

# **LOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT LOXLEY SCHOOL ON 16 MARCH 2015 AT 7:30 PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: R D Armstrong (Clerk)

### **1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **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 28 January 2015 were read and approved as a correct record.

### **4. Matters Arising**

#### **4.1 Traffic Calming**

The Clerk reported that no response had been received from WCC Traffic & Road Safety Group to provide a progress report for this evening's meeting. I Seccombe undertook to follow the matter up.

K Osborne also reported that he had been in contact with G Morris and G Stanley from WCC to explore the possibility of installing traffic lights at the narrowing of Wellesbourne Road. The sign originally located on the triangle can be relocated to the village green and should contain the same wording as before.

#### **4.2 Blue Lane Parking Area**

Monitoring of the parking area continues and all incidents of litter or fly tipping are being noted by K Osborne. It was suggested that a 'cleanup day' could be organised to encourage residents to meet at the site and clear any litter present.

#### **4.3 Community Right To Bid**

The Clerk reported that an application had been submitted to SDC to designate The Fox Inn as an Asset of Community Value. The result of this application will be reported to a future meeting.

#### **4.4 Grit Bins**

No progress since the last meeting.

#### 4.5 Election Timetable

The Clerk reminded members that a period of *election purdah* would begin on 23 March and would end on the day following the local elections. Members were asked to refer to the advice given in the election timetable circulated last month.

#### 4.6 Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk reported that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting had been moved to 27 May 2015 in order to best fit with the availability of all concerned..

### 5. Finance

#### 5.1 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that on 2 March 2015, the Parish had reconciled cash funds of £33784.05 held with Lloyds TSB Bank.

The Clerk provided a breakdown of the items included under the budget heading *Other* as requested by G Jones at the last meeting.

#### 5.2 Payments to be Approved

The following payments were approved :

Getmapping PLC	Mapping subscription	57.60
Warwickshire County Council	Grass cutting	392.10
Warwickshire County Council	Hire of school	108.00
R D Armstrong	Salary	500.00
Grapevine Account	Parish magazine	140.00

#### 5.3 Retrospective confirmation of payments

There were no retrospective payments made since the last meeting.

### 6. Community Forum

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

9 June 2015	G Jones & D Sutherland
15 September 2015	K Osborne & D Sutherland
1 December 2015	P Jennings & P Gregory-Hood
1 March 2016	To be advised

### 7. Planning

#### 7.1 Planning Applications

The Clerk provided an update concerning currently active planning applications :

15/00083/TPO	Glebe Farm, Stratford Road, Loxley	Granted
15/00142/FUL	Stonecroft Cottage, Stratford Road, Loxley	Granted
14/02224/FUL	Home Farm, Loxley	Appeal lodged

## **7.2 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

G Jones reported that meetings of the Neighbourhood Development Plan group had been held and the proceedings were discussed at length. G Jones reported that the key findings of the Group would be reported to the Council and be published on the village web site.

The NDP Group had also met with SDC and discussions were on-going to clarify the appropriateness of Loxley being designated as a Local Service Village. The NDP Group would report the outcome of a further meeting with SDC for the Parish Council to decide on the merits of an appeal which would need to be lodged within the next couple of months.

G Jones reported that he had attended a training session on 2 March which proved to be very informative and it will be possible to deliver the same training internally to all members in due course. G Jones will in due course circulate dates with a view to arranging a session on planning and also to discuss the forthcoming annual meeting with the community

## **8. Playing Field and Playground**

P Jennings reported that the planned replacement of the bark chippings and membrane would be delayed due to materials being unavailable. The presentation of the proposed new playground equipment to the children of the village will be rescheduled accordingly.

P Jennings reported that a new supplier had been approached to provide equipment for the playground and a quotation will be produced for consideration by members.

P Jennings requested that the Clerk make efforts to delay the planned playground inspection in order that the bark chippings would be laid before this was carried out.

## **9. Correspondence**

J Francis has agreed to act as the Council's internal auditor for a further year.

The Stratford WALC Parish and Town Council Liaison Meeting will be held on 23 June 2015 at Elizabeth House. K Osborne will attend to represent LPC.

The Clerk mentioned several items of email which had been received since the last meeting and have been forwarded to members to consider.

## **10. Any Other Business**

D Sutherland reported that the purchase and installation of the defibrillator had been postponed as a result of the closure of The Fox. It was hoped that the premises would reopen at the end of April and that the matter could be addressed again at this point.

G Jones suggested that specialists be approached to review the status of our arboreal stock and report any remedial work required. The Clerk will contact Mr Sheasby.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 18 May 2015 at 19:30 at Loxley School.

The meeting closed at 21:15.