

LODDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Loddon Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2019 at
7.00pm in The Library Annexe, Loddon

Present:

Paul Clemence	(PC)	
John Coupe	(JC)	
Sophie Garrett	(SG)	
Michael Roe	(MR)	
June Strickland	(JS)	Chairman
Steve Swanson	(SS)	
Margaret Wallace	(MW)	

In Attendance:

Colin Gould	(CG)	District Councillor
Donna Hodds	(DH)	Finance & Projects Officer
Anne Panella	(AP)	Parish Clerk

WELCOME

8 The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed that no-one wanted to record the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

9 Were received from David Bingham, Peggy Fulleylove, Gary Knights, Ray Lumley and Barry Stone

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

10 None were received.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14th MARCH 2019

Resolved: to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2019. Proposed by MR, seconded JC. All in agreement.

MATTERS ARISING

11 No issues were raised.

APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE & PROJECT OFFICER

12 Following interview, the Personnel Committee offered the post to DH who commenced on 9th April.

TO RECEIVE, FOR INFORMATION, REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

13 Reports were provided for the Annual Parish meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

14 New café/restaurant: discussion regarding the growing number of food and drink establishments within the village; are there sufficient customers to ensure they can all remain viable; the illuminated sign should ideally be switched off at a certain time

in the evening to lessen impact on residential properties on the other side of the road and ensure the sign is commensurate with a conservation area

- 15 CG was questioned on why this application was not considered by the Planning Committee. He stated that all the objections raised during the consultation period – the siting of the flue, use of the front terrace after 7.00pm and the impact on neighbours – were all addressed and, subsequently, amended plans were submitted. It was, therefore, decided to delegate the decision to the Planning Officer.
- 16 Alcohol License: outside drinking at certain times of day is deemed irresponsible in sight of schoolchildren; places other business at a disadvantage if they are tied houses where margins can be very tight; smoking should not be permitted on the front terrace where it will impact on pedestrians.
- 17 Staithe Moorings: the Broads Authority, who are responsible for navigation issues on the Chet, are currently in discussion with the same volunteer group that oversees Hardley Dyke with a view to providing the group with powers to enforce 24-hour moorings and no return within 72 hours.

PLANNING

- 18 a. 2019/0306: The Terrace: illuminated signs at the new café/restaurant
Clarification required on timings and bulb voltage to mitigate impact on residential dwellings opposite
Resolved: to approve. Proposed by MW, seconded SG. All in agreement
- b. Premises License: The Terrace
LPC is aware of the implications of future competition but SNC has granted Planning Permission for the café/restaurant; the License is a formality. Area at the rear should be for smoking; no drinking at times when schoolchildren are in the vicinity; all other conditions should be in line with other Licenced premises in Loddon
Resolved: to approve. Proposed by SG, seconded by MW. All in agreement
- c. 2019/0687: Land west of 1 Garden Court: erection of four self-build detached dwellings
Numerous objections were raised and have been submitted to SNC. Three previous applications have been rejected and the reasons remain valid. This land was originally to be amenity land yet SNC failed to register. Land has been subject to severe flooding; development would overlook existing properties and impact significantly on privacy; unauthorised work on TPOs has been undertaken which SNC have acknowledged but are unlikely to pursue the landowner; no measures on the protection of birds and wildlife have been submitted; bats, a protected species, have been observed in the area
Resolved: to object. Proposed by SG, seconded by PC. All in agreement
- 19 **The following applications have been approved:**
- a. 2019/0244. 14 Leman Grove: works to trees in conservation area
- b. 2019/0413. 18 High Street: works to trees in conservation area
- c. 2019/0117. The former Bank: change of use to café/restaurant. Approval with conditions

FINANCE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

20	TalkTalk Direct Debit	Telephone	£43.70
	Apogee	Photocopier	£94.80
	Staff	March Salaries	£1,477.20
	Norfolk Pension fund	March Contribution	£337.09
	HMRC	March Contribution	£189.71
	Anne Panella	Chairs for LPC offices	£220.02
	HTS Supplies	Sundry supplies for Staithe toilets (2 invoices)	£109.15
	Elegance	Toilet Cleaning	£1024.00
	Inty Cascade Ltd. Direct Debit	Office 365 Subscription	£11.28
		TOTAL	£3,506.95

21 Invoices received after dispatch:

Loddon DIY	£660
Wave (Anglia Water)	£1082.61
Andy's Pest Service	£60.00
GRAND TOTAL	£5,309.56

Resolved: to approve the above payments. Proposed by MR, seconded by PC. All in agreement.

22 Skatepark: following a meeting of parish councillors it was agreed to pay £30K to Freestyle. A further £10K to be paid subject to remedial work being carried out: joint has pulled apart on some granite slabs; the area has not been properly cleared of building debris; some cracking and breaking at the edges of the granite slabs; concerns raised by the RoSPA report on the risk of entrapment on the overhead bars.

23 Thereafter a retention figure, under the terms of the contract, of £5K for the 52-week defects period. A site meeting with Freestyle has been requested.

24 Allotments: repairs and maintenance: quote for repairing the fencing £850. Agreed that, at present, this is too expensive.

TO RECEIVE, FOR INFORMATION, REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

25 Reports were presented at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Chairman thanked those Parish Councillors, who have chosen not to stand at the forthcoming election, for their contribution over the past few years to Loddon and the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

26 Not yet received; when it does it will be forwarded to all Parish Councillors

TO RECEIVE LIST OF SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE

27 Bus Route: First Group are considering re-routing the buses along Beccles Road (a route used previously) rather than High Bungay Road which is narrow and giving rise to safety concerns for pedestrians due to the volume of large vehicles on this road. In principle, LPC in support and await proposals from First Group.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS: all on Thursday at 7.00pm unless stated otherwise

- 28
- a. 9th May to include Annual Parish Council Meeting. Agenda items to Clerk by 1st May
 - b. Thursday 13th June. Agenda items to Clerk by 5th June

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm