

LOXWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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An ordinary meeting of Loxwood Parish Council was held at 7:30 pm on Monday 2nd March 2009 in St John the Baptist Church Room, Loxwood.

Present: Parish Councillors: Alison Sanderson (Chairman), Elizabeth Dugdale, Howard Thomas, David Townsend, Scott Taylor Mirus Kuszel and Sarah Lane.

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

126/09 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Pawley and Cllr Whitmarsh had sent apologies.

127/09 Adjournment – questions from members of the public.

Mr. L Milsom informed members that Dunsfold Park appeal begins on Tuesday 10th March 2009 ay Waverley District Council Offices and I would be nice to see members of the Parish Council in attendance.

Mr. Peter Foulger informed members he had received a complaint of dog excrement along by the canal and requested the Parish Council look into the supply of a further dog bin.

Cllr Sanderson informed that the Parish Council had been told there would be no further dog bin placed in the village. It was decided the Clerk will contact the Dog Warden and discuss this issue, and the possibility of repositioning the dog bin from the canal to the car park.

128/09 (ii) Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr John Andrews confirmed the grants recently emailed can be applied for by either the PC or North Hall Management Committee.

Latest on the LDF is that there is grave danger this area could have to sustain more houses being built. The forthcoming conference is not for members of the public.

An update was given about the recent publication regarding burglaries – people have been knocking on doors posing as unemployed workmen and asking if there are any jobs to be done – using the opportunity to ‘case the property’, then coming back and burgling it at a later date. The Police are aware of this issue and there are concerns that local Neighbourhood Watch systems are not working. It was suggested that we as a Parish Council should collectively decide how to move this issue forward.

Cllr Chris Duncton informed members the budget at County Council had been set at 3.25%.

1 million pound extra funding had been allocated for road repairs throughout West Sussex.

The Ford recycling plant would be open from mid April 09.

Cllr Sanderson asked if there was any change in the items that can be recycled in view of this opening.

Cllr Duncton advised he would check into this.

Cllr Duncton reminded members of the CLC meeting at Rogate School on 10th March 2009 at 7pm.

An update was given regarding Drungewick Lane. Cllr Sanderson reminded members of the situation that arose last year when a resident of Drungewick Lane had started a petition for the lane to be blocked off and made for equestrian use only. This would of course raise serious issues such as access for emergency service vehicles etc.

Cllr Sanderson asked if a decision could be taken at the CLC meeting, or if this is a time that the PC needs to make its views known.

Cllr Duncton assured members that it would be a majority decision and that he will keep members fully informed of any developments.

Cllr Thomas asked why WSCC had been so rude as to not keep us informed of this issue.

Cllr Duncton couldn't answer this question, but assured members he will keep us informed.

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Speed issues – there were discussions regarding the possible pilot system being considered in the County where there is a responsive light that turns red when speeding traffic approaches. It is proven to work and slow traffic down. County may be interested in villages that are willing to trial the system.

Cllr Sanderson asked Cllr Duncton to keep us informed of any further developments with this pilot system so we can consider if we are interested in the future.

129/09 Declaration of Interests – None.

130/09 Minutes of previous meeting held on Monday 5th January 2009 – Members were informed of the future procedure of signing all pages of the minutes as we use a loose leaf file. All members agreed this was a good idea.

Minutes signed by Cllr Sanderson.

Electronic Storage of documents – Cllr Andrews talked members through the options available and the cost effective versions available for this use.

The Clerk had been testing the Google Document Storage system and it appeared to work well for the Parish Councils current needs.

It was agreed to use this system for the Correspondence system and see how things progress. Clerk to inform members of the relevant access information to trial the system between this and the next meeting.

8:10pm Cllr Duncton left the meeting.

131/09 Matters /Arising

(iii) **Dog Warden update** – The Clerk had spoken to the Dog Warden regarding the nuisance dogs recently commented on. There is already a case file on these particular dogs, and the Warden advised he will continue with his work. It was advised that the PC need not become involved at this time.

(iv) **Loxwood Bridge** – the recent meeting notes following the meeting between WACT and the Bridge Committee had now been circulated. Mr Foulger confirmed they had a meeting scheduled with CDC on Wednesday 4th March 09, and would report an update at the Bridge Committee meeting on Friday 6th March 09.

(v) **Willetts Way** – the paperwork has now been returned to the Solicitors for processing.

(vi) **Speed** – Cllr Kuszel updated members on the recent correspondence he had experienced with Tracey Webb, and the disappointment that Tony Toynton (Infrastructure) had not responded directly to him. This issue will be taken up with Cllr Duncton in a hope to move things forward.

It was suggested that a stand may be used at the APM to highlight the issues and options available to use to help this issue.

Cllr Lane informed members the Police had been in the village that day by the Post Office, but unfortunately there were there in the middle of the day – not when speeding is at it's worst (rush hour and early/late morning and evening).

(v) **Sports Association Car Park** – Costings have been received and are in the region of £50k. The Clerk is awaiting information from CDC regarding the minimum and best surface to be used for this situation, then the quotations can be considered. Cllrs were informed of the request from David Edwards to install boundary bollards made from ex-telegraph poles to not only mark the boundary of the cricket pitch, but to help stop vehicles driving onto the pitch and causing damage. The Clerk to request a drawing from the Sports Assoc showing the layout of the boundary posts before a decision is made.

(vi) **Allotments** – Members were updated on the current situation regarding allotments in Loxwood. Hyde-Martlett own 5 allotments in Loxwood **list**. The Clerk is looking into the historic ownership of the land these are positioned on and the situation relating to lease and waiting lists.

Cllr Dugdale advised that checking if the allotments are on the Landbank for Hyde-Martlett would help confirm whose land it is/was.

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132/09 Planning

LX/09/00470/DOM – No objection in principal although the angle of this garage was deemed odd.

LX/09/00491/DOM – No objection – on the condition that no neighbours object.

LX/09/00438/DOM – No objection – on the condition that no neighbours object.

LX/09/00074/DOM – The Fletchings. Members were updated on the concerns raised by the neighbour relating to the Oak Tree’s. The Clerk has spoken to the TPO officer and he confirmed that he had been to the site and two of the tree’s were subject to disease, so could not be placed under a TPO. However, the agent was working closely with the TPO officer to design foundations that allow for roots and growth from these trees.

Clerk to provide determinations at future meetings.

133/09 Financial Matters

(i) Report distributed to members (copy attached).
Report proposed: Cllr Kuszel. Seconded: Cllr Dugdale

(ii) The Clerk informed members the security form the bank had said they were sending had not been received, so therefore could not be signed.

(iii) Purple Bus – Cllr Dugdale confirmed the Purple Bus will be coming to Lowood.. It was decided a donation could be considered after the Purple Bus had started to come to Loxwood. Clerk to look into the average donation given by others.

134/09 Correspondence – Clerk to inform members of the login in information test the electronic storage system for this issue.

Hall Hurst Farm update – Cllr Andrews informed members there appeared to be a indefinable delay in work starting on this site.

Hyde-Martlett will only purchase properties on completion so one situation that may arise could be that the land may be purchased and placed in a Land Bank for future development.

135/09 Members Questions

Cllr Sanderson asked members could do their best to attend the CLC meeting on 10th March 2009 at Rogate Primary School as the PC is not comfortable with the Drungewick Lane issue. We would urge Cllr Duncton to strongly object to this proposal.

Members were also reminded of the Dunsfold Park Appeal – starting on 10th March 2009 at 10am (on the first day) and continuing for 4 days a week for 4 weeks.

Clerk to check when the next North Parish Forum meeting is and informed members.

Annual Parish Meeting – Cllr Sanderson asked members for volunteers for running the tea and coffee for the evening.

Cllr Sanderson and the Clerk will be at North Hall from 6:30pm. Various organisations will be invited to display. It was felt it is important to ensure that members of the public know the PC are a team and that each members plays an important part in the decisions taken by the PC.

It was agreed that the following talks would take place:

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- Finance – Cllr Lane
- Bridge – Cllr Sanderson
- North Hall – Cllr Dugdale
- Highways – Cllr Whitmarsh
- Speed – Cllr Kuszel

Cllr Andrews asked to arrange a display of Eco issues that may be of interest to the public. All agreed this was a good idea.

Cllr Thomas informed of his apologies in advance for not being able to attend the APM.

136/09 Date of next meeting

Next PC meeting – Monday 6th April 2009. Cllr Lane offered her apologies as she will be away

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 23rd April 2009 at 7pm – North Hall.

Clerk to issue further dates for PC meetings in 2009.

Meeting closed at 9:03pm.

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