

LODDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Loddon Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th February 2019 at 7.00pm in The Library Annexe, Loddon.

Present:

Paul Clemence	(PC)
Peggy Fulleylove	(PF)
Ray Lumley	(RL)
Michael Roe	(MR)
Gary Knights	(GK)
Margaret Wallace	(MW)
Sophie Garrett	(SG)

In attendance:

Anne Panella	(AP)	Parish Clerk
Colin Gould	(CG)	District Councillor

WELCOME

267 The Chair for the evening was Ray Lumley (LPC Vice Chairman). The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed that no one wanted to record the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE

268 Were received from June Strickland, Barry Stone, John Coupe, David Bingham and Steve Swanson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

269 GK declared an interest in Item 7B.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES HELD ON THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 2019

270 Minute 261 should read A146.

Resolved: to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2019. Proposed by PC, seconded by MR. All in agreement.

MATTERS ARISING

271 **Update on meeting re future management of Staithe.** RL gave an update in respect of the meeting on 31 January 2019. This was attended by the manager of the boatyard and representatives from the Broads Authority (BA), South Norfolk County Council (SNCC) and Loddon (LPC) and Chedgrave (CPC) Parish Councils. The boatyard wishes to manage the Staithe and the liveaboards. They would charge boats £5 per night with this fee redeemable at participating Loddon businesses. BA currently manages the Staithe under the SLA with LPC: BA stated they would no longer want any responsibility if management went to the boatyard. It was suggested we speak to Ranworth and Salhouse Broads to see how they charge boats, manage etc. If liveaboards were moved from the Staithe, they could end up at The Common, which does not fall under BA. SNCC seems uncomfortable with the boatyard manager taking over - if he then left would the boatyard want to retain the responsibility? LPC will wait for SNCC response. The SLA is due in the Spring, at half the cost and it may be sensible to renew it for this year as there is a lot more discussion to take place before the management of the Staithe is resolved.

- 272 **Update on Stakepark.** The completion date has been put back. Local kids have vandalized the ramps etc using paint left out by Freestyle. AP confirmed Freestyle will put this right and that LPC should meet with them before the handover. MW raised the issue of puddles on the ramps and MR was concerned with the path leading directly onto Kittens Lane and that perhaps a fence needs to be put into place. RL questioned how safe/robust is the internal path.
- 273 **Update on appointment of Finance Officer.** The appointment of the first officer lasted 2.5 hours. The position has been offered to the second interviewee, and she will start next week with a handover before starting fully at 9 hours a week.
- 274 **TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS.** Barry Stone was absent and no report was received. CG provided his report. The football club needs to be spoken to as they have left out the dugouts which have been used by people apparently using drugs. The police have been informed.

While the phone mast at George Lane has received planning permission, it is not clear who is building this: CG will find out. SNCC has now set their budgets which will see an increase.

PLANNING

- 275 **a. 2018/2425: The Swan Inn: removal of stairway from first floor to attic, formation of smoking area, installation of new kitchen flue and sub-division of dining room to form new catering kitchen.** No decision was made and it was requested that we seek further clarity in respect of the plans and what is happening to the existing kitchen.
- 276 **b. 2019/0117:2 Church Plain: notification for prior approval for proposed conversion of former bank to café/restaurant.** The proposal is to convert the building to a high-quality restaurant and café. The applicant Robin Weatherall confirmed it would offer lunches and fine dining, opening 7 days a week from 8 to 5 and initially Friday to Sunday from 7 to 10. It would be called The Terrace and have between 32 to 36 covers inside and additional covers outside near to the road during the day. Concerns were raised as to whether Loddon required another food establishment, the potential for noise and the impact on car parking. It was also raised that a successful restaurant would be good for other food establishments and for the village. The owner also confirmed he would be looking to employ 6 full time and 12 part-time employees. LPC agreed they would not oppose the plans but would seek clarification in terms of the number of covers required (the plans said 72) and suggest that deliveries are completed by small vans.
- 277 **The following application/s have been approved:**
a.2018/2579: 32 Beck Way: single storey rear extension

PUBLIC FORUM

- 278 LPC confirmed they had not received any updates in respect of the roundabout for 3 months. It is understood that 52 houses have been sold. CG will try to get an update. It was asked if a bus stop could be put onto the A146. LPC are nervous about this both in terms of personal safety, slowing down traffic even more on a busy road and the potential effect of First Buses

reducing the future services through Loddon.

279 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Jarrett Plumbing & Heating Ltd	Inspection and service of heaters	£144.00
K J Williams	Works at Tennis Courts	£1095.00
British Gas (Direct Debit)	Gas – Library Annexe	£31.01
Staff	January Salaries	£1745.39
Norfolk Pension fund	January Contribution	£337.08
HMRC	January Contribution	£299.31
Anne Panella	Chairs for Library Annexe	£173.40
Elegance	Toilet Cleaning	£1088.00
Loddon Garden & DIY	Repairs to play area	£10.00
Inty Cascade Ltd	Office 365 Subscription	£11.28
	TOTAL	£4934.47

Resolved: Acceptance was proposed by MR and seconded by SG. Agreed by all.

- 280 **a.To consider request from Jubilee Hall Mngt Cttee for grant towards provision of container(further details emailed to Parish Councillors 29/01/19).** This is required to keep chairs and stage equipment. RL proposed we grant £250.

Resolved: Acceptance was proposed by MR and seconded by MW. All were in agreement.

- 281 **b.Small Grant Application; Loddon Cubs.**

Resolved: Acceptance was proposed by SG seconded by PC. Agreed by all.

TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

- 282 PC: The land outside the surgery needs to be tidied up. AP has been looking into this.
- 283 MR: Bridge Stores are now selling tokens for the showers. AP will look into getting professional signage.
- 284 MR: LPC is invited to attend a meeting in Chedgrave with CPC and the allotments on 14 March held by Bug Life who aims to help our natural insect pollinators.
- 285 MW: Confirmed the fire certificate for the new meeting room is 60 people.10 chairs had already been purchased and CG will fund another 50. AP confirmed the committee will meet re the meeting room once she has recovered from her broken wrist.
- 286 MW: Asked if you need a parking ticket if you use one of the electrical points in the car park. CG unaware
- 287 SG: LBPT now has 6 trustees but needs someone with a marketing eye. AP may know someone, she will pass details.
- 288 SG: BACT had a van vandalised. The press coverage has seen a series of

good donations towards the £1k damage.

289 **POLICE**

No report received.

TO RECEIVE LIST OF SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE and agree any necessary action (list as circulated)

290 In view of AP incapacity, the list was unavailable.

291 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS2019(all at 7.00pm in LPC offices unless stated)**

a.Thursday 14th March. Agenda items to Clerk by 27thFebruary

b.Thursday 11th April to include Annual Parish Meeting. Agenda items to Clerk by 3rd April.

Meeting ended 8.55pm.