

LOXWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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An ordinary meeting of Loxwood Parish Council was held at 7:30 pm on Monday 10th November 2008 in St John the Baptist Church Room, Loxwood.

Present: Parish Councillors: Alison Sanderson (Chairman), Mirus Kuszel, Elizabeth Dugdale, Sacha Pawley, Howard Thomas and David Townsend.

Also present: County Councillor Chris Duncton.
Jenny Hartley – Clerk to the Council

103/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Charlie Whitmarsh, Scott Taylor and District Councillor Brian Hooton.

ADJOURNMENT:

- QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- Point rose regarding lack of information on minutes for those who didn't attend the last meeting. Cllr Sanderson informed all that Clerk was absent at last meeting.
- Update given by Cllr Chris Duncton regarding St Richards Hospital. 'Fit for the Future' scheme has been shelved. It is understood that St Richards will stay as a major Hospital. 3 Hospitals may combine services to serve the area in a far more comprehensive manner. District are with holding their challenge at this point.

104/08 Declaration of Interests - None

105/08 Approval of Minutes from previous PC meeting held on 6th October 08.

Signing of minutes proposed: Cllr .Mirus Kuszel; Seconded: Cllr Alison Sanderson.

106/08 Matters Arising from the Minutes - None

107/08 Loxwood Bridge

Cllr Sanderson informed all that the Clerk has been working tirelessly to sort this issue in a non-aggressive manner. The Parish Council is in close contact with Wey and Arun Canal Trust, WSCC and CDC Planning and Enforcement to try to move this issue forward, It was re-iterated that the Parish Council support the Health and Safety issues relating to the height of the barriers but feel the style and materials used are no in-keeping with the village of Loxwood.

The question of the 'Adoption' period for the bridge was raised ay which point Cllr Sanderson invited Peter Foulger from Wey and Arun Canal Trust to speak.

Mr. Peter Foulger informed all that the Adoption period ends on October 2009. WSCC are meeting with Wey and Arun Canal trust for try to move this issue forward. It is up to WSCC to make suggestions with regard to the materials/styles as they are ultimately responsible for the upkeep once the bridge is adopted. Mr. Foulger finished his talk with reminding members that Wey and Arun Canal Trust has done lots for the village of Loxwood.

County Councillor Mr. Chris Duncton informed members he had indeed lost count of the sheer number of emails involved in this particular issue. In fact he felt he had never seen such a response. In particular he felt that whoever WACT WATCH were, they had undermined his position. At this point, the issue of the bridge has gone above what he could do for the village. His personal opinion was that it is completely out of character for the village of Loxwood.

Member of the Loxwood Society – Mr. Len Milsom asked for the timings are for Planning/Enforcement. Mr. Peter Foulger informed that it is the standard 28 days, with extension for appeal due to the discussions with WSCC.

Mr. Len Milsom informed members that Loxwood Society are seeking to help in moving this issue forward.

Cllr Howard Thomas raised a point that the Parish Council should send a message to villagers to also see this issue as a selling point; it may bring 20 or so new visitor to the village each month, so this could also work as a selling point for local people.

Cllr Alison Sanderson informed members there will be an article in the Parish Council newsletter showing all views – including the positive.

Cllr Alison Sanderson asked if there were any further question regarding the Bridge. None.

County Cllr Chris Duncton informed members of the Waste Plant at Warnham will be converted into energy by 2011. This will aid in reducing waste to landfill.

108/08 Planning Matters

LX08/04080/DOM – Old Farm House, Roundstreet Common, Loxwood. RH14 0AL.

No objection.

LX08/03795/DOM – Bonnington Farm, Drungewick Lane, Loxwood. RH14 0RS.

No objection.

LX08/04407/CPO – Loxwood Primary School, Nicholsfield, Loxwood. RH14 0SR

Cllr David Townsend declares an interest in this item (left the meeting).

No objection, however this application gave concerns of flooding from the school grounds which may be worsened by this application.

109/08 Financial Matters

(i) Report handed to members by Clerk – see attached sheet.

Payments for approval:

17.09.08	Loxwood PCC (Graveyard)	£300.00
17.09.08	A. Sanderson Chairman's Allowance	<u>£ 20.00</u>
		<u>£320.00</u>

Payments for approval:

7.11.08	SALC (Governance File)	£ 20.00
7.11.08	NH Mothers & Toddlers	£ 220.00
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7.11.08	NH Hire of Committee Rm	£ 400.00
7.11.08	WSCC Newsletter	£ 218.71
7.11.08	WSCC Newsletter	£ 153.00
7.11.08	WSCC Newsletter	£ 23.57
7.11.08	Playsafety Playgrounds (Inspection)	£ 97.53
7.11.08	Play Safe Playgrounds (Repair Swings)	£ 99.88
7.11.08	Play Safe Playgrounds (Top up/remedial wk)	£3063.23
7.11.08	Sarah Lane (Audit)	£ 110.16
7.11.08	Clerk September Expenses	£ 79.26
7.11.08	Clerk Oct Expenses	<u>£ 161.70</u>
		<u>£4847.04</u>

Members were informed the reasons for the 3 invoices to WSCC (Newsletter) was due to the fact that the bill was constantly being sent to the wrong address. Members were also informed of the delay in some payments being due to the cheque books having been with the Auditor.

(ii) PAYE Update - Clerks Salary for Sept/Oct will be invoiced at end Nov 08. Members informed of the PAYE system to be used via WSCC. All agreed in favor.

Finances Proposed: Cllr Howard Thomas and Seconded Cllr Sacha Pawley.

(iii) Budget Committee agreed: Cllr Alison Sanderson, Cllr David Townsend and Cllr Sacha Pawley. Clerk for that meeting Jenny Hartley. Clerk to set up meeting date.

(iii) Other Financial Matters

Cllr Elizabeth Dugdale raised the issue of the South East Plan/Affordable Housing. Should we have a £500 contingency plan for the use of Edward Gittins to cover until the end of the financial year.

Cllr Alison Sanderson informed it may not be possible for this financial year, but can be considered at the Budget meeting in December. Update will be given after the meeting.

Cllr Elizabeth Dugdale gave an update to members on the North Hall Refurb situation.

An Architect has now been appointed although plans/survey cannot begin until January 2009. It was requested the £13,500 allocated for the North Hall refurbishments be carried over until next year.

Cllr David Townsend informed members this sum of money was put aside before he and Cllr Alison Sanderson joined the Parish Council. Decisions had been made not to commit the funds over to North Hall until an Action Plan had been put in place.

Cllrs Elizabeth Dugdale informed members that North Hall has funding for the architect costs.

Cllr Alison Sanderson informed members the best way forward is for North Hall to come to the Parish Council with a request for funding for a specific need.

Cllr Elizabeth Dugdale advised that would be the case, her point was to clarify the £13,500 was ear marked for North Hall.

110/08 Correspondence

Letter received from a resident regarding two issues:

(i) Dog bin along the canal – County Council say we have enough dog bins in the village and at this time we feel it not appropriate to ask Wey and Arun Canal Trust for a dog bin at present. There is a bin positioned at the bridge for those who use that area for dog walking.

(ii) Speeding through the village – Cllr Mirus Kuszel informed members the scheduled meeting regarding speed for November had not yet taken place. There have been visits by Police cars to area's they hadn't been seen in the past – back of North Hall and Onslow Arms. When the occasional Speed Traps have been completed the information gained is not used to benefit.

Cllr Howard Thomas informed members that the speeding is particularly bad during early morning and late evening.

Cllr Chris Duncton advised he attends a meeting at the Police Station once a month so he is more than happy to take any particular issues forward. Cllr Chris Duncton will look into the 'visibility' of PCSO's – often just a presence can make drivers cautious.

Cllr Alison Sanderson said it would be nice if they came to see us to explain why we can't have a speed check in the village. It is disappointing that it if often local residents that speed through villages.

111/08 Members Questions, Information & Meetings

(i) **North Hall Representative** – Considering Youth Facilities – Purple Bus booking for Spring 09. Lighting is to be considered.

(ii) **Traffic Signs** – Cllr Charlie Whitmarsh is looking into the replacement sign recently put up, which shows the route to Guildford through the village.

(iii) Cllr Alison Sanderson raised the point of Edward Gittins and funding. It was suggested that Edward Gittins also be considered in assisting with Hall Hurst Farm. Discussion took place regarding the various issues relating to Hall Hurst Farm and that work on the demolishing of barns will happen imminently due to Bat season and having to obtain a Bat license. It is suggested that work will then start again around Feb 2009. It was agreed to use Edward Gittins for an initial £250 fee to look into the following:

- Look into the Section 106 that is agreed. What are Loxwood going to gain
- Is there any immediate action to be taken
- If KMS proceed with the demolishing of the barns – what does 'At their Risk' actually mean
- Trees with TPO's, knocking down barriers/disruption/wheel washing etc.

Cllr Alison Sanderson advised that we need to accept the demolishing of the barns. All agreed that a budget of £250 could be used before the next meeting should the need arise. Proposed Cllr Alison Sanderson; Seconded Cllr Howard Thomas.

No further news on Willetts Way – it is still in the hands of the Solicitors. Cllr Alison Sanderson asked Cllr Mirus Kuszel to mention to his local Police contact the Alfold Bus Stop is being used as a 'local den' by local children.

Cllr Mirus Kuszel mentioned the ditch/flooding at Spy Lane. This will be looked into.

112/08 Items for next Agenda – None.

113/08 – Date of next meeting – Monday 1st December 2008 at 7:30pm

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