



Neighbourhood Plan

This week Chichester District Council has notified all people that corresponded with them on the Neighbourhood Plan of the adoption of the Plan ("made" in the jargon). The following key paragraphs have been copied from the letter received.

2.4 On 25 June 2015, the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan successfully passed its referendum with 98% of the votes agreeing that Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan be used in Development Management decision making.

Chichester District Council



3. Conclusion

3.1 It is therefore confirmed that the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan 2013 to 2029, Submission Plan (incorporating Examiner's modifications and all modifications as per the Decision Statement), complies with the legal requirements and basic conditions set out in the Localism Act 2011, and as a result of Full Council resolution of 14 July 2015 has been 'made'.

3.2 In accordance with Regulation 20 of the 2012 Regulations, Chichester District Council has published the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan on its website together with details of when and where it can be inspected and has requested that Loxwood Parish Council publish the Neighbourhood Plan on the Parish website and publicise the fact in the local Parish magazine and the Loxwood Society newsletter. The Council has also notified all persons who asked to be notified of the making of the plan and when and where it can be inspected.

However, the problems continue with the developer of the site south of Loxwood Farm Place in that he has appealed CDC's refusal of his application and the government Inspector heard the case in early September 2015. The decision is still awaited and will be recovered by the Secretary of State.

Following the second referendum the developer raised a third Judicial Review and thus the NP is now the subject of two outstanding judicial reviews. If the judicial reviews are successful in any of the points raised in the High Court, the likely outcome will be that the judge will quash the referendum which will result in the entire NP being subject to a third rerun of the consultation, examination and referendum.

This continuing battle between developer and CDC has placed a heavy burden on the volunteers supporting the plan in the village. CDC has also had to allocate £30,000 of council tax payer's money to employ a legal team to help defend the NP at both the Appeal and Judicial Review. The whole process is tying up an inordinate amount of CDC officer time, effort and energy. However, the NP has not changed and the residents' democratically expressed wishes remain the same, to exclude the developer's site in favour of the two sites in the NP that will provide the housing numbers necessary to meet CDC's Local Plan requirements.

If the developer wins either at the Appeal or at Judicial Review, it could be the death of neighbourhood planning both within the Chichester district and nationally. Democracy will be diminished if developers can exploit the legal system to achieve their objectives. The above points, together with some background information, have been put in a press release from the Loxwood Society and sent to the local newspapers.



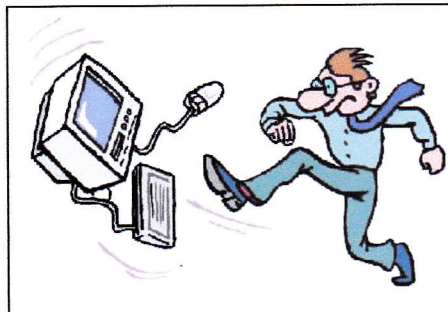
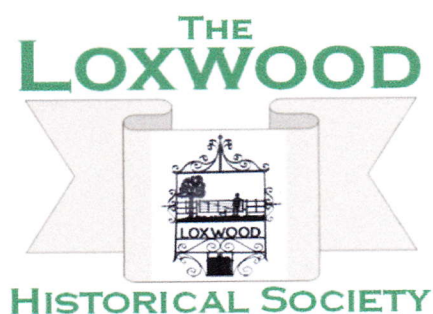
A Date for your Diary

The 2016 village fete will be held on Saturday 11th June. This date is also the official day to mark the Queens 90th birthday. The fete will surely have a royal theme but also there are moves in the village to have an evening event in North Hall to celebrate the occasion. The idea is only embryonic at present but put the date in your diaries to join in the fun.

The Loxwood Historical Society AGM & Exhibition

This will be held at North Hall on Friday 20th November at 7.30pm. Come along for a chat and see a display of items collected over the past year.

Free admission.



In our April issue we canvassed the idea of running Computer Classes for Beginners, in response to suggestions made in the Community Led Plan Survey a couple of years ago. Unfortunately, the response has been insufficient to justify the scheme going ahead.

Keep Loxwood clear of dog fouling.



A gentle reminder

You love your Dog

Clean up the its mess where ever it be

Use plastic bag or scoop,

Take it home or put it in a Dog bin

But please don't not hang it in a tree

Then we will love **you**.

PS make sure your children do likewise if they walk the dog