

LOXWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
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An ordinary meeting of Loxwood Parish Council was held at 7:30 pm on Monday 1st December 2008 in St John the Baptist Church Room, Loxwood.

Present: Parish Councillors: Alison Sanderson (Chairman), Mirus Kuszel, Charlie Whitmarsh (Vice- Chairman), Elizabeth Dugdale, Howard Thomas, Scot Taylor and David Townsend.

Also present: Jenny Hartley – Clerk to the Council

104/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Sacha Pawley, County Councillor Chris Duncton and District Councillor Brian Hooton.

Cllr Sanderson informed members of the resignation by Dr Mackay and elections are to be held for this position in Feb 2009.

105/08 Councillor Vacancy -Cllr Sanderson informed members of the process of voting for the 2 applications received for the Cllr vacancy.

Cllr Sanderson left the room under 'Declaration of Interest'. Benedict Sanderson was one of the applicants. Cllr Charlie Whitmarsh asked members if they had any questions for any of the candidates, time was given for members to read the applications received.

Cllr Whitmarsh asked members to turn to the voting document and complete.

Forms were returned to the Clerk. Sarah Lane won 4 votes to 2.

Cllr Whitmarsh informed members that Sarah Lane had been successful as was invited to join the Parish Council. Cllr Whitmarsh extended his thanks to Benedict Sanderson for applying on this occasion, and hoped to receive an application from him again in the future.

Cllr Sanderson returned to the meeting and was informed by the Clerk of the result.

Sarah Lane signed a copy of the Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct. Cllr Lane as informed there would be copies of other documents sent to her over the coming weeks.

ADJOURNMENT:

Questions from Members of the Public

Members of the public and press are invited and are welcome to address the Council during the Public Open Forum for a maximum of 2 minutes per person.

Mr J Andrews addressed the Council on the following issues:

- Supporting/opposing/ignoring Pharmacy dispensing – papers given to Clerk re: Loxwood Medical Practise having has their application for dispensary into Pharmacy rejected.
- LDF – are the Parish Council going to shadow the guidelines?
- Attendance from District and County Councillors – any views on their attendance and their contribution to Loxwood.
- Update on behalf of WACT WATCH – Assuming all information has been sent by WSCC there appears to be nothing that stated what material should have been used on the parapets. (Handout given to Clerk). Equestrian users feel it is very dangerous to use at present.

Mr L Milsom confirmed the 'Adoption date' for the Loxwood Bridge is October 2009.

Mr P Foulger informed he had nothing more to add at this stage.

106/08 Declaration of Interest – Cllr Sanderson had informed members at the beginning of the meeting of an interest in the Cllr Vacancy. Cllr Lane asked for clarification of what this Declaration meant.

106/08 Updates –

(i) Loxwood Bridge – Cllr Sanderson informed members of the future meeting with WACT and members of the PC to see how we can work together to move this issue of the design of the bridge forward. It will be held after the Public Meeting on 9th December 2008 so that any points raised can be incorporated.

It was decided that the Clerk should talk to Edward Gittins to ascertain if he can help with the Bridleway issue – can the situation be changed back to its original status. All members voted in favour.

(ii) Hall Hurst Farm – Handouts given to members. Cllr Sanderson talked members through the response from Edward Gittins. It was decided to ask EG to look into Stakeholder Status with regard to Hall Hurst Farm.

(iii) Dunsfold Park – Members were informed of the deadline to respond (17.12.08).

It was decided to re-iterate our previous objections direct to Waverly. Grounds of appeal based on affordable housing etc.

Cllr Dugdale informed members that Cranleigh Freight have tried to appeal against the rejection of their license. Should this situation change, it may reflect on the application for Dunsfold Park.

(iv) Spy Lane/Ditch Flooded – Members were informed this has been issued a job number.

(v) Speed – One of the reasons in the past Loxwood wasn't allowed to have any form of speed reduction/traffic calming was due to lack of incidents. Members were informed of the recent accident within the village – Cllr Kuszel is working on this current situation and will update shortly.

Cllr Kuszel informed members the Police have said in the past there isn't a straight enough stretch of road to check speeds.

Discussions took place regarding the opinions of speed in the village.

Mr A Black informed members that Wisborough Green got their Traffic Calming for free. Clerk to talk to the WG Clerk and advise.

(vi) Willetts Way – Cllr Sanderson informed members of the email from Roger Taylor (Solicitor), possible decision on the sale of the land at Willetts Way in the New Year.

107/08 – Sports Association Car Park – Members were updated on the latest situation and costings received from David Edwards regarding the resurfacing of the car park at the Sports Association Ground.

Clerk to investigate the following before moving forward:

- Contractors quotations – are they based on a surface that will withstand use and turning of vehicles of 26 tonnes?
- Check with CDC - who said the recycling bins could go there?
- Did CDC do a risk assessment?

Cllr Dugdale reminded members of the importance of keeping control of this issue so as to keep the landscaping in the area.

108/08 – Planning

08/04576/PLD – Cob Cottage, Nicholsfield, Loxwood. RH14 0SA

Proposed roof extension on the northern pitched elevation

Deadline: 10/12/08

No Objection

08/04708/DOM – The Bungalow, Pond Copse, Loxwood. RH14 0XF

Double Garage and Car Port.

Deadline: 12/12/08

No Objection

109/08 Financial Matters -

(i) Clerk talked through the Financial Report and payments to be made (once we have receipt of the new cheque book – bank still has not changed the address). Very Frustrating. Discussions were had regarding Internet Banking – Clerk to look into this when she next attends the bank.

Clerks Salary (Nov)	£ 693.15
Clerks Expenses (Oct/Nov)	£ 410.81
North Hall (use of Committee Rm)	£ 665.00
North Hall Mothers & Toddlers (2/7/08 to 24/9/08)	£ 140.00
North Hall Mothers & Toddlers (1/10/08 to 10/12/08)	<u>£ 140.00</u>
Total	<u>£1985.80</u>

Approval of payments; Proposed – Cllr Thomas, Seconded Cllr Lane.

(ii) Budget Meeting – Clerk to give dates to Cllr Lane so Budget meeting can be held.

(iii) Parish Equipment – Clerk to look into internet backing up systems and report back.

110/08 – Correspondence – Cllr Sanderson informed members of the email received regarding Village Design Statement. The attachment sent with the email was from Sam Howes – Deputy Chief Exec for CDC and informed that Parish Action Plans, although a useful document in the preparation of planning policy, in that they inform the Council of a Community's wishes and preferences, they can carry little weight in the determination of planning applications prior to the adoption of such policy. I can appreciate Parish Councils' disappointment when they hear such advice as there is an understandable expectation on their part that, having been encouraged (and sometimes supported) to prepare Parish Plans, the messages they contain should be taken into account by the District Council.

It was decided Edward Gittins should look into this on behalf of the Parish Council and advise of further steps to be taken.

111/08 – Members Questions and Information/Meetings:

Meetings – North East Parishes Review 04.12.08 at 7pm

Public Meeting regarding Loxwood Bridge 09.12.08 at 7:30pm

It was felt the North East Parishes Review meetings have had little benefit to Loxwood in the past. Clerk to raise the question.

9:10pm – Cllr Whitmarsh left the meeting.

112/08 – Next Agenda – Items raised from Public Forum.

113/08 – Dates for Future Parish Council meetings –

Monday 5th January 2009

Monday 2nd February 2009

Monday 2nd March 2009

Monday 6th April 2009

Date for May to be agreed nearer the time due to Bank Holiday.

Date:.....

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