

LODDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Loddon Parish Council held in The Library Annexe on Thursday 14 July 2016 at 7:00pm

- Present:** Councillors Ray Lumley, Sarah Colman, John Bussens, Margaret Wallace, Sophie Garrett, June Strickland, Anne Boles, Michael Roe, John Coupe, Gary Knights and Paul Clemence
Also present were Christine Smith (clerk), Howard Keeling (Finance and Projects Officer), District Councillor Gould and Philip Whitehead from South Norfolk Council. Five members of the public also attended.
49. **Welcome** – Chairman Ray Lumley welcomed those present.
50. **Recording of Meeting** – it was CONFIRMED that no-one present wished to record the meeting
51. **Apologies** – were received and accepted from Parish Councillor Anne Boles and County Councillor Barry Stone
52. **Declarations of Interest** – none
53. **Previous Minutes** – the minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 8 June 2016 were circulated, APPROVED and signed
54. **Loddon Conservation Area Character Appraisal Draft** – Philip Whitehead, Listed Buildings Officer at South Norfolk Council, presented draft proposals for slight changes to the boundary of Loddon's Conservation Area. It was suggested that the boundary be extended along the river valley to include land north of the George Lane development site and at Pyes Mill.
55. **Planning Decisions** – the following decisions were NOTED:
- a) 2016/0741 - Mr And Mrs T Pickering, 32A Norton Road Loddon - proposed workshop and garage – APPROVED with conditions, delegated
 - b) 2016/0549 – Mr M Pointer, land south of 15 Norton Road, Loddon – Reserved Matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline planning approval 2014/2257 for one dwelling – APPROVED with conditions, delegated
 - c) 2016/1271 – Mr M Forder, 23 Filbert Road, Loddon – Oak (T1) – remove the three lower branches on the southeast side of the tree and the epicormics growth on the trunk – APPROVED with conditions, delegated
 - d) BA/2016/0127/HOUSEH – Dr Richard Wharton, 29A Norton Road, Loddon – alterations to existing outbuildings to provide a games room and garden room – APPROVED with conditions
BA/2016/0141/LBC – details as for 'd' above – APPROVED with conditions

- 56. Planning Applications** – the following applications were considered:
- a) 2016/1344 – Rodwell House, 3 Beccles Road, Loddon - Retention of a boundary fence erected between Rodwell House and Rodwell Cottage (retrospective) - APPROVE
 - b) 2016/1345 – Listed Building Consent in relation to Planning Application 2016/1344 (above) – APPROVE

The above applications required responses before the meeting; the clerk was delegated authority to respond with the council's view after consultation

- c) 2016/1443 – Listed Building Consent in relation to replacement windows at 1 Davy Place, Loddon (replace wooden front windows with Upvc) – REFUSE; the windows should be replaced like-for-like with wooden frames
- d) 2016/1398 – Mr Peter Hardy, 30 Norton Road, Loddon – proposed raising of existing hipped roof by 450mm on the right hand side of the elevation - APPROVE
- e) 2016/0853 – land north of George Lane, Loddon – submission of Reserved Matters from outline planning permission ref.2013/1647/O for a residential development of up to 200 dwellings – including appearance, scale, landscaping and layout – amended plans – APPROVE; no further comments
- f) 2016/1496 – Mr & Mrs T Coulby, Wood Farm, Bungay Road, Loddon – proposed two storey side extension - APPROVE
- g) 2016/1556/LB – Mrs Lesley Willcocks, 26 High Street, Loddon – proposed discharge of conditions 3,4 and 5 of Planning Consent 2015/1766 (single storey side extension) – materials, joinery and roof lights) – No comments due to lack of detailed information
- h) 2016/1557 – details as for (g) above (householder application) - No comments due to lack of detailed information

- 57. Planning Correspondence** – the following item was noted:

- a) Consultation on the Greater Norwich Local Plan – Sustainability Appraisal and Scoping Report

- 58. Police Report** – there was no police attendance at the meeting. A report summarising police activity in the area over the past month was tabled and NOTED

The meeting was adjourned for public participation at 7:32pm and reconvened at 7:42pm

- 59. Chair's Report** – the chairman reported that the Personnel Committee had appointed Anne Panella as clerk to the council and she would be starting shortly. He added a reminder to councillors that confidential information and reports received by parish councillors should be treated with the strictest secrecy and not discussed outside of the council.

- 60. Finance Report** – the finance officer had circulated a report of financial transactions; this was APPROVED and signed. There was a query on a payment to the Jubilee Hall for clearing glass from the hard courts; this would be further investigated.
- 61. Old Town Hall** – the completion of the sale of the Old Town Hall and receipt of payment, less selling expenses, was NOTED. A formal license for the Information Centre to occupy the lobby area free of charge for at least two years had also been received.
- 62. Electoral Review of South Norfolk** – this was explained by District Councillor Gould and NOTED
- 63. Loddon Town Estates Charity** – Charity Secretary Ann Lumley explained to the council that the Loddon Town Estates Charity was seeking to remove from its aims and objectives that it would annually offer payment to the parish council of two sevenths of annual surpluses. It had previously been agreed by the parish council in April 2007 that the council would decline the offered payment and return it to the Charity as a donation and that this arrangement would stand for perpetuity, therefore the proposed change would have no financial impact on the parish council. It was AGREED that this change be made, that the parish council would no longer require any offer of payment from the Charity and the parish council had no objections to the Charity changing its aims and objectives accordingly.
- 64. Loddon Community Gym Grant Request** – It was AGREED that a grant of £100 be made and that the gym be offered advice and support by the council on promoting its work and identifying other sources of funding.
- 65. Councillors' Reports** – Cllr Sarah Colman stated that she had been busy with the Personnel Committee working on the recruitment of the new clerk
Cllr Michael Roe reported that the footpath between Beccles Road and the Church was overgrown; the clerk stated that this problem had already been reported.
Cllr John Coupe noted that the drains in Bridge Street continued to overflow during spells of heavy rainfall. He also noted that survey work had been carried out on land off High Bungay Road which had been the subject of speculative planning enquiries.
Cllr Sophie Garrett stated that at a recent meeting of the Loddon and District Business Association there had been concern expressed about the impact of 'live-aboards' on local moorings and reports that the situation was getting worse.
Cllr Margaret Wallace noted that she had personal experience of problems with 'live-aboards'
Cllr June Strickland reported that she had attended a conference of the CPRE and had brought leaflets for the council office.
- 66. District and County Councillor's Reports** (for information) – County Councillor Stone's report was as circulated; District Councillor Gould's report was given verbally, including an update on new suggestions on stabilizing the

river bank under the Wherryman's Way footpath and issues over a Vodafone ariel on the Loddon Business Centre. Both reports were NOTED

- 67. **Correspondence** – a list as circulated was NOTED. The receipt of the RoSPA reports on the play equipment and skatepark were NOTED and concerns were expressed over the safety of the skatepark following a review of the report. It was AGREED that the councillors would inspect the area and would report their views to the council officers on how best to proceed.
- 68. **Next Meeting** – it was confirmed that the next scheduled meeting would take place on Thursday 8 September 2016 at 7pm (unless an additional meeting is required before that date)

The formal meeting ended at 9:00pm

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