

## LOXWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

An ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held at 7:30pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in the Church Rooms of St John the Baptist, Loxwood.

### MINUTES

The meeting was attended by 7 members of the public.

194/09           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Charlie Whitmarsh, Cllr David Townsend, Cllr Chris Duncton, Cllr John Andrews, Parish Clerk Jenny Hartley.

#### **Adjournment:**

- (i) Len Milsom commented on the failure of the appeal over the planning application of Dunsfold New Town.

There were no other questions at this time.

- (ii) Report from CD Cllr Brian Hooton: Mr Hooton talked about the SE Plan and his concerns about the Council wish to improve access to rural areas. He was not against this in principle but felt that it needed to be handled sympathetically. Cllr Hooton was also concerned about the volume of housing proposed - some 654,000 new homes to be built. He was especially concerned due to the fact that Loxwood was outside the new National Park, and therefore liable to greater building demands.
- (iii) CD Cllr John Andrews had asked Cllr Sanderson to draw people's attention to the 'Parking Survey' being carried out. He felt that all should fill it in, as the implications for keeping parking free in Petworth would impact on Budget spend across the District.

195/09 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:** None.

196/09           **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES:** Owing to confusion over a particular sentence it was decided to defer this until the November meeting.

197/09 **MATTERS ARISING from the Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009:**

- (i) **Loxwood Bridge:** Canal Committee awaiting report of the meeting between WACT, WSCC and AMEY.  
Canal Committee had written to Derek Price of CDC outlining the PC preferred bridge design.
- (ii) **Speed/Roads Update:** The meeting with WSCC had not yet taken place but a date was being sought.
- (iii) **Newsletter:** Due to the imminent closure of the WSCC Print Department, the Parish Clerk was seeking quotes from other printers.  
Cllr Thomas suggested the PC look to reduce the cost of the Newsletter by seeking other distribution methods. Cllr Sanderson asked members to canvass local opinion as to whether villagers wanted the newsletter to continue.
- (iv) **Planning Sub Committee/Action Group:** Cllrs Sanderson and Thomas volunteered to set up the group. The Loxwood Society was invited to select members to attend. The group would consider inviting other people to attend as and when appropriate.

198/09 **PLANNING MATTERS:** No applications.

199/09 **FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:** Accounts with Parish Clerk.

200/09 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- (i) 'Statement of Partnership', from WSCC. Filled in during the meeting – to be sent in to WSCC by 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

201/09 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS & INFORMATION & MEETINGS:**

- (i) Purple Bus – formal report from the organisers showed that there was a lack of interest in the service at this time. It was suggested that a précis of the report should be sent to the boy who had sent in a petition requesting youth facilities. It was also felt that clearer advertising of what was on offer might help if the bus was to come another time.
- (ii) North Hall Management Committee has asked the PC to help with the proposed renovation works including applying for some grants and assuming responsibility for some of the building works. The whole issue and especially the VAT implications are being looked into by Cllr Lane, Cllr Dugdale and David Wellington of the NHMC. The following motion was agreed by the PC: 'The Loxwood Parish Council agrees to take responsibility for Grant Applications where the Parish Council is eligible to make such applications in respect of the extension and refurbishment of North Hall.'

The Parish Council might in future consider funding part of the extension and refurbishment costs via the precept. No decision was taken.

NHMC had applied to CDC for a potential £50,000 towards the renovation. The outcome is awaited.

Members were informed that NHMC has a new community fundraising subcommittee group which is led by Jean Spira. (David Wellington continues to lead on grant applications for NHMC).

Playground: Equipment, especially the roundabout, needs looking at. Parish Clerk to pursue.

NH keys – Cllr Sanderson informed the NHMC rep that both she and the Clerk had set of keys. The Clerk's keys were those held permanently by the PC and the other set were cut by the PC when the previous Clerk collapsed and access was needed to the PC Office. The set held by the Chairman was poorly cut and consequently unreliable.

- (iii) NE Parishes Forum: Attended by Cllr Andrews. Cllr Andrews reported on the meeting, which gave brief details of a forthcoming survey in support of the LDF/Local Plan. Cllr Andrews felt that the meeting was worth attending; however, she also noted that she was surprised that no minutes had yet been sent out.
- (iv) Woodside – The issue of the part demolition was currently with CDC Enforcement.
- (v) Willets Way scrubland – there were problems with receiving full permission for the removal of the diseased trees from the Tree Protection Officer Henry Whitby. This was holding up the land clearance. The Clerk and the Tree Surgeon retained to carry out the work were trying to sort out the matter as quickly as possible.
- (vi) Hall Hurst Farm: Cllr Sanderson informed members that the site would become Hall Hurst Close. She had been in correspondence with CDC trying to prevent the name 'Mayfield' being adopted. 'Hurst' was to be used rather than 'House' as this was the name that appeared on all CDC documentation and Ordnance Survey maps.

Cllr Kersey informed members that the site Show home was due to open around November 11<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Cllr Kersey informed members that the site sale rep. thought there was going to be street lighting. Parish Clerk to check.

**202/09 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:** Ladybrook Landfill

**203/09 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 at 7:30pm.

Members of the Public asked if they might raise some issues having not realised that this should be done during the adjournment at the beginning of the meeting. The Chairman agreed to take the questions and reminded everyone of the correct procedure for future reference.

- (i) Concerns raised over the overhanging hedge blocking the sightlines for the Station Road crossing point at the footpath from Willets Way. This is already with WSCC but would be chased up.
- (ii) Dangerous trees at Willets Way. See 201/09 (v).
- (iii) Could a mirror be put to assist with the crossing point from the footpath through Willets Way across Station Road?
- (iv) Loxwood Sports Association – Waiting to hear about the bollards to edge cricket pitch/car park. – PC still waiting to receive exact designs and measurements.  
Cars driving into car park at excessive speeds – could a speed bump be put in?  
Still holes in the car park. Cllr Sanderson explained that the PC had held off with repairs as planning permission had just been granted to the Football Club for lighting etc. and the PC did not want to have work carried out until any heavy equipment had finished using the area.  
Litter bin not being emptied frequently enough.  
Anti-social driving and nuisance arising from the increased use of the Football Ground. – PC to write to Football Club.  
Sign asking for drivers to take care has disappeared. PC to look into replacing it.

There would be the Draw for the North Hall 100 Club at the next meeting.