

# LODDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Loddon Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
at 7.00pm in The Library Annexe, Loddon

**Present:**

Paul Clemence	(PC)
John Coupe	(JC)
Sophie Garrett	(SG)
Gary Knights	(KK)
Ray Lumley	(RL)
Michael Roe	(MR)
June Strickland	(JS)
Steve Swanson	(SS)
Margaret Wallace	(MW)

**In Attendance:**

Colin Gould	(CG) District Councillor
Barry Stone	(BS) County Councillor
Anne Panella	(AP) Parish Clerk

## **WELCOME**

204 The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed that no-one wanted to record the meeting. The Chair requested that all discussion and comments during the meeting should be directed through the Chair

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

205 Were received from David Bingham, Peggy Fulleylove and Howard Keeling

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

206 None were received.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

207 Minute 196: should read £260.77

**Resolved:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 with the above amendment. Proposed by RL, seconded MW. All in agreement.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

208 Minute 187: the work has been carried out to the War Memorial in readiness for Remembrance Sunday. It was noted that the church and churchyard are looking wonderful with the poppies, profiles and wreathes, all of which will all be moved to Haddiscoe church on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

209 Minute 202c: noted that the work on the footbridge at Pyes Mill has been completed, however, the gate and fencing are deemed unsuitable and will not prevent cows from wandering into the field opposite the Marina. It was noted that the farmer has now removed his cows from the field and a suggestion has been made that the permissive

path currently in place on the field may be removed, making the new fencing and gate redundant.

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

- 210 Children's Centres: BS clarified the current rumours; of the 49 centres around the County, four will be closed, seven (one for each District area and for Norwich) will be retained as a Hub where outreach work can be conducted and the remaining 42 will stay open but not operate the breadth of functions currently available.
- 211 George Lane Roundabout: discussions continue with the developer who are still unable to provide a plan that is acceptable to County and meets the Highways regulations. It was confirmed that NCC cannot, at this stage, take back the building of the roundabout, it must remain with the developer as this was part of the original planning permission.
- 212 Wherrymans Way: the path from Chedgrave Common to the Hide has now been reinstated but BS said it is unlikely that NCC will reinstate the path beyond the Hide nor will the bridges be replaced due to lack of funds. However, he will seek further clarification as this is not what both LPC and Chedgrave Parish Council were informed would be the outcome when work commences.
- 213 Blocked Drains in Loddon: at least 50% of the drains in the village are blocked and with winter approaching and heavy leaf fall further unnecessary flooding is likely to occur.
- 214 Elections 2019: the election will see boundary changes within South Norfolk; 26 Wards with 48 councillors. 11 single Wards, the remainder 2, 3 or 5-Member Wards.
- 215 Broadland and South Norfolk: Trevor Holden has been appointed the MD of the newly merged Councils from January. The current Chief Executives will both retire. However, both Councils will, for the foreseeable future, maintain their separate names, branding and offices.

### **PLANNING**

- 216 No Planning Applications or Decisions have been received from South Norfolk Council.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

- 217 Land on Old Market Green: this has recently been sold for £11,000. Residents report contractors sent to provide quotes for removal of trees, which are covered by Tree Protection Orders. The Tree Warden at SNC will arrange for notices to be displayed by the site. It was noted that any work on this site may encroach onto the Jubilee Hall Playing Fields.
- 218 Loddon Marina: further difficulty in getting long vehicles down George Lane (or Bridge Street) and into the Marina entrance due, according to the Marina, to the post that has been installed at the top of the drive within the pavement to stop anti-social parking. Highways are aware of the post and gave permission for its installation. The Marina proposes to remove the wall that is on their land but runs along the boundary of the Kings Head carpark. A security drop-post has been suggested but, to date, agreement has not been reached between both parties. CG will talk to the businesses involved to find a mutually acceptable solution.

- 219 Drain Cover by Co-op: this has been reported to Highways but, to date, no repairs have been conducted and the cover has become further corroded. Clerk to report again and chase for an urgent response. **AP**

**FINANCE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

220	Eon	Electricity - Pyes Mill	£6.59
	Saffron Housing Trust	Garage Rental	£52.00
	Dragon Securities	Maintenance Contract: Staithe toilets	£108.00
	nPower Business	Electricity - Staithe Toilets	£59.22
	Mortimer & Young	Shower repairs	£132.00
	Vital Pest Solutions	Mole services, hockey field	£59.98
	Leslie Lipton Limited	Skate Park Payment No. 4	£29716.02
	Boyd Sport & Leisure Ltd	Centre Straps for Tennis nets	£40.80
	LPC Employees	October Salaries	£2022.18
	Norfolk Pension fund	October contribution	£337.08
	HMRC	October contribution	£309.11
	TalkTalk	Telephone & Broadband	£43.70
	Tas Valley Fire (UK) Ltd	Fire Extinguisher Service	£57.00
	K J Williams	Reinstatement of bench & bin	£375.00
	H. Keeling for Church Buying Group	Gopak Tables for Hall	£260.77
	Post Office Limited	Postage Stamps	£67.00
	See the Difference!	Cleaning at Staithe toilets	£1805.96
	Loddon DIY	Grass Cutting	£2608.87
	Wayne Bartrum	PAT Testing, Christmas Lights	25.00
	INTY Cascade	Office 365 subscription	£11.28
	South Norfolk Council	Business Rates (LPC offices)	£178.00
	South Norfolk Council	Business Rates (Staithe toilets)	£570.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£38,275.56</b>

221 Invoices received after despatch:

- a. Donation to RBL for Remembrance Day Wreath - £18.50
- b. Cable ties for Christmas Lights - £79.08

**GRAND TOTAL £38,373.14**

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

- 222 a. Small Grant application from Victorian Evening committee: £130 to help towards costs for the evening on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Resolved:** to approve request for £130. Proposed by PC, seconded by SG. All in agreement

- 223 b. Victorian evening: use of Library Annexe for activities: agreed the organising committee will have access to the Annexe; Punch & Judy will be held in the room at rear of building. Staithe toilets will be kept open longer on the evening.

- 224 c. Pyes Mill SLA: to discuss options for 2019/20: the annual fee of £1,500 has not provided the results envisaged. It was noted that although LPC informs

the BA of boats overstaying, or live-aboards, little or no action is taken. The reason stated is that imposing fines on those who cannot or will not pay is a waste of resources. The Marina had made proposals for the management of boats in the area; following discussion agreed to arrange a meeting with SNC/BA/LPC and Loddon Marina to discuss whether the Marina proposals would be acceptable to all parties and could be implemented in full or part.

#### **TO RECEIVE, FOR INFORMATION, REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

- 225
- a. Skatepark: work has halted until further materials arrive from China. The Tree Warden, who has sourced some free shrubs and trees, will with two other volunteers arrange the planting in the next few weeks. They need to be of sufficient size so they are not vandalised.
  - b. Bollards on Poppy Close to Homebred Lane: the bollards are so far apart that cars are now driving through what is a pedestrian-only area with the potential for an accident
  - c. Loddon Buildings Preservation Trust: SG is now a Trustee and the focus will be on creating the Hollies as a major venue for Loddon
  - d. BACT: urgently require volunteer drivers
  - e. Jubilee Hall: now has three more Trustees. The application for funds towards a container, which will be considered by the Playing Field Committee, to also be included on the December LPC agenda
  - f. Police: a new Beat Manager for the area has been appointed and will take up duties in January
  - g. Buses to/from Loddon: observed that there is growing incidents of buses either arriving/leaving late or not at all

#### **POLICE**

- 226 Police informed that the monthly report has been delayed and will be provided by mid-November. The drug dealing/taking that was evidenced on the Playing Field was reported to the Police, but they did not attend.

#### **TO RECEIVE LIST OF SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE**

- 227 The correspondence was noted and no further action required; a number of the issues are being resolved.

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

- 228
- a. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Agenda items to Clerk by 3<sup>rd</sup> December
  - b. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Agendas items to Clerk by 2<sup>nd</sup> January
  - c. Schedule of meetings for 2019 was accepted
  - d. Precept meeting will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Apologies from JC and SS

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm