

# Loxley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Loxley School on Thursday 4th July 2019 at 19:30pm

Present: Glynn Jones, Chair (GJ), Justin Whitehorn (JW), Dan Bake (DB), Ken Osborne (KO), Karen Parnell - Clerk

Other attendees: Three members of the public were present. Richard Parsons also sent his apologies.

**1. To receive apologies**

Peter Gregory Hood

**2. Declaration of interests in any item on the agenda**

Cllr Whitehorn regarding planning at Oldborough Barn

**3. To approve the minutes of the LPC meeting held on 05-06-19**

Agreed as a true record and signed as such by the chairman

**4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not covered in the agenda**

None

**5. To receive any questions or representations from the public**

The future of the Fox Inn was discussed. DB suggested the public submit e mail addresses to the steering group to receive updates. Around seventy forms have been completed and returned in support of the pub. Community fundraising is taking place. A presentation to the community by the Steering Group will be held on funding models on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July.

**6. District and County Councillors update (IS/PO'D)**

Not present

**7. Clerk's Report**

- Confirm payments & receipts

Payments:

Thomas Fox £ 179.93 x 2 Avon Planning £ 828.00 \*MJD Hughes (surveyor) £ 1200.00

**Action: \*Cheque held until works undertaken have been clarified – GJ**

Plunkett Foundation (Richard Parsons) £ 75.00

- Financial update  
All financial information is up to date at the time of handover to the clerk following the successful completion of the internal audit and financial returns.

- Requirements/process for advertising Council vacancy  
Advertising and appointing a co-opted councillor was discussed.  
**Action: GJ to promote the vacancy within the village, including advertising on the noticeboard and website.**

## 8. Housing and Planning

- Planning decisions made / applications received since the last meeting  
Cllr J Whitehorn regarding solar panels:  
Application granted with conditions at SDC Planning Committee.
- NDP update – discussion of feedback from SDC on submission  
Now out for consultation. Comments will be forthcoming from SDC. A referendum will take place later this year. Circa £ 1200.00 is still available from grant funding.

## 9. The future of the Fox Inn

- To consider reports / funding requests from the Fox Inn Steering Group  
The subject was discussed at length. A temporary manager is in situ for 11 weeks. Public meetings are taking place and funding and shares are considerations. The viability of the business was discussed as was the extent to which the PC could be involved. The National Loan Fund criterion for decision was explained. The PC remains supportive but much further information is required.

## 10. Environment

- Options for purchasing park bench - discussion of email sent by DB detailing  
DB has procured information regarding a preferred wooden bench which will be forwarded to councillors to select an option which the clerk will then order assuming that there is a consensus, otherwise will be brought forward to next meeting. The Council will also further consider options for placing a seat by the bus stop.  
**Action: DB to (re) email details of bench options (Cllrs and Clerk to action)**

- Footpath clearance – options for clearing overgrown footpaths  
A few green spaces in the village are not being maintained and residents are mowing them. Ownership of the land and WCC involvement need to be established.  
**Actions: Clerk to ask Wellesbourne PC whether Loxley PC still has involvement with the Lengthsman Scheme and clarify if scheme is still operational.**  
**Clerk to ask IS about on-going WCC work relating to footpath clearance.**
- Update from WCC on recent survey of Loxley drainage system  
DB (and Richard Parsons) met with WCC to discuss the drainage system. The Flood Engineer and Highways Officer were involved in the survey. A blockage needs to be cleared for an area to be resurveyed. Brick culverts could be in place in due course. This matter is ongoing.  
**Action : GJ to invite RP to update on discussions with WCC at the next meeting**
- IS not available to update on traffic calming ‘safer routes’ scheme.  
**Action : GJ to contact IS to discuss safer routes scheme.**

#### **11. Correspondence**

The Chairman and Clerk agreed and signed the contract of employment.

#### **12. Matters of interest**

Pads and a battery for the defibrillator need replacing. DB investigating. Also need to arrange for next play area inspection

**Action: Clerk to arrange for next play area inspection.**

PC priorities for the year to be discussed at the September PC meeting.

**Action: Clerk to place previously agreed Council priorities on - or circulate with -  
Summons for September**

#### **13. Dates of next meetings : Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 / Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Meeting closed 9.00pm