



Loxwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council I of Loxwood held in the Mursell Room, North Hall, Loxwood on Monday 9th October 2017 at 8pm.

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

Jane Bromley, Parish Council Clerk.

Janet Duncton WSCC (left the meeting at 9pm after item 17/171)

Dr Peter Wilding CDC (left the meeting at 9.10pm after item 17/170)

6 Members of the public.

17/163 Apologies for absence: Parish Councillor Simon Laker.

17/164 The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and the winner of the last 100 Club Draw was Number 7, Peter Winney.

17/165 Declaration of Members' Interests – None declared.

17/167 Minutes of the Last Meetings – The Parish Council RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 4th September 2017 and the Planning Committee Minutes of the Planning Meetings of 4th and 12th September 2017 were accurate records of the meetings, subject to an amendment that Councillor Bates had given apologies for the meeting of 12th September 2017.

17/168 APPENDIX 1 ACTION POINT LIST: The Parish Council reviewed and updated the Action Points.

17/169 Public Participation –

The Loxwood Joust organisers brought to the attention of the Parish Council a letter they had received from "RALJ" Residents Against Loxwood Joust. The letter claim the group were supported by the Parish Council. This was discussed and established was a false allegation.

Loxwood Community Welcome Pack – Two residents putting together a welcome pack for new residents showed some examples of the pack and were putting together costings which would be in the low hundreds for the Parish Councils consideration.

Lee Redhead and Cerys Tudge from Antler Homes spoke with regard to development plans for Land at Hawthorn Cottage, Loxwood. They were aware that the proposed site was outside the settlement boundary. The Parish Council explained that the settlement boundary established and contained in a "made" Neighbourhood Plan was sacrosanct.

17/170 (Brought forward after 17/171) Report from Chichester District Councillor – Cllr. Peter Wilding. No consensus had been reached on the A27 diversion and it was likely nothing would go forward on this until 2023.

CDC had spent over a million on clearing up litter and fly tipping. CDC had formed a partnership with East Hants for an enforcement pilot scheme.

CDC planning department was to recruit 3 more officers in April 2018 one of whom would have the responsibility of communications with Parishes.

17/171 (Brought forward after 17/168) Report from West Sussex County Councillor – Cllr. Janet Duncton. We are hoping to hear better news on School funding before the end of October but it's watch this space.

Fostering is a priority as you have heard many times before. We fear we will need more and more young people placed in foster homes in the near future.

Apart from the A27 which is of course Highways England we have several roads that we are responsible for that are being improved. Not very close to Loxwood but residents probably use them. These include the A24 which eventually goes to Worthing via Washington and Findon and the A2300 which along with the A24 we have been interviewed by HE to try and secure funding for improvements on both these roads. The A2300 is more in the Hickstead to Burgess Hill area. We are right in the middle of securing what is I think our biggest Contract and that is the Highways Contract. We are down to 4 Contractors and although I personally am not involved the Officers are heavily involved with reading through Contracts, interviews with Contractors etc. All very time consuming. We want to get the best for the roads and for the County purse.

I have often mentioned about self- help for Parishes. I don't know if you know but there is a hub in Midhurst where Tools etc. can be hired for certain jobs that Parishes will take on and there is an employee who will give training in the use of the tools and what can be done and not done. This is based at Midhurst Fire Station.

17/172 Clerk's Report. The Clerk canvassed Councillors availability for a Community Land Trust presentation from Holly Nichol CDC and established 23rd October 2017 7pm North Hall was the best day.

17/173 APPENDIX 2 LOXWOOD SCHOOL GRANT. The Parish Council RESOLVED to agree with the allocation of their proposed funding of £4,000 towards the early years outdoor learning project.

17/174 APPENDIX 3 CROUCHLANDS – PC LEGAL FEES IN FIGHTING APPEAL. The Parish Council discussed making funds available to help support the Crouchlands fighting appeal but they felt they needed to know more about the situation and the funding deficit. They asked the Clerk to invite the Ifold and Plaistow Parish Council to the next Parish Council meeting to explain more fully the situation. **ACTION Clerk**

17/175 APPENDIX 4 WBC LOCAL PLAN MODIFICATIONS. The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the comments made on the modifications to the Local Plan as contained in the Appendix 4 and instructed the Clerk to submit the comments. **ACTION Clerk.**

17/176 APPENDIX 5 JUBILEE GARDENS TREE OVERHANGING NEIGHBOUR. The Parish Council considered that as the tree has a Tree Preservation order the Planning Officers would not approve an application to cutback the tree for such a circumstance as birds roosting in it and leaf debris. If however overhanging branches became a hazard the Parish council would reconsider submitting an application to CDC Planning.

17/177 PLAYGROUND RESURFACING- 130 surveys were given out and a quarter returned. The overriding message was that people were not in favour of complete resurfacing but remedial work on what was there was popular although nearly as many felt no action with regard to the surfacing was needed.

The Parish Council RESOLVED, proposed by Councillor Neman and seconded by councillor Agar that remedial work be carried out on the surface to maintain the matting that was there and add a harder surface area near the gate entrance. This was to be paid out of capital. A quote was to be obtained. **ACTION RN**

The height of the Zip wire was to be looked into whether it was a correct height. **ACTION Clerk**

17/178 APPENDIX 6 CIL BUSINESS PLAN - The Parish Council to discuss any changes to their CIL Plan.

The trustee of North hall aided the Council with updates with regard to CIL spending on North Hall.

Extension to storage facility at North Hall increase to £50,000

Take out PA & AV system allocation as this had already been achieved.

Reduce cost of resurfacing playground at North Hall to £20,000

Proposed by Councillor Colling seconded by Councillor Agar and all in favour.

17/179 Accounts for Payment –The payments were agreed for payment.

17/180 Updates and items for discussion:-

(a) Highway/Roads and Traffic Calming.

As reported in last month's minutes sockets were now required for the posts for SIDs and their location was to be agreed with WSCC Highways and paid for from S106 monies and CIL.

(b) Nursery Site

Despite the Parish Council's best efforts the pedestrian crossing would need to be applied for via the Communities Highways Scheme once the site was built out and the true situation could be recorded.

(c) Drainage/Flooding.

MP Gillian Keegan was to attend a meeting of the Flood Forum on 24th November in the main hall at North Hall at 10.30am

(d) North Hall.

A telephone line was to be installed.

(e) Farm Close. An Email from Naomi Langford Planning Officer CDC confirmed they were minded to refuse the recent planning application.

(f) Gatwick Noise. No further.

(g) School. Nothing further.

17/181 E- Bulletin and Newsletter articles. The results of the playground surface survey were to be reported. Plans underway for the Community Welcome Pack. Request that residents let the Clerk know when they want to speak at a PC meeting so time can be correctly allocated for this.

Other matters: Councillor Loxton reported a notification that a caravan site was to be reinstated at Tokens Farm along the B2133 near Alfold Bars. Councillor Loxton was concerned that the access was dangerous for such an activity and the Clerk was looking into this with CDC.

17/182 Date of the next meeting 6th November 2017

The meeting closed at 10.45pm