



Loddon Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Loddon Town Council (LTC) held on Wednesday 12 February 2025, 7.00pm in the Hollies Rear Hall.

Present: Cllr Andy Woodman (AW) - Chairman, Cllr Mervyn Pointer (MP) – Vice-Chairman, Cllr Jane Hale (JH), Cllr Julie Appleby (JA), Cllr Alex Ashman (AA), and Cllr Natalie Henry (NH).

In Attendance: Emily Curtis (Town Clerk), Jo Leonard (AAO), Kerry Sturman (RFO) and eight members of the public (MOP).

Absent:

1. **Welcome, Meeting Protocol and Etiquette:**

Chairman Cllr AW welcomed everyone to the meeting. Nobody wished to record the meeting.

2. **Co-option:**

One application was received, but as there was no proposer, the application for co-option did not proceed.

3. **Apologies for Absence:**

The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllr Steven Kellingray-Williamson (SKW) as he had a work commitment in London, Cllr Sam Bailey (SB) as she had a previous engagement, Cllr Richard Hubbard (RH) due to childcare issues and Cllr Kay Mason Billig as she was away from home (KMB).

4. **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations:**

Cllr JH declared an interest on any items on the agenda relating to the Jubilee Hall as she is a Jubilee Hall Trustee.

Cllr JA declared a non-pecuniary interest in any items relating to St George's Park as she is a resident within the development.

5. **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8 January 2025:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8 January 2025 were approved as a correct record.

6. **Matters Arising:**

6.1 **Update from South Norfolk Council (Staithe, footbridge, toilet transfer and Pyes Mill)**

South Norfolk Council's (SNC) Asset Officer has provided an update. The Staithe footbridge repairs commenced mid-January 2025; the woodwork was removed and a further survey completed. Once the bridge work has been completed, SNC will be able to undertake further repairs at the Staithe using the remainder of the £150,000 that SNC has allocated for the area.

There is no further update on the transfer of the Staithe toilets to LTC, although a copy of the asbestos report was requested.

The SNC Asset Officer continues to investigate the repairs required at Pyes Mill moorings.

6.2 2025 District Cllr Meeting Dates

The following meeting dates have been set; 19 March 2025, 4 June 2025, 1 October 2025. All to be held in the LTC Office at 7.00pm.

6.3 Norfolk County Council (NCC) A146 Streetlights

Due to safety concerns, LTC have requested that the streetlights on the A146 on the High Bungay Road and Beccles Road junction to be turned back on. LTC have received a response from NCC and LTC's concerns are being investigated.

6.4 Gold Standard Bus Stops

NCC have informed us that to install the power supply to the bus stop on Church Plain, there will be a road closure on the High Street/Church Plain between the 17 - 20 February 2025. The work is taking place during half term to reduce disruption. Temporary bus stops will be outside the King's Head. NCC have apologised for any disruption.

6.5 A146 X2 Bus Stop

LTC have received an update from NCC and the works to the new X2 bus stop on the A146 should start in March 2025.

7. To receive reports from County and District Cllrs and Public Forum:

7.1 Report from District Councillor Jeremy Rowe (written by Jeremy Rowe): Appendix A
In addition to his report, Cllr Jeremy Rowe reported that he will be attending a meeting regarding St George's Park at SNC on the 20 March 2025.
He will also be holding a surgery on the 15 February 2025 in Loddon Library.

7.2 Report from District/County Councillor Kay Mason Billig: Appendix A

7.3 Public Forum

A member of the public (MOP) enquired as to how devolution will affect Town and Parish Councils, and a discussion took place.

A discussion took place regarding speeding in Loddon. **Action:** AAO to send Sam2 reports to Loddon's Police Beat Officer.

A MOP attended the local Tree Warden Forum and there is a Tree Warden booklet available.

A MOP asked if the Council were organising an event for VE Day. The Loddon Royal British Legion have organised wreath laying events which LTC will attend. Holy Trinity Church is organising a Church fete on the 28 June 2025 and the Events Working Party are liaising with the organisers.

8. Council Reports:

8.1 Chairman's Report

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix B.

8.2 Town Councillors' Reports

Cllr MP reported that the Beccles Road static 20mph speeding sign is not working and needs reporting to NCC. **Action:** PW.

8.3 Clerk's Report

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix C.

8.4 **Admin and Allotments Officer's Report**

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix D.

8.5 **Parish Warden's Report**

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix E.

8.6 **Data Protection Matters**

None.

9. **Finance Report:**

A credit card policy has been drafted and will be considered at the first meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee due to be held on the 26 February 2025.

9.1 **Bank Reconciliation to 31 January 2025**

The balance of Loddon Town Council's accounts, including the Playing Field, as of 31 January 2025 was £284,857. This includes £178,717 of ear-marked funds and £106,140 of general funds.

9.2 **Accounts for Payment in Accordance with the Budget**

The RFO presented the list of payments (Appendix G). It was **resolved** to approve this list of payments. **Action:** RFO.

9.3 **Quotes for a Replacement Noticeboard on Church Plain**

Cllr JA presented a report on the proposed replacement of a noticeboard on Church Plain. It was **resolved** to accept the quote of £1,998.15 from The Noticeboard Company. This will be funded by the Love Loddon Community Group's budget heading. **Action:** RFO.

9.4 **Library Annexe Rent Review**

The negotiations have concluded, and an increase of £750 per annum has been agreed and will be backdated to September 2023. A saving of £1,250 per annum has been achieved on the original amount proposed. The Chairman signed the memorandum on behalf of the Council. **Action:** RFO.

9.5 **Rialtas Cloud Access**

It was **resolved** to approve the RFO's request to have Rialtas (LTC's Accountancy software) connected to the cloud which will negate the need for a replacement server, will allow access outside of the office and will reduce connection issues. **Action:** RFO.

9.6 **Small Grant Application from the LUFC for drainage work on the Old Hockey Field**

The LUFC has applied for £100 for drainage works to be carried out on the pitches on The Old Hockey Field. It was **resolved** to approve the grant application. **Action:** RFO.

9.7 **Virtual Landline for Loddon Tennis Courts**

It was **resolved** to approve the Tennis Club's request for a Virtual Landline for Loddon Tennis Courts. This will be funded by the Tennis Club's General Expenditure budget heading. **Action:** RFO to set up a Virtual Landline via Loddon Tennis email account.

10. **Planning:**

10.1 **St George's Park**

A member of the Action Group was unable to attend due to ill health. District Cllr Jeremy Rowe and Cllr AW attended a meeting on the 6 February 2025 and Cllr AW gave an overview of the meeting and agreed outcomes.

10.2 Planning Applications received from South Norfolk: *Please refer to the Planning Report (Appendix H).*

10.3 Decisions on Planning Applications from South Norfolk Council: *Please refer to the Planning Report (Appendix H).*

10.4 Planning Applications from the Broads Authority: *Please refer to the Planning Report (Appendix H).*

10.5 Decisions on Planning Applications from the Broads Authority: *Please refer to the Planning Report (Appendix H).*

11. Public Open Space, Assets and Highways:

11.1 Sam2 (Speed Awareness Message) Reports

The Sam2 reports were circulated. Cllr AA reported that he recently supported LTC's Sam2 volunteer with the recent relocation of the Sam2 on George Lane.

Cllr AA will assist the AAO to compile a report to highlight the speeding issues in the 20mph zone on Beccles Road. **Action:** AAO.

11.2 Saffron Land

LTC have approached Saffron to discuss the possibility of purchasing the land adjacent to the Loddon & Chedgrave Playing Field with a view to providing an overflow car park area. District Cllr KMB has offered to continue the negotiations on behalf of LTC. **Action:** District Cllr KMB.

11.3 Library Annexe Refurbishment

The refurbishment of the kitchen, toilets, and additional shower has been completed. A meeting will take place in due course between the Contractor and the Contract Administrator to agree the final costings. SNC Pride in Place have sent the template for a plaque to thank the financial contributors; SNC Pride in Place (UK Shared Prosperity Fund) and SNC Community Action Norfolk Fund. **Action:** AAO to order plaque.

11.4 Blue Plaques to Recognise Historic Buildings in Loddon

A discussion was had regarding the installation of blue plaques on local landmarks. The cost of each plaque is circa £20. Cllr JA offered to liaise with the Parishioner regarding the proposed locations. LTC **resolved** to budget £200 for the project. **Action:** Clerk to email SNC Planning Officer regarding whether consent would be required. **Action:** Love Loddon Community Group/Parishioner to investigate proposed locations.

12. Governance:

12.1 Jubilee Hall – Loddon - LTC Representative

Cllr RH has offered to attend a Jubilee Hall – Loddon meeting to find out more about the Trustee role/Charity. **Action:** Clerk to add to next agenda.

12.2 Finance and Governance Committee Terms of Reference

It was **resolved** to approve the draft Terms of Reference with the following amendment to the Membership of the Committee; "All LTC Cllrs to be Members of the Committee, with voting rights if in attendance". **Action:** Clerk.

12.3 Finance and Governance Committee Membership

It was **resolved** that all of LTC Cllrs will be Members of the Committee, with voting rights if in attendance. **Action:** Clerk.

12.4 Tennis Club Subcommittee

It was **resolved** to approve non-Cllrs (Jo Fisher and Ross Wilson) request to join the Tennis Club Subcommittee. **Action:** Clerk.

13. Updates from Committees, Representatives and Working Parties:

13.1 Events Working Party

The report is attached to the minutes Appendix I.

A MOP who attended the Events Working Party proposed an art festival event for 2026.

A MOP resigned from the Events Working Party.

Cllr MP requested that the meetings are held at a time when the RFO can attend in future as this has been specified as part of the RFO Job Description. **Action:** Events Working Party.

13.2 Loddon & Chedgrave Playing Field Committee (and Tennis Subcommittee)

The report is attached to the minutes Appendix J.

Cllr JH reported that the Jubilee Hall has formed a proposal for leasing the toilets to the LUFC and Tennis Club.

13.3 Chet Neighbourhood Plan

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix K.

13.4 Love Loddon Community Group (LLCG)

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix L.

13.5 Chet Valley Community Larder (CL)

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix M.

13.6 Jubilee Hall - Loddon

The Council currently has no representative.

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix N.

13.7 Personnel Committee

Cllr MP reported that a Personnel Meeting took place on the 12 February 2025, and the Committee were pleased with the RFO's initial progress.

14. Neighbourhood Plan:

14.1 Steering Group

Now that the plan is made, it was **resolved** to dissolve Steering Group. **Action:** Letter of thanks to Steering Group Members. **Action:** Clerk/AAO.

14.2 Closing Financial Report

The closing financial report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr JH requested to defer the item as she needed more time to review the spreadsheet. The project has an overspend and it will be necessary for the Council to decide if they wish to approach Chedgrave Parish Council for their proportion of the overspend. **Action:** Clerk to add to next agenda.

14.3 Quotes for Bound Copies of the Plan

Deferred, as above.

15. Chet Valley Community Larder:

15.1 Chet Valley Community Larder Working Party

The Council **resolved** to form the above-named Working Party. **Action:** Clerk.

15.2 Chet Valley Community Larder Working Party Terms of Reference

Several amendments were proposed, and it was **resolved** to defer the Terms of Reference. **Action:** Clerk.

16. Correspondence:

All correspondence has been previously circulated
Cllr AW will reply to the Norfolk ALC vote. **Action:** Cllr AW.

17. Items for a future agenda:

- Old Hockey Field Pond
- Quotes for installation of Notice Board on Church Plain
- Terms of Reference for Chet Valley Larder
- Chet Neighbourhood Plan Finances and Bound Copies

18. Upcoming Council Meetings: *(Held in Hollies Rear Hall unless otherwise specified)*

The next full Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 March 2025 at 7.00pm, held in the Hollies Rear Hall. (Agenda items to Clerk by the 4 March 2025).

- Finance and Governance Committee – 26 February 2025 at 7.00pm
- Council Meeting – 12 March 2025 at 7.00pm

19. Exclusion of Press and Public:

It was **resolved** to exclude the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Schedule 12A SS1 & 2.

20. Grants:

The Council received an update and discussed any necessary action. **Action:** Council.

21. Community Spaces:

The community consultation flyer was submitted to Chet Contact for inclusion in the March 2025 edition. **Action:** Clerk.

22. Clear Councils:

All Cllrs have now submitted their declaration.

The meeting closed at 20.54pm.

Appendix A - Report from District Councillor Jeremy Rowe

This month I'd like to start my column by passing on a huge thank you to {redacted} and his family for their incredible contribution to the life of our community, as he hands over the reins of the White Horse. They has done an incredible job over the years, promoting and supporting a huge range of good causes. He has been a wonderful friend to me and I know to many, many others.

I'd also like to thank {redacted} and everyone involved with this year's fantastic panto. We are lucky to live in such a rich and vibrant community.

I have now awarded all £1000 of my Members' Grant to local causes for this year. Please let me know if you feel that your group could benefit from some financial assistance during the 2025/26 financial year. There are so many important groups, doing great work, across our community.

In terms of wider local politics, as mentioned last month a lot of work will be taking place as our District and County Councils prepare for the creation of unitary authorities. I said that I would pass on, via this column, what I hear and find out about decisions made which will affect all of us. It has just been announced that we are one of the areas where next year's scheduled County Council elections will not now take place, something that I and my South Norfolk Labour colleagues do not agree with. The wider announcement puts Norfolk and Suffolk on the path to becoming a Mayor-led strategic authority by May 2026 if we proceed.

I'm also continuing my work chairing the South Norfolk Scrutiny Committee, on behalf of all of us, which I'll continue to update you all about.

Best wishes to our new MP Ben Goldsborough as he deals with the treatment for cancer that he has revealed he is undergoing. Whatever people's politics, I think we would all agree that Ben works incredibly hard for all of us in this role.

Finally, my next surgeries, at Loddon Library, are 15 February 2-4pm & 26 April 2-3pm. Please come down if there's anything I can support you with, or, as ever, give me a ring on 07733323581.

Appendix B – Chairman's Report

Another relatively quiet month which has given us the opportunity to transition Kerry in as RFO and Project Officer.

Since the last council meeting, I have:

- attended LTC Playing Field committee
- attended LTC personnel committee
- attended a LTC Community Larder planning meeting
- represented LTC at a residents' meeting regarding the Cannell's site development proposals
- visited and inspected the bridge works at Loddon Staithe
- attended the Jubilee Hall AGM
- spoke at the Norfolk RBL Conference
- met with Chedgrave councillors regarding the Playing Field budget
- met with the senior SNC planning officer in support of the St Georges Park resident's group on 2 occasions
- attended Chedgrave Parish Council meetings and related meetings
- met with LTC staff on a regular basis as well as councillors and residents
- engaged in email threads regarding council business and local issues

My thanks to Anne for her work handing over the financial work to Kerry and to those councillors working hard to lead the efforts on Love Loddon, the Events Working Group, and the Community Larder.

Cllr Andy Woodman

Appendix C - Clerk's Report

In addition to managing the Council's facilities and staff, and further to the reports on the agenda and matters arising, the Clerk has information on the following matters.

Office

There Clerk has attended the following Committee meetings since the last TC meeting:

- L & C PF Committee – 15 January 2025

Other Meetings

- Norfolk Police – 6 February 2025
- Old Hockey Field Pond with Norfolk Wildlife Trust – 12 February 2025
- Tennis Coach – 12 February 2025
- SNC Town and Parish Forum – 4 February 2025

Future Meetings:

- Personnel Committee – 12 February 2025
- Library Annexe Refurb meeting with contractor and Contract Administrator – date TBA

The RFO has undertaken Rialtas training, Clerk induction training and has received a thorough handover with the Locum RFO.

An annual appraisal has been carried out with the AAO and PW.

The office had intermittent broadband issues, and a BT engineer attended and replaced a faulty router.

The office chairs were replaced.

The Licensing of Reverend Miriam Fife as the New Rector of the Chet Valley Benefice will take place on Monday 17th March 2025, 7:00pm in Holy Trinity Church, Loddon. All Cllrs welcome.

The community consultation on public spaces is now live on LTC's website and a flyer has been sent to the Chet Contact.

Several cash donations for the Community Larder have been received. Also grateful thanks to District Cllr Jeremy Rowe for his generous grant of £450.

Public Open Space and Assets

The defibrillator at the Staithe has been transferred on the Circuit to LTC and the AAO has prepared a thorough instruction booklet to ensure that the device is working correctly and checked regularly.

The remaining capital funding from SNC Pride in Place has been requested.

As mentioned in my previous report, the intermittent issues with the external sewage pipes at the Staithe toilets resulted in a serious blockage under the car park. The toilets had to be closed for the remainder of the day. Our thanks to Anglia Water for their swift attention, and to Top2Bottom and the Parish Warden for cleaning the facilities so they could be opened the next day.

There was also a leaking standpipe at the Staithe which South Norfolk Council has now repaired with the PW and local plumbing contractor's assistance.

The Loddon Royal British Legion wish to mark this year's significant VE 80 and VJ 80 days and we have contacted SNC on their behalf to see if plaques could be installed on the benches in front of the War Memorial.

Events

The Events Working Party met on the 8 February 2025.

We were very sad to learn of the recent passing of {redacted} in late December 2024. {redacted} volunteered and supported many of Loddon Town Council's recent events, and many could not have

happened without his sound engineer skills and his PA system. Our thoughts go to his family and friends at this difficult time.

Appendix D – Admin and Allotments Officer’s Report

All plots are now allocated and tenanted. I continue to regularly inspect & monitor the site to ensure that all plots are well cultivated and kept to a good standard. There is currently 3 people on the waiting list. The new rental agreements & invoices have been sent out to tenants & 13 out of 35 tenants have returned their forms & paid already.

I continue to cover the day-to-day admin in the office, including dealing with planning matters, responding to Parishioners enquiries, answering emails and phone calls.

During January I responded to 319 emails, dealt with 18 phone calls & 14 visitors.

Appendix E – Parish Warden’s Report

Main activities since the January Council meeting:

- Contracted works:
 - Contracted for annual Conifer cutting on Old Market Green/Tennis Ct.
 - Scheduled repairs to rectify gas heater defect in Community Gym
 - Booked annual ROSPA Playground inspection
 - Response to Councillor/Parishioner concerns/reports:
 - Investigated locked gates on FP16. Worked with NCC to rectify
 - Reported sewer issue impacting Staithe Toilets to Anglia water. Facilitated out of hours visit by Anglia water to rectify, and arranged cleaning to return toilets to normal operation
 - Arranged refurbishment of Pyes Mill noticeboard
 - Completed post deployment functional check of all Christmas lights
 - Fallen fence obstructing FP10. Effected temporary repair to make safe
 - Weeded gravel in front of Library
 - Reported George Lane weed growth to NNC for attention
 - Cleared fallen tree blocking FP11
 - Reported vandalised FP15 Finger post to NCC Trails team
 - Managed Defibrillator installation at Staithe toilets
 - Playground maintenance:
 - Regular repairs to Safety mats at Kittens Lane play area
 - Removed smashed glass and other detritus from Skate ramps
 - Weekly inspection; Public open spaces, Parish trees, Annex Offices and Staithe
 - Tennis courts inspected and leaf vacuumed weekly
 - Routine litter picking; Jubilee field, Hockey field, Pyes Mill
 - Ad-Hoc Litter picking; George Lane, High Street, Bridge Street, Sale Court, Mill Road, Pyes Mill Road, Beccles Road and field opposite Industrial estate
 - Regular inspection of Staithe toilets, Car park area and Staithe Waterfront
 - Monthly safety inspection at Pyes Mill
 - Operation of Allotment water pumps checked
 - Legionella flushing and temperature control readings completed
 - Fire Alarm System, Emergency lighting, and CO Monitor checks complete
 - CCTV Cameras checked and cleaned
 - War Memorial inspected and swept
 - Footpaths; 8, 9,10,11,14,15, 16 & 18 Inspected and litter picked.
- Footpaths; 8, 9,10,11,14,15, 16 & 18 Inspected and litter picked.

Appendix F – Data Protection Matters

None.

Appendix G – Payments for Approval

08/01/2025	Outside Help Ltd	IT	64.27
13/01/2025	EE	Phone	45.95
31/01/2025	SSE	Streetlighting/Electricity	128.30
03/02/2025	Barclays	Bank fees	0.06
08/02/2025	Outside Help Ltd	IT	36.05
10/02/2025	Adept	IT	31.20
31/01/2025	Unity Trust Bank	Bank fees	12.60
30/01/2025	BT	Phone/Broadband	37.14
14/02/2025	British Gas	Electricity	344.77
10/02/2025	Lloyds Bank CC	Credit Card	1,184.99
18/02/2025	EON	Gas	228.74
18/02/2025	EDF	Electricity - Staithe	92.25
12/02/2025	Adept IT	IT	291.40
12/02/2025	Rialtas	Training	336.00
12/02/2025	Norfolk Parish Training & Support	Training	80.00
12/02/2025	Chet Contact Magazine	Community Engagement	280.00
12/02/2025	Viking	Stationery	162.85
12/02/2025	Viking	Stationery	233.35
12/02/2025	Cozens	Christmas Lights	2,556.00
12/02/2025	Target Trees	Tree Maintenance	1,200.00
12/02/2025	Holmes Building Contractors	Refurbishment	26,006.22
12/02/2025	The Alarm Company	Maintenance	90.00
12/02/2025	Norfolk Pension Fund	Pension Contributions	2,122.93
12/02/2025	Salaries and expenses	February 2025	8,667.90
12/02/2025	HMRC	Tax/NI	2,781.50
12/02/2025	Loddon Garden DIY	Christmas Lights	1,974.00
12/02/2025	Top2Bottom	Cleaning	816.00
12/02/2025	NPTS	Training	40.00
12/02/2025	NPTS	Training	65.00

Appendix H – Planning Report

App Number	App Type	Address	Proposal	Application/Decision	Decision	Date of Decision
2025/0001	Works to trees in Conservation Area	8 Beech Close Loddon Norfolk NR14 6JF	T4 Holly- Reduce canopy by 1.6m, reduce height by 1m from 5m. T4 Bramley Apple- Reduce canopy by 1.5m, reduce height by 0.75m from 6m. T6 False Acasia- Remove, T7 False Acasia- Remove, T8 Maple- Remove	A		
2024/2194	Full Planning Permission	Land West Of Little Money Road Loddon Norfolk	New access roads for Industrial development	D	Approval with Conditions (Delegated)	10/01/2025
2024/3622	Householder	5 Oakfields Loddon Norfolk NR14 6UT	Single storey rear extension and garage conversion to habitable space	D	Approval with Conditions (Delegated)	10/01/2025
2024/3623	Householder	5 Beccles Road Loddon Norfolk NR14 6JQ	Replace existing conservatory extension	D	Approval with Conditions (Delegated)	10/01/2025
2024/3624	Listed Building Consent	5 Beccles Road Loddon Norfolk NR14 6JQ	Replace existing conservatory extension	D	Approval with Conditions (Delegated)	10/01/2025
2024/2820	Approval of Condition Details	Land North Of Beccles Road Loddon Norfolk	Details reserved by condition 7 (tree protection plan) of 2022/0016	D	Approval of details - Approved (Delegated)	27/01/2025
2024/3538	Works to TPO trees	31C High Bungay Road Loddon Norfolk NR14 6JS	T1- English Oak approximately 15 m tall. Reduce where possible or Pollard by 3-5 m height	D	Approval with Conditions (Delegated)	27/01/2025
2025/0366	Householder	7 Old Market Green Loddon Norfolk NR14 6QG	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new single storey rear extension	A		
2025/0291	Works to trees in Conservation Area	2 Beccles Road Loddon Norfolk NR14 6JQ	3 x Leylandii - fell LTC not consulted	A		
2024/1189	Full Planning Permission	Unit 1 Little Money Road Loddon Norfolk NR14 6JD	Proposed painting of existing boundary security fence in green and planting of shrubs on Beccles Road	D	Approval with Conditions (Delegated)	03/02/2025

Appendix I – Chet Valley Events Working Party

A meeting of the events working party took place on the 8 February 2025. Cllr Sam Bailey is the leader of WP. The date of next meeting 1 March 2025 at 11am in Loddon Swan.

Appendix J - Loddon & Chedgrave Playing Field Committee

The Playing Field Committee have met and looked at and agreed the draft budget. The tennis club are looking at the possibility of becoming an independent club rather than a Council sub-committee – this is probably the best way forward and will encourage the club to look after its own income/expenditure. This is a way off yet and discussions will continue with the Playing Field Committee; information will be brought back to Council as and when it is available. The issue of the 'toilets' in the Jubilee Hall is being dealt with by the Jubilee Hall Management Committee. The Football club are looking at getting drainage works undertaken on both the hockey field and also the playing field with costs being split between the club, the playing field committee and other grants being applied for. The draft PFC minutes have been circulated to councillors. Cllr Jane Hale.

Appendix K – Chet Neighbourhood Plan

We are awaiting the production of copies of The Plan which must be completed prior to the end of the Council year to utilise funds held and would ask that agreement be given for any surplus funds to be returned to Chedgrave PC/ Loddon TC, SNC and Locality, if any if held, in that order.

Cllr Jane Hale.

Appendix L – Love Loddon Community Group - October/November 2024

The group met in The Swan on Saturday 1st of Feb to regroup and discuss plans for the next few months. An amazing turnout of a dozen volunteers! Thanks to Cllr Mervyn for his ongoing support and Cllr Alex who also joined us and was most welcome. Notes from the meeting and working dates have been circulated to the LLCG and can be found in Dropbox.

In addition, please find my proposal and quotation to replace the noticeboard on Church Plain, as discussed in previous meetings. Also, to remove/relocate the adjacent EDP sign and square map 'box', both of which are out of date.

Emily has kindly chased up the Community Payback team, as we have a list of jobs with which we would appreciate their help, such as sign and bench cleaning, painting handrails etc. Awaiting response.

I would like to support Carol Webb's proposal to introduce Blue Plaques for historical buildings in Loddon, which I think will enhance local and visitor interest.

In my new capacity as Church Liaison, I also met with Nigel Stock the Church Warden. Amongst other things we discussed a suggestion from a member of the LLGC to create a leaf mould pile in the corner of the churchyard which will be better for wildlife, reduce the use of plastic bags and create compost to use in the future. Conversations are ongoing.

I am also pleased to be attending the Rev'd Miriam Fife's licensing as New Rector with Chairman Andy on Monday 17th March.

Our next Love Loddon working session is Sunday 23rd Feb, 10am on Church Plain if anyone would like to join us.

Cllr Julie Appleby

Appendix M – Community Larder

The Larder continues in its new format with two sessions each week. We now have 32 registered households, 6 are new this month and we have sold 38 bags during January. We have received a grant from Cllr Rowe of £450 and further donations of approximately £200. We met with members of the Council and staff and Terms of Reference are before Council tonight. Some of the volunteers have seen the terms of reference and believe there needs to be some adjustment to allow the volunteers to continue to manage the larder effectively and would ask these be deferred to allow comments to be received from those actually operating the scheme

Cllr Jane Hale.

Appendix N - Jubilee Hall - Loddon

No Cllr Representative at present.