

LOXWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
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An ordinary meeting of Loxwood Parish Council was held at 7:30 pm on Monday 6th April 2009 in St John the Baptist Church Room, Loxwood.

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

Also present: District Cllr. Brian Hooton
Jenny Hartley – Clerk to the Council
Len Milsom (Loxwood Society), Peter Foulger (WACT) and members of the public.

132/09 Apologies for Absence.
Cllr. Sarah Lane, Cllr Scott Taylor and District Cllr John Andrews

133/09 Adjournment – questions from members of the public.
Mr. Milsom thanked the members who attended the Dunsfold Park appeal. It is now with the Inspector. Site visit due on 28th April 2009. Mr Milsom will keep us updated on the situation.
Mr. Black asked for a Hall Hurst Farm update. Cllr. Sanderson informed there had been recent visits to the site by people with clipboards, and that there was talk that Bewley Homes had tried to sell the land to a local builder.
Cllr. Dugdale suggested that it could be made a Community Land Trust if funding was available. Clerk to put on the May 2009 agenda.

134/09 (ii) Reports from District and County Councillors
District Cllr. Hooton informed members of the Council Tax increase set at 3%. It would have been 1.5% had the Government not of pulled the funding.
Cllr. Hooton also mentioned the situation of the bats at Hall Hurst Farm and stated that he had been assured by the appropriate bodies that all precautions and regulations are being adhered to for the protection of the bats.
Cllr. Hooton confirmed he had put his views about the Loxwood bridge in writing to WSCC and CDC and was awaiting for a response.
Cllr. Sanderson read the report sent from Cllr. Andrews (copy attached).

135/09 Declaration of Interests – None.
136/09 Minutes of previous meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2009 – Grammatical amendments made. It was agreed Cllr. Sanderson could sign the minutes at the PC meeting in May 09.

137/09 Matters Arising/Updates from the minutes
Dog bin - repositioning by the car park instead of canal. Clerk has written to Dog Warden and it will be looked into. Update at the next meeting.
Neighbourhood Watch – Discussions took place over the current Neighbourhood Watch system.
Mr. Black will email the Clerk any available information to review this issue further.
Ford Recycling – No update as Cllr. Duncton not present
Purple Bus Donation – It was agreed that a donation of £100 would be given to the Purple Bus Company.
Proposed: Cllr. Townsend. Seconded Cllr. Pawley.
Further meeting dates – a handout was given to Cllrs with the meeting dates listed for 2009.

138/09 Updates-
Loxwood Bridge – Cllr Thomas updated members following the meeting between the bridge committee and WACT the outcome of which has been used as a template for a letter that has been sent to WSCC. The committee agreed for many secondary parts, such as fencing, to go ahead, but the main issue is that the committee is challenging WSCC over the vehicular restrictions on the west wing and the equestrian restrictions on the west wing.
Peter Foulger informed members that they hoped to have a response from the British Horse Society in the coming days, and that ideas for the parapets are being looked into.
Willets Way – Cllr. Sanderson informed members that relevant documents have now been signed. We are awaiting confirmation from Hedleys that everything has gone through and we finally own the land.

Signed.....

Dated:.....

Members were informed of a recent correspondence received from a resident near to Willetts Way who complained of the state of the land and tree branches overhanging into their garden. It was agreed the Clerk should obtain costs for clearing the land in preparation of the completion of sale. Cllr. Thomas to email suggested contacts to the Clerk.

Speed – Cllr. Kuszel informed members that he had not received responses from his recent communications. He had hoped Cllr. Duncton would be present this evening to update on any findings, so nothing to report in his absence. It was suggested that maybe we should ask residents via the newsletter what they suggest to help with this issue. Cllr. Sanderson informed members that some of the roads in Plaistow are looking to be downgraded, which causes concern that Loxwood could become the alternative route to the B2118. It was agreed that Cllr. Whitmarsh and Cllr. Thomas would draft a letter to WSCC regarding this issue, and also copy Tony Toynton and Derek Whittington.

Sports Association – Members were updated on the potential building works being considered at the Sports Association and the impact this work may have on the car park. It was agreed that, in view of the potential of heavy vehicles needing to gain access for the building work to be carried out, the PC would look into 'patching up' the car park. Clerk to continue with costings based on this latest information. It was also agreed, it would be a good idea for Cllr. Sanderson and Cllr. Dugdale to attend a meeting with Cllr. Andrews and the Sports Association to discuss the work being considered. Questions were raised as to what land at the Sports Association Ground is owned by the Parish Council as well as any other land that may be owned by the PC in Loxwood (including supposed tennis courts in the Brewhurst Lane area). Clerk to make enquiries.

Allotments – Members were informed this is still ongoing. A recent questionnaire had been sent to all PCs from SALC as, recently, there has been a considerable number of requests in many Parishes for the supply of allotments.

139/09 Planning - LX/09/00762/FUL Lily Meadows Roundstreet Common Loxwood Billingshurst Amendment to approved application 07/05935/FUL situate, position and changes to garage block.

It was agreed the PC has no objection to this application.

(ii) Ifield Park – Cllr. Whitmarsh informed members it was nice to see the 'Titchbourne' open, but felt there were some dangers regarding the parking of vehicles on the brow. Cllr. Sanderson suggested that if the issues of speed through the village is going to be raised in Cllr. Whitmarsh and Cllr. Thomas letter to WSCC, we should incorporate this too. It was suggested we may well get the support for this from Alfold PC too.

Thanks were extended to Peter Foulger on behalf of WACT for sending over the photographs of the suggested replacement WACT information boards. The PC has no objection to these.

140/09 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:

WSCC (Admin Fee for Payrol)	£ 36.85
WSCC Clerk Salary (Feb 09)	£ 915.38
WSCC Clerk Salary (March 09)	£ 915.38
SALC Subs	£ 340.19
Clerks Expenses (End Feb/March 09)	<u>£ 65.60</u>
Total	<u>£2273.40</u>

The financial report was proposed by Cllr. Thomas and Seconded by Cllr. Whitmarsh. It was agreed the Clerk can sign the Purple Bus agreement form and return to WSCC. Cllr. Dugdale gave an update report regarding North Hall. Copies of the NH plans had been distributed to members in advance of the PC meeting. The plans will be on display at the AGM for the public to view. Cllr. Dugdale informed members that the PC (as trustees) would need to pledge the building work on behalf of North Hall as all grant applications work better with the backing of the Parish Council. North Hall will not take the matter any further without the approval of the village. There will be two open days for residents to come and comment. Cllr. Sanderson informed Cllr. Dugdale that the North Hall Management Committee would have to write to the Parish Council with very specific requests for funding so the matter can be discussed at a council meeting.

Signed.....

Dated:.....

The Clerk informed members that the Loxwood and Alfold Parish Magazine had been requesting 2 years worth of grants (2x£275) on their recent letter and copy of accounts. It was agreed the PC would support the 08/09 request for £275 paid recently but, for requests further back than that, would require a set of account for the relevant year. Clerk to inform Mr. Beadle.

Cllr. Whitmarsh informed members the Chairman of Governors – Jeremy Glynne-Jones - is intending to hold a community evening to help put the school in the centre of the community. He will be sending invitations but would like the Parish Councillors to attend.

141/09 Correspondence

Clerk to email the Google password to members.

142/09 Members Questions

Cllr. Sanderson reminded members of the APM on Thursday 23rd April. Doors open at around 6:30-7pm, meeting starts at 7:30pm.

It was agreed the following members would report:

Cllr. Dugdale – North Hall

Cllr. Lane – Finance

Cllr. Kuszel – Speed

Cllr. Whitmarsh – Highways

Cllr. Lane – assist with refreshments.

Clerk to purchase refreshments.

143/09 Date of next meeting - Next PC meeting – Monday 11th May 2009 at 7:30pm

Cllr. Whitmarsh stated his apologies for that meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed.....

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