

LODDON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of Loddon Parish Council held on Thursday 12th
January 2017, 7.00pm in The Library Annexe, Loddon

Present:

Paul Clemence	(PC)	
Sarah Colman	(SC)	Vice Chair
John Coupe	(JC)	
Sophie Garrett	(SG)	
Gary Knights	(GK)	
Ray Lumley	(RL)	Chairman
Michael Roe	(MR)	
June Strickland	(JS)	
Margaret Wallace	(MW)	

In Attendance

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

Action

WELCOME

204 Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting; Parish Councillors, members of the public and the District and County Councillors.

205 It was confirmed no-one wished to record the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

206 Were received from A Boles, J Bussens and B Stone (County Councillor)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

207 None were received

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 2016

208 **Resolved:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December. Proposed by SC, seconded by GK. All in agreement

MATTERS ARISING

209 Bridge Street: a request that the Parish Council receive the Engineers report following the inspection in late November and to have a site visit with Highways have, to date, gone unanswered. AP has raised a complaint with County Council due to the time taken to provide a solution to the problems on Bridge Street.

210 Staithe Toilets: the shower facility is now fully operational. The self-closing doors are still not working correctly; the contractor has been requested to visit the site and make good the defects.

A complaint has been raised by a customer that no toilet facilities were available at a recent event at Mill Arts. Environmental Health have confirmed that the venue should provide such facilities on site and not rely on the Staithe been available outside of normal hours, currently 7.00 am – 5.00 pm.

- 211 Church Plain Toilets: the Parish Council is now fully managing this facility. Footfall counters have been installed and, to date, show a total of over 800 visits in the past seven days. The owner of the Community Store opens the toilets each morning at 5.30am and closes at 5.30pm. Insurance premium is £152 per annum. A decision will be taken later in the year to decide if LPC will take on the permanent management of the facility. A consultation with residents will be undertaken.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR A DECISION

- 212 a) 2016/2803 13 Bridge Street: Demolition of existing kitchen extension, replacement kitchen extension and associated works. Approve. Proposed by JC, seconded by PC. All in agreement.

- 213 The following applications have been approved by South Norfolk Council

- b) 2016/2335 - 24 High Bungay Road. Dropped Kerb:
- c) 2016/2724 – Davy Place, works on trees in Conservation area.
- d) 2016/2771 – 12 Crossway Terrace. Single Storey extension

- 214 The following application has been refused:

- e) 2016/2165 - Land at Beccles Road to provide 4 self-build houses

- 215 CG confirmed that SNC now holds up to 16 years of building land in rural areas through the district.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH REGARD TO PLANNING MATTERS

- 216 Nothing has been received

POLICE REPORT

- 217 A total of 8 crimes were reported in the past month; arson, theft, burglary but no indication provided of the clear-up rate. The first edition of the Quarterly newsletter from the Police Engagement Officer is expected shortly.

PUBLIC FORUM

- 218 Clearing of leaves from pavements: the issue was raised as a risk for the elderly and those using buggies and mobility vehicles. CG agreed to raise with SNC.

CG

CHAIRMANS REPORT

- 219 Trees alongside stream beyond the Taylor Wimpey site: it was noted that the mature trees along the public footpath and stream are being cut down. Whilst the trees may be on private land permission would be required if within a Conservation Area. Photographs and an enquiry was sent to SNC through CG.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

220 The following were presented for approval

Anne Panella	Clerk Salary (December)	£926.80
Anne Panella	Clerk Expenses	£28.00
Howard Keeling	Finance Officer Salary (December)	£469.58
Howard Keeling	Finance Office Expenses	£586.81
David Greeves	Littering Picking	£192.00
HMRC	PAYE (Month 9, 2016/17)	£108.02
LGPS	Pension Contributions	£276.04
Roberts & Son	Office Supplies	£73.20
See the Difference!	Staithe Toilet Cleaning contract (December)	£670.79
Talk Talk	Telephone and Broadband	£38.10
Chairman's Allowance	Christmas Event	£76.75
Mr Townsend	Winding Church Clock	£150.00
Countrywide	Pest Control	£50.00
Eon	Electricity	£17.45
Merrick Hill	Insurance for ride-on mower	£195.00
Adept IT Solutions	Deposit for IT upgrade (whole amount approved in December)	£414.00
Loddon Town Estate Charity	Councillor Allowance	£138.00
TOTAL		£4,410.54

221 Additional invoices for approval as follows:

Loddon DIY:	£40.19
Came & Co: insurance for Church Plain toilets	£151.97
Society Local Council Clerks Annual Sub	£139.00

GRAND TOTAL **£4,741.17**

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

Agreed that the next Agenda will include the remainder of allocations for Councillor Allowances for 2016/17 for £138 per councillor **AP**

PRECEPT 2017/18

222 An updated Draft precept was presented for information for a total Precept of £71,574 which excludes the Support Grant of £5,959. The charge on a Band D property will be £78.14.

Resolved: to approve a Precept of £71,574 for 2017/18. Proposed by JS, seconded by SG. All in agreement.

REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

- 223 Tourism in the Waveney Valley: an event is to be held on Thursday 26 January, 3.30pm at the Swan in Harleston. JS will ask the Tourist Information Officer if she is able to attend.
- 224 Flying Tipping at the Jubilee Hall: reports have been received of household items being left here. CG to raise with SNC. **CG**
- 225 Anti-social behaviour around the Staithe: reports of visitors to the area being intimidated and threatened by some of the long term moorers on boats. It is understood that action is been taken, albeit slowly. One moorer has been fined whilst another is due in court shortly. Confirmation required of the terms of the Service Level Agreements in place between SNC and the Broads Authority and a meeting between the various organisations with regard to understanding the measures in place to address issues and why Bye Laws are not in place to allow prosecution of offenders. It was noted that the SLA at Pyes Mill will be in place only to September whilst at the Staithe it is a permanent arrangement. Concern raised that the liveboards will have a detrimental impact on the annual Fete; **AP**
- 226 The Broadcaster Advert for 2017: the total cost is £1250; LPC and LDBA will each pay £300. SG offered her Councillors Allowance of £138 leaving a balance of £112.
- 227 Social Networking session: to be held in Loddon Library, 7th February at 5.30 pm
- 228 Church Plain Toilets: article in Contact provides the details of the current arrangements and invites residents to make comment on the proposals that the Precept be used to finance the annual operating costs.
- 229 Junior School: funding for the 'Lollipop lady' has been withdrawn by NCC as the school is not on a main road. *Subsequent to the meeting funding has now been found to allow the retention of the 'Lollipop lady/man'.*
- 230 Jubilee Hall Management Committee: GK confirmed he has resigned as the LPC representative. If any councillor is interested in taking up the vacancy to notify the Clerk.
- 231 Old Container on Jubilee Hall field: currently being used for undisclosed purposes it is due to be removed on 20th January.
- 232 Christmas Lights on Bridge Street: confirmed that these are due to be removed by the end of the month and stored securely.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- 233 CG reported that SNC has set its budget that will result in a £5 per annum increased on a Band D property. Noted that SNC has sent out a budget consultation to all parish councils at this late date and correspondence, sent out this week after most parish councils have set their Precepts, that the charge for emptying doggy bins will increase from £65 per bin to £100.

- 234 The New Homes budget, payable by central government will, due to the changes in the criteria for payment, result in SNC not receiving several million pounds that had been expected.

SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE

- 235 The list as circulated was noted; some issues addressed previously in Agenda.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- 236 Next two meetings as follows, commencing at 7.00pm
- Thursday 9th February 2017. Agenda items to Clerk by 31st January
 - Thursday 9th March 2017 to include Annual Parish Meeting. Agenda items to Clerk by 28th February

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm