

**LOXWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**  
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An ordinary meeting of Loxwood Parish Council was held at 7:30 pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in St John the Baptist Church Room, Loxwood.

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Howard Thomas (acting Chairman), Elizabeth Dugdale, Scott Taylor, Sarah Lane and Mirus Kuszel.

**Also present:** District Cllr. John Andrews (JA)  
Jenny Hartley – Clerk to the Council  
Len Milsom (Loxwood Society).

**143/09 Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr. Alison Sanderson, Cllr. Charlie Whitmarsh, Cllr. David Townsend and County Cllr. Chris Duncton.

**144/09 Election of Chair for 2009/10** – All members voted in favour of Alison Sanderson continuing as Chairperson.

**Election of Vice Chair for 2009/10** – All members voted in favour of Charlie Whitmarsh continuing as Vice Chair.

**145/09 Adjournment – questions from members of the public.**

Mr. Milsom informed members of a recent email conversation with Cllr. Alison Sanderson over the village fair. Mr. Milsom is involved with a meeting and the outcome of the proceeds. This is to be divided by 4. No money was given to Loxwood last year as no one came forward. I made suggestion for debate re: efforts for Willets Way – Gardening Club could have funding. Cllr. Sanderson suggested small items for the NH refurb. Funds are in region of £200-£300. If NH felt that there was something they needed, it may be an idea. I feel when they hold the fair, it would be useful as 'in aid of'. It was decided that the PC should discuss and come back with ideas. Cllr. Dugdale has a NH meeting tomorrow, so will ask there.

**146/09 (ii) Reports from District and County Councillors**

Cllr. Andrews gave a report and handout of CDC budget.

Dog Control Orders – as Loxwood PC didn't respond, then no one is interested in helping with the supply of further dog bins. JA will continue with this issue and keep the PC informed.

Speed – copy of letter handed out from JA. JA informed members that once he has a suitable number of letters signed he will take them to Lewes to the Chief Constable to heighten the pressure further.

Meeting re-convened 7:45pm

**147/09 Declaration of Business interest**

None

**148/09 Minutes of previous meeting held on Monday 06.04.09**

Approved and signed by Cllr. Thomas.

**149/09 Matters Arising/Updates from the minutes**

None

**Neighbourhood watch** – Clerk to check with Mr Ringrose

**150/09 Updates-**

**North Hall** – VAT course attendance required by PC to help with NH work. Plea for PC to attend. Cllr Dugdale explained. Cllr Thomas explained the idea of a small working party to help sort the financial questions/ideas that are passed over from NH initially before bringing to PC for further discussion. Cllr Lane, Cllr Dugdale and Cllr Sanderson are all understood to be happy to be part of the group. Jenny Hartley will act as Clerk to any meetings. Cllr Lane explained she could not attend the course, but is happy to read any materials supplied and offer any advice she can.

Loxwood Bridge – Cllr Lane updated members of the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April 09. We looked at various pictures that had been produced and outcomes from WSCC – which were not acceptable. WACT were to go back to Tony Gee for options suitable for the parapets.

It was agreed there are some finer details to also be agreed – i.e.: fencing etc.

We agreed that we, as the Parish Council, would lobby WSCC to help reduce the maintenance costs.

Signed.....

Dated:.....

Mr. Milsom stated he felt we have turned a corner at that meeting and that we were moving forward with the issues and WACT. Schedules may be a little behind due to the bridge opening day.

Drungewick Lane – Cllr. Thomas informed members of the latest (Clerk had emailed this information previously) and reminded the meeting that he had asked Cllr. Duncton previously as to why the PC had not been consulted. PC to write a letter as to why we had not been contacted. Clerk to prepare.

Cllr Andrews informed that this information is usually discussed at CLC meetings. Cllr Thomas informed members we will still write.

Speed – Follow up Cllr Andrews letter to Chief Constable. Cllr Thomas informed members of the letter sent from the PC.

Clerk to send on a copy to all Councillors.

Cllr Thomas informed members that we are going to challenge the comments regarding street lighting etc, as other Parishes have versions in place without some of these items being in place.

Cllr Taylor informed members the section re-surfaced near to the Sports Association already shows signs of damage.

Sports Association – Pavilion is on PC land, they raised money for bricks to build the Pavilion.

Cllr Andrews informed members Mrs. Ringrose may have Parish Council records which may answer some of these questions.

Clerk to look into the free search of Land Registry for the Sports Association . County archives may have some helpful material. Mr Milsom informed many of the files were hand written and minutes were hand written, so there may be a lack of documents.

With regard to the bollards, we would prefer the bollards to be laid flat rather than set into the ground. Either method would be ok – all in favour.

Hogweed – Cllr. Whitmarsh absent, so no update from the conversation that had taken place. Cllr. Andrews informed members that the land alongside the river is owned by the Environment Agency and action will only happen if enough landowners are interested in taking action.

Barbed Wire Fencing/Residents Complaint – in the last few weeks someone had caused damage, and this is a conservation area. Note in the newsletter.

Hall Hurst Farm – Renaming. Everyone objected. HHF is called Hall House Farm. Clerk to respond to CDC.

Leader Fund – via CDC not being taken away. Fund to improve local areas. Cllr Thomas/Cllr Dugdale said we may have to ask the village for their views as to where the tennis court is positioned.

Tennis Courts – previously in Brewhurst Lane. Mr Milsom informed he also had heard this mentioned in the past.

**151/09**

**Planning –**

**LX/09/01098/ELD.** Mr N Gibbons.

Oakhurst Farm Oakhurst Lane Loxwood Billingshurst  
Use of land adjacent to dwelling house as residential cartilage. It was noted this application had been withdrawn.

**LX/09/01258/TPA.** Mr Anthony Paige

Drake House Guildford Road Loxwood Billingshurst  
Fell 3 no. Yew trees (T2-T4). All 3 trees are within Area A1, subject to LX/65/00654/TPO.

Scott informed that pruning should be considered rather than felling in the first instance.

**We object.**

**LX/09/00762/FUL Mr R Hayes**

Lilly Meadows, Roundstreet Common Loxwood Billingshurst  
Further amendment to above application – size of garage increased

**No objections**

(i)To note recent planning determinations and appeals.

LX/09/00470/DOM Mr Richard Bird

Ridgeway Pond Copse Lane Loxwood Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 0XF

Signed.....

Dated:.....

Proposed detached garage. PERMIT

LX/09/00491/DOM. Mr. and Mrs. Dean  
Stable Cottage 5 Loxwood Farm Place Loxwood Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 0RF  
Single storey rear extension to form family room. Front car port semi-infill to provide single  
Garage, boot room and kitchen extension. PERMIT.

**152/09 Financial Report**

A copy of the financial report had been distributed to members in advance of the meeting. The following payments were agreed:

**Payments for approval:**

WSSC Clerk Salary (April 09)	£ 912.43
Clerks Expenses (End March/April 09)	£ 218.37
Mothers and Toddlers	£ 220.00
Hedleys Solicitors (Willets Way)	£ 621.00
Stationary/Copying/Stamps/APM (Staples)	£ 252.52
Mazars (External Audit)	£ 350.75
Clerk – 748 x 2 <sup>nd</sup> class stamps June09 N/Letter	<u>£ 224.40</u>
Total	<u>£ 2799.47</u>

Cllr Kuszal proposed. Seconded Cllr Taylor.

**153/09 Correspondence** – emailed when received as members have had difficulties in logging on to google.

**154/09 Members Questions**

None. No other meeting attended.

No items for Agenda.

**155/09 Date of next meeting** - Next PC meeting – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 at 7:30pm

**Back to the question posed by Mr Milsom – Village fair funds.**

Cllr. Taylor asked for a boundary update on NH. EG informed that Priscilla is heavily involved in the boundary issue, and the Gardening Cub will start work. The Gardening club are keen to get stuck into Willets Way.

Mr Milsom informed that new tables had been purchased for NH so that was not such a good idea.

Cllr. Thomas informed that it may be a viable option to consider sports equipment.

Cllr. Kuszal suggested new external benches would be a nice idea for people to sit on Mr Milsom will pass this information on. There will be 2 years funding to come. Cllr Dugdale to look into where they can be positioned.

All thought this was an excellent idea.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed.....

Dated:.....