

LOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT LOXLEY SCHOOL ON 27 OCTOBER 2014 AT 7:30 PM

PRESENT: G Jones (Chairman), D Sutherland, K Osborne, P Gregory-Hood, P Jennings

IN ATTENDANCE: R D Armstrong (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from I Seccombe.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Councillors were reminded that they are required to disclose an interest in any item on the Agenda.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2014 were read and approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Traffic Calming

The Clerk reported that no further progress had been made with the project. A further approach will be made to the Traffic & Road Safety team at Warwickshire County Council to move the project forward.

4.2 Blue Lane Parking Area

The Clerk reported that County Highways had been unable to help with this matter and had referred us to SDC. Angela Lloyd from Streetscene has contacted LPC to recommend against the installation of a litter bin as this may attract unwanted dumping of litter. It was agreed to continue monitoring of the parking area to better understand the scale of the litter problem.

4.3 Hilltop

The Clerk reported that Jeff Morris at County Highways has advised that the parking area outside numbers 1-7 Hilltop is adopted highway and that it will continue to be used as a footpath and parking area. Orbit Housing Association had further advised that they will not be pursuing the sale of the land to the residents.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that on 2 October 2014, the Parish had reconciled cash funds of £35147.07 held with Lloyds TSB Bank.

The following payments were approved :

R D Armstrong	Padlocks	£10.40
R D Armstrong	Clerk's Salary	£500.00

5.2 Retrospective Confirmation of Payments

The Council confirmed retrospectively the following payments that had been made since the last meeting :

Thomas Fox Landscaping	Grass mowing	£264.00
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6. Community Forum

The December Forum meeting will be replaced by a 'Meet the Leaders' Partnership Conference which will offer the opportunity to raise questions to the panel of speakers which will include Izzi Seccombe, Leader of Warwickshire County Council, Chris Saint, Leader of Stratford District Council as well as representatives from the Police & Crime Commissioners Office, West Midlands Ambulance Service and South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group. The date of this meeting is to be confirmed.

The Forum will meet on the following date and members agreed to attend as indicated :

Tuesday 10 March 2015 St Modwens Community Centre K Osborne

7. Housing Needs Survey

G Jones reported Sarah Brooke-Taylor of WRCC had visited the proposed sites and had prepared a report to the Council. WRCC will be asked in due course to approach the owners of the sites to assess whether they would be interested in developing them in partnership with a housing association.

8. Planning

8.1 Planning Applications

The Clerk provided an update concerning currently active planning applications :

14/01586/FUL	Home Farm, Loxley	Withdrawn
14/01262/FUL	Stonecroft, Stratford Road, Loxley	Granted
14/02310/TPO	Glebe Farm, Stratford Road, Loxley	Withdrawn
14/02224/FUL	Home Farm, Loxley	Pending decision
14/02382/FUL	Loxley Farm, Stratford Road, Loxley	Pending decision
14/02388/LBC	Loxley Farm, Stratford Road, Loxley	Pending decision
14/02448/TPO	Glebe Farm, Stratford Road, Loxley	Pending decision

8.2 Neighbourhood Development Plan

G Jones announced that an initial meeting of the Neighbourhood Development Plan team was being arranged to take place on 29 October 2014 to discuss the formulation of a plan. The findings of the team will be submitted to the Council and considered for adoption.

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the process surrounding the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan. G Jones will report progress to the Council at the next meeting.

9. Playing Field and Playground

P Jennings reported that weed killer had been applied to the problem areas of the playground and that this was proving to be effective. A quotation is being obtained for the supply of a membrane and bark chippings to be applied in the playground.

Competitive quotations are also being sought for the provision of playground equipment as discussed at the Council meeting on 7 July 2014.

D Sutherland suggested that as many children as possible from the village are included in the selection process of equipment. D Sutherland and P Jennings will schedule a meeting with the children to discuss the options available. The Clerk will arrange for Loxley School to be available as required.

K Osborne mentioned that several maintenance issues existed at the playground, including rotting of the retainers surrounding the areas of bark and fence posts.

10. Correspondence

The Clerk mentioned several items of email which had been received since the last meeting.

11. Any Other Business

D Sutherland informed the meeting that she had undertaken detailed enquiries concerning the installation of a defibrillator in the village. The British Heart Foundation will provide a grant of £400 to assist in the purchase and installation of such a unit. The Council will include provision of funding for the unit in the 2015/16 budget. D Sutherland will provide a further update at the next meeting.

P Gregory-Hood will purchase an appropriate gift for P Morris and W Gadd to mark their years of service to the Council and the community. A gathering will take place at Loxley Hall on 8 December 2014 when the gift will be presented.

K Osborne requested that an agenda item be included for the next meeting to discuss the replacement for the road sign on the triangle which was damaged last year.

The Clerk requested that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting be changed to take place on 15 April 2015 and this was agreed.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 8 December 2014 at 6:30 pm at Loxley School.

The meeting closed at 21:30.