

# LODDON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of Loddon Parish Council held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>  
December 2016, 7.00pm in The Library Annexe, Loddon

**Present:**

Anne Boles	(AB)	
John Bussens	(JB)	
Paul Clemence	(PC)	
Sarah Colman	(SC)	Vice Chair
John Coupe	(JC)	
Sophie Garrett	(SG)	
Gary Knights	(GK)	
Ray Lumley	(RL)	Chairman
Michael Roe	(MR)	
Margaret Wallace	(MW)	

**In Attendance**

Howard Keeling	(HK)	Finance & Projects Officer
Anne Panella	(AP)	Parish Clerk
Colin Gould	(CG)	District Councillor
Barry Stone	(BS)	County Councillor

## Action

### WELCOME

- 166 Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting; Parish Councillors, members of the public and the District and County Councillors.
- 167 It was confirmed no-one wished to record the meeting.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 168 Were received from J Strickland.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 169 None were received

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

- 170 **Resolved:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, with the above amendment. Proposed by MR, seconded by SC. All in agreement

### MATTERS ARISING

- 171 Bridge Street: Highways Dept at NCC have arranged for an Engineer to inspect the problems on Bridge Street and are proposing that work – which is yet to be clearly defined – is carried out in June 2017. NCC state the work will be unlikely to solve the problem of excess water and discharge of raw sewerage; this is the responsibility of Anglian Water and NCC have no jurisdiction to request that such work is carried out.
- 172 It was queried how the solution can now require only one weeks overnight

work when the previous proposal was to close Bridge Street for between four/six weeks. Clarification is required that the issues will be satisfactorily resolved with this new, revised, programme of works. A meeting with Highways Engineer is required.

**AP**

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR A DECISION**

173 2016/2165 Land at Beccles Road: This application was submitted previously with a recommendation to be taken to Planning Committee. This revised Application is for a revised access only. Following discussion no overall decision was agreed.

174 2016/2803 and 2804LB 13 Bridge Street: demolition of existing kitchen, replacement kitchen extension and associated works. As this only received today request an extension on date for submitting comments.

**AP**

175 The following applications have been approved by South Norfolk Council

- a) 2016/2428: 31 Mill Road. Works to trees in Conservation area.
- b) 2016/2101: Unit K, Little Money Road. Removal of Condition 2 of permission 1982/2721, retention of vehicle servicing and repair and MOT bay within existing unit.
- c) 2016/2546: Listed Building Consent, Library, Church Plain. Addition of key lock to external wall

### **CORRESPONDENCE WITH REGARD TO PLANNING MATTERS**

- 176
- a. To note that the Agreement is now in place to permit the Broads Authority to address the issue of long-term moorers at The Staithe
  - b. Works to trees in conservation area: Land at Davy Place. Reduce upper crown and dead branches

### **POLICE REPORT**

177 The new format Police report is not yet available but the Crime Statistics for Loddon during November have been provided; 2 incidents of Criminal Damage, 2 of Theft from a Vehicle and 1 Theft of a vehicle. LPC reported Criminal Damage where an air rifle was used to damage metal signs at the Jubilee Playing Field and a window at the Jubilee Hall was broken by use of an air rifle.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

178 Victorian Evening: the evening was a resounding success and particular comment was made regarding the lights around Market Place and along Bridge Street. The only complaints were in regard to the traffic; requests have been made to NCC in the past to close the road through Loddon but permission will not be given.

### **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

179 Thanks were extended to all the individuals and organisations that made the Victorian Evening so successful.

## FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

180 The following were presented for approval

Anne Panella	Clerk Salary (November)	£514.60
Howard Keeling	Finance Officer Salary (November)	£469.58
David Greeves	Littering Picking	£204.00
HMRC	PAYE (Month 8, 2016/17)	£520.22
LGPS	Pension Contributions	£276.04
Roberts & Son	Office Supplies	£55.20
Cozens UK Ltd	Christmas Lights	£2,160
Data Protection	Annual Subscription	£35.00
See the Difference!	Staithe Toilet Cleaning contract (November) and cleaning of bus shelters	£1,004.38
Adept IT	Solutions for IT provision	£828.00
Cozens UK Ltd	Lights for Bridge Street	£8,400.00
Irina Scales	Bulbs for planting around Loddon	£46.78
LCPAS	H&S Training	£50.00
TalkTalk	Telephone and Broadband	£37.95
Polydon	Repairs to Bus Shelter on High Bungay Road	£696.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£15,369.75</b>

Additional invoices for approval as follows:

181	Loddon Buildings Preservation Trust (rental)	£1,157.63
	Loddon DIY:	£286.00
	Cozens UK Ltd: repairs to lights	£89.52
	Footfall counters for Church Plain Toilets	£379.00

**GRAND TOTAL** **£17,281.90**

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

### PRECEPT 2017/18

182 An updated Draft precept was presented for information. Agreed to hold a second Precept meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm

### CHURCH PLAIN TOILETS

183 A revised Agreement was presented and agreed; this will be for a period of 6 months initially and then a rolling agreement of one month at a time. Costs for the running of the Toilets will be included in updated Precept papers for consideration in January.

### REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

184 Thanks were extended to AP and HK with the current significant workload with a reminder to request assistance when required.

185 Market Place: noted there is no 'No Through Road' sign for this road. To request advice on the process to obtain a sign from Highways.

**AP**

- 186 Royal British Legion: thanks to RL for arranging police cover for the Parade and also for the annual donation from LPC for Remembrance Day.
- 187 Traffic on A146: as previously, noted the increasing incidents of stationary traffic on this road and NCC providing no information.
- 188 Road Signs: both High Bungay Road and Poppy Close road signs have missing letters. **AP**
- 189 Defibrillator: on the wall by the entrance to the Co-op this has recently been used successfully.
- 190 Jubilee Hall: a part-time Caretaker/Admin Assistant has been appointed and takes up the post on 12<sup>th</sup> December.
- 191 George Lane: accessing from Filbert Road is hazardous due to the number of parked cars, particularly on the bend which could be addressed by extending yellow lines. Seek advice from Highways. **AP**
- 192 Staithe Toilets: JB has offered to 'make good' the doors both internal and external following the recent adjustments to the doors. **JB**

#### **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

- 193 George Lane development continues to generate debate but reiterated there has been no change from the Condition 17 of the Planning Permission in that the roundabout must be in place by the time the 125<sup>th</sup> house is occupied. Discussions are taking place with NCC and the developer with regard to design and issues with surface water and drains. The funds have been guaranteed and work will commence in Spring 2017.
- 194 The Boundary Commission has requested District Councils to review Ward boundaries so that by 2022 councillors will have an average 2500 electorate, up from 2100 currently. A new Ward – Loddon and Chedgrave – will be created and comprise: Loddon, Chedgrave, Langley with Hardley, Sisland, Hales, Heckingham, Raveningham, Norton Sub-Course and Stockton. Parish Council boundaries will be reviewed in 2017 and parish councils are being encouraged to consider merger or closer working arrangements with neighbouring villages. Agreed to hold an initial discussion with Hales & Heckingham Parish Council.
- 195 Devolution: this will not now go ahead as most councils, with the exception of South Norfolk and Broadland, voted not to proceed.
- 196 A new bus service for two routes - 85A and 86 - has been put in place with 85A only operating on college days.
- 197 Wherrymans Way: Work on the footpath in Chedgrave continues.
- 198 Children's Services at NCC: a new Director has been appointed; Ofsted have acknowledged modest improvements but remain critical in some areas of social work practice.

- 199 Gritting Programme for 2016/17: can be found at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/gritting](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/gritting)

#### **SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE**

- 200 The list as circulated was noted and no additional action required. Thanks were extended to P Whittaker for arranging and paying for the refurbishment of the village signs.
- 201 FaceBook: messages left on the LPC FaceBook page have become increasingly aggressive and defamatory with several recently containing explicit swearing and accusations of inappropriate behaviour by some individuals in the community. Advice was sought and LPC can restrict or remove the ability for any comments to be posted in particular where verbal abuse is directed at officers of the council or any other individuals within the community. It was noted that the FB page is likely in the incorrect format for an organisation; this will be changed in the near future with details of expected behaviours of those posting comments with sanctions of removing individuals who do not respect such requests.
- 202 Arts Centre use of Staithe Toilets: a more formal arrangement is now required, as the toilets lock automatically at 5.00pm, if the Arts Centre wish to have access to these toilets on the evenings they hold performances.

#### **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 203 Next two meetings as follows, commencing at 7.00pm
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Agenda items to Clerk by 4<sup>th</sup> January
  - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Agenda items to Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> January

**The meeting closed at 9.00 pm**