

LODDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Loddon Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2019
at 7.00pm in The Library Annexe, Loddon

Present:

Kay Mason-Billig	(KMB)
Colin Binfield	(CB)
Jane Hale	(JH)
Gary Knights	(GK)
June Strickland	(JS)
Daniel Scott	(DS)
Steve Swanson	(SS)
Margaret Wallace	(MW)

In Attendance:

Anne Panella	(AP) Parish Clerk
Barry Stone	(BS) County Councillor (arrived 8.10pm)

WELCOME

29 The Clerk welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed that no-one wanted to record the meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

30 MW proposed JS as Chair and this was seconded by JH. All in agreement and JS was declared Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

31 MW proposed GK as Vice Chair and this was seconded by JH. All in agreement and GK was declared Vice Chairman.

CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

32 Three Loddon residents, Daniel Scott, Colin Binfield and Steve Swanson, have put their names forward for co-option. Each introduced himself and each was co-opted with immediate effect.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

33 Were received from D Hodds.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

34 None were received.

ELECTION TO COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND OUTSIDE REPRESENTATIVES

35 The following representatives were agreed:

Personnel Committee:	JH, GK, MW, JS
Playing Field Committee:	MW, CB
Highways/War Memorial:	JS, SS
Jubilee Hall Mngt Committee:	JH
Loddon & District Bus. Assoc:	JS

- 36 Sports and Leisure Committee, BACT and Waveney Valley Tourism: no longer required, agree to discontinue
- 37 In addition, the Hales Green Steering Group, which has not met for two years, has now reconvened and held a meeting on 7th May. JH will represent LPC on this committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11th APRIL 2019

Resolved: to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2019. Proposed by JS, seconded SS. All in agreement.

MATTERS ARISING

- 38 Skatepark: following a further site meeting the project has now been signed off and the balance is now payable with a 5% retention payable after 12 months. The RoSPA report for the site has now been completed and has only a small number of Low Risk items that require monitoring.
- 39 Bins for the site will be erected shortly. Discussion on the necessity for placing fencing around the entire site. The skatepark was provided as part of the facilities for the entire Playing Field to enable everyone to access freely. In addition, fencing in the past has not proved an obstacle to restricting access.
- 40 Re-routing of the bus from High Bungay Road: the bus company will carry out a consultation on this proposal but noted that it may result in some residents having to walk a much longer distance to a bus stop on the Beccles Road.

PLANNING

- 41 2019/0921: 4 Low Bungay Road: works to trees in conservation area. Fell fir tree
- 42 2019/0985: 5 Water Meadow Close: single storey rear and two-storey side extension. Noted there is a similar extension opposite side of road.

Resolved: to approve both the above Planning Applications. Proposed by MW, seconded by GK. All in agreement.

- 43 The following applications have been approved:
- a. 2019/0436 - 13 Cedar Drive: Erection of single-storey extension and new porch
 - b. 2019/0334 - Willowdale Barn, Mundham Road: conversion of outbuildings to form residential annexe
 - c. 2019/0509 – 5 Hawthorne Close: removal of existing conservatory and replace with single storey extension

PUBLIC FORUM

- 44 Hazardous Waste: recent incidents of needles being found within an area of the Churchyard; they have been cleared away but if there are further incidents to inform LPC.
- 45 Pedestrian Crossing: there are significant numbers of residents from the Taylor Wimpey site who walk into centre of Loddon. However, the Beccles Road is

particularly hazardous at school times and cars generally do not observe the speed limit. Suggested a refuge in the middle of road, opposite the vet, may help to alleviate the issue of crossing the road safely. Clerk to contact Highways for their views on this proposal. **AP**

FINANCE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

46	Talk Talk Direct Debit	Telephone	43.70
	Inty Cascade Direct Debit	Office 365 Subscription	£11.28
	Staff	April Salaries	£2044.82
	Norfolk Pension Fund	April Contribution	£370.58
	HMRC	April Contribution	£179.28
	Elegance	Staithe Toilet Cleaning	£1328.00
	SmartMeters	Shower Tokens	£132.00
	Eon	Electricity	£9.23
	British Gas	Electricity - Staithe	£303.26
	British Gas	Electricity	£400.85
	South Norfolk Council	Change in Rateable Value	£428.70
	South Norfolk Council	Business Rates	£1,393.97
	South Norfolk Council	Business Rates - Staithe Toilets	£166.40
	Freestyle	Skatepark	£15,783.00
	HTS Supplies	Supplies	£103.15
	Loddon Garden & DIY	Grass Cutting	£2404.95
	Allens Cadge & Gilbert	Land Registry – Toilets	£478.00
		TOTAL	£25,581.17

Resolved: to approve the above payments. Proposed by MW, seconded by JH. All in agreement

- 47 a. Proposed signage for Skatepark
Suggested format agreed but with the icons in red and overall the sign to be larger than suggested at 50 cms wide, 60 cms tall
- 48 b. Proposed amendments to Allotment Tenancy Agreement
Resolved: to accept the proposed amendments and noted that no cold frames/glass to be permitted. Proposed by JH, seconded by CB. All in agreement
- 49 c. Small Grants: request for £50 to Loddon & Chedgrave Carnival Committee to provide First Aid at the Annual Dog Show. **Resolved:** to grant £50. Proposed by SS, seconded by JH. All in agreement.
- 50 d. Additional Insurance Premium for Skatepark as discussed at previous meeting additional premium of £100.64 for potential damage to be added to insurance schedule for this year and to be reviewed at next renewal date.

TO RECEIVE, FOR INFORMATION, REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

51 LPC garage at Drury Lane: the opening/closing mechanism has jammed with the door open. Clerk to either request Saffron Housing (landlord) to repair or another contractor, as appropriate. **AP**

52 Tree works on land at junction of Filbert Road and Garden Court: Tree Warden at SNC has confirmed that an error was made by SNC when authorisation was sought to carry out works to one tree on this land. As a result a number of trees with TPOs have been severely cut back. SNC have yet to confirm what action will be taken;

LPC finds this unacceptable when other residents seek the proper permissions before carrying out any works to protected trees.

53 Wherrymans Way: it is still not clear what further works are to be carried out; recently yet another footbridge was closed and access denied. BS to seek a definitive answer on this issue, as the WW is a much valued visitor attraction. **BS**

54 Footpath behind the Swan: the short tarmacked area of the path exiting onto Sale Court has been badly damaged by the roots of a tree, since removed, in a neighbouring property. The path belongs to Hibbert & Key. JH will contact them to request an update on proposed action to make good the damage which is a hazard to pedestrians. **JH**

55 The Swan building works: these are due to commence shortly. Concern was noted for the historic wall which is likely to be removed as it is insufficiently stable to be built onto; the current path will be moved to run alongside the boundary wall of No. Sale Court with a low wall marking the boundary of the hotel accommodation.

56 Pyes Mill: concern from LPC and residents at the increasing number of live-aboards at both Pyes Mill and the Staithe. The Broads Authority had confirmed they were moving one boat but this has yet to be done. It was noted that the BA do not appear to be carrying out the work to fulfil the agreement that is in place between BA, SNC and LPC.

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

57 George Lane Roundabout: BS confirmed that the issue of the gas main has been resolved although it is not clear if the funding that had been in place from SNC and NCC is still available. Noted that the Loddon roundabout received no central government funding whilst the Hempnall roundabout, which has already commenced work, has done.

58 Mobile reception: although planning permission was granted several months ago for a mast to be erected on George Lane it has still not been provided even though SNC has provided £250K for 'not' spots within the District. Reception in Loddon is almost non-existent and residents would welcome a response to this lack of action.

59 KMB is Deputy Leader at SNC with responsibility for Shared Services, Waste & Recycling. She is also District Councillor for many of the parish councils in the area with a 4,500 resident elector ward. SNC is seeking a further £9 Million savings over three years and is proposing to replace social housing lost through the Right to Buy legislation.

POLICE REPORT

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

TO RECEIVE LIST OF SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE

61 Noted; many of the items have been discussed within the agenda.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS: all on Thursday at 7.00pm

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- a. Thursday 13th June. Agenda items to Clerk by 5th June
 - b. Thursday 11th July. Agenda items to Clerk by 3rd July

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm