – The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 9th October 2017 and the Planning Committee Minutes of the Planning Meetings of 9th October were accurate records of the meetings.

17/186 APPENDIX 1 ACTION POINT LIST: The Parish Council updated the list of Action Points.

17/187 Public Participation – None.

17/188 Report from Chichester District Councillor – Cllr. Peter Wilding.

Cllr Wilding reported that CDC were looking into reimbursement for professional costs incurred by Ifold and Plaistow PC with regard to the Crouchlands appeal hearing, where the PC expert witness helped out the CDC and WSCC Barristers during the hearing on a particular area for which he was an expert.

Social Prescribing, the skill of connecting people to support services is to be funded by CDC for 2 years as an experiment as to whether any benefit is achieved. The funding is expected to pay for staff and they are hoping to engage local partners such as Parish Councils, for volunteer help. This has not yet been approved by Cabinet but will shortly be proposed.

17/189 Report from West Sussex County Councillor – Cllr. Janet Duncton.

This item was heard after 17/193 and before 17/194.

New Highways contract for 2018 onwards are still to be approved.

Green Deal is to be trialled by WSCC in CD. Tools are to be made available for local people to use to do those jobs that can easily be tackled by the public but for which WSCC are stretched for resources. Examples given were road signage cleaning and cutting back vegetation growth.

The CLC meeting is to be on 14th November and Highways will be present if there are any questions.

Cllr Duncton reassured LPC that no libraries in WSC were to be closed although libraries were being encouraged to share facilities.

Cllr Agar asked Cllr Duncton whether WSCC will contribute to the costs of Ifold and Plaistow PC with regard to their expert witness for the Crouchlands appeal who helped out the WSCC and CDC Barristers on a point during the hearing. Cllr Duncton felt it was unlikely because WSCC had so many hearings that they would be unable to finance others professional help across the board and this would create a precedent.

17/190 Clerk's Report. Nothing to report.

17/191 APPENDIX 3 CROUCHLANDS – PC LEGAL FEES IN FIGHTING APPEAL. The Parish Council to consider the request to grant funding towards the legal fees that have been incurred by Ifold and Plaistow Parish Council for professional assistance with regard to the Crouchlands Public Enquiry.

Cllr O'Brien proposed that the Parish Council delay its decision as to allocating of funding towards the Crouchlands funding shortfall until a decision had been made by CDC and WSCC as to whether they would contribute to the Ifold and Plaistow costs associated with the appeal hearing. Seconded by Cllr Colling and all in favour. The Clerk was to communicate this to the Parish Clerk for Ifold and Plaistow Parish Council. **ACTION Clerk**

17/192 PLAYGROUND RESURFACING- Update. The zip wire area surfacing work had been finished and this area was now restricted to the public until it had consolidated with grass growth. The remedial works to the main playground surface had been quoted at £500 to £600 depending on whether the matting could be re used. The pavement of the area by the gate was still to be quoted for. Cllr O'Brien proposed that this quote be included in the precept. Seconded by Cllr Agar and all in favour.

17/193 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST – Update following meeting with CDC. Cllrs Agar; Kelsey; O'Brien and Colling had attended a meeting with CDC regarding CLTs and the presentation was to be sent to the Clerk by Holly Nichol Rural Housing Enabler from CDC. The meeting suggested there was a lot of funding available for professional assistance with the setting up of a CLT and also possibly for administration costs going forward. The first stage seemed to be to secure land and Cllr Colling was to speak to a contact in this regard. **ACTION TC**

17/194 CIL BUSINESS PLAN - The Parish Council to discuss the recent CIL receipt and their plans for its use. There was no change in the plans for the use of the CIL sine the previous meeting and the Parish Council noted that £110, 934.72 of CIL had now been received as a first tranche of CIL.

17/195 LOXWOOD WELCOME PACK – Update and funding consideration.

The ladies producing this pack had met with the Councillors prior to the meeting and many points were discussed. The Parish Council was to undertake the printing of the Parish documents in the pack but other organisation information was to be left loose leaf as it had come from them. The Chair of the PC was to write a welcome message. It was thought 100 packs initially would be produced. ACTION Clerk

17/196 PRECEPT 18-19- Councillors to put forward proposals for inclusion in this year's precept to be considered at the Finance Committee meeting on 13th November 2017 and ratified at the Parish Council meeting on 4th December 2017.

The following ideas for the precept were put forward:

Surface remedial works for the playground; Flood Forum Funding; Plaistow and Ifold Crouchlands support; Fighting Fund money pot.

17/197 Accounts for Payment –The payments for the forthcoming month were approved.

17/198 Updates and items for discussion:-

- (a) Highway/Roads and Traffic Calming.
- (b) Cllr Agar had chased WSCC re the use of Section 106 monies for the purchase of SIDs. The positioning of the retractable posts needed to be assessed by WSCC needed to be assessed by WSCC and subject to agreement of the locations the posts slot needed to be installed. The Parish Council could then with the use of S106 monies purchase the SIDs and posts. Some action now seemed imminent. The Clerk was to contact Sam Mason of WSCC Highways releasing the S106 monies. ACTION Clerk. Cllr Agar was to chase WSCC Highways re the installing of the post slots. ACTION CA
Operation Speed watch: The Loxwood Speed watch group had been licensed and individuals needed to be recruited. They would need to undertake two levels of training. Online and in a group situation at the roadside. An advert for volunteers was to be placed in the Newsletter as a first stage. ACTION Clerk
- (c) Nursery Site. Nothing further.
- (d) Drainage/Flooding. There was to be a Flood Forum Meeting on 24th November 10.30am in North Hall to which all would be invited. The Meeting was to supply a general update on the situation with regard to remedial works against flooding. Cllr Colling and the Clerk were to prepare the agenda shortly. ACTION TC/ Clerk
- (e) North Hall. Nothing further.
- (f) Farm Close. The Planning Officer was looking to encourage a revised scheme rather than a refusal which may then be sent to appeal.
- (g) Gatwick Noise. No report.
- (h) School. No report.

17/199 E- Bulletin and Newsletter articles. Speed watch volunteers to be requested.

Advertising the Flood Forum meeting. Request for ideas for inclusion in the precept.

17/200 Date of the next meeting 4th December 2017

The meeting closed at 10.10pm