

LOXWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

An ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held at 7:30pm on Monday 6th December 2010 in the Church Rooms of St John the Baptist, Loxwood.

- Present:** Cllr Howard Thomas, Cllr Anne Kersey, Cllr Sarah Lane, Cllr Elizabeth Dugdale, Cllr Fiona Gibbons, Cllr Simon Bates, Cllr Scott Taylor and Cllr Wendy Andrews.
Cllr Howard Thomas to act as Parish Council Chairman for period 1.12.10 to 10.01.11.
Proposed by Cllr Dugdale
Minutes taken by Cllr Taylor in the Clerks absence

North Hall Draw was won by Mr A Black
- Apologies for absence:** Clerk to the Council Miss J Hartley.
- Co- opt Vacancy** – One applicant received for the current vacancy. Mr Martin Loxton. Mr Loxton had previously sent his CV to members prior to the meeting.
Mr Loxton was co-opted onto the Council.
Mr Loxton was introduced to members and welcomed by the Council.
- Council was adjourned for questions from members of the public.**
Mr Milson asked who was monitoring the WACT building. Was a view required by the village including the Loxwood Society regarding the proposed building next to the Canal.
Mr Tony Colling asked if a date had been set to meet up with Sam Irving and John Saunders. Clerk to confirm.

CDC Update

Linda Westmore is our new District Councillor.

CDC Finance – their costing model has now been established but is in the process of being rehomed.

Planning application charges are to reflect the level of work required to make the Dept more cost effective.

Housing benefit will shortly be taken out of District Council hands.

£2.6m already saved on their cost cutting exercise.

Broadband should receive funding via WSCC.

New process for grants to go towards community projects – Grants Panel.

Energy Efficiency

Sterling Assist has been awarded the contract to provide cavity wall and loft insulation through CDC at a reduced cost.

Sterling Assist Ltd 0800 988 7392.

WSCC - Chris Duncton

Loxwood playing field car park.

CD has spoken to Bob Riley who is coming up with a date to attend the site.

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Meeting with Alfold – not progressed following meeting with Tracey Webb.
CLC meeting 18th January at Petworth Primary School 7 p.m.
WSCC Cabinet Meetings now open for public viewing from the website.
Mr Glynn Jones is going for re-election as Governor for Loxwood Primary School.

Cllr Thomas commented that salt bags promised by WSCC have not been delivered despite assurances that they would be arriving at the weekend.

Chris Duncton will be away for the January Parish Council meeting.

5. **Declaration of Interest** – none.

6. **Approval of last Month's minutes** – Proposed Cllr Dugdale. Seconded Cllr Gibbons.

7. **Updates:**

Loxwood Bridge Committee

Whisky Cruise - 7th May 2011.

Further details have been submitted on the parapets to WSCC for approval. Bridge committee to meet with WACT before time limit expires.

Cllr Thomas wrote to Sally Schupke (WACT) regarding the mess left behind from previous projects and presented this as a future point of contention with the public. Since this time, WACT have tidied the site.

A picture of the new Visitor Centre has gone up beside the Onslow Arms. Tony Colling will accept comments on looks and construction from the village via Loxwood Society.

North Hall:

Cllr Andrews advised the contractors will finish Phase I of North Hall towards the end of February 2011. Due to the lack of funds, volunteers are to be used for the fit out and decorating and as such, at this stage, they will not be progressing directly to Phase II.

It is intended that the Hall will be open throughout the summer with Phase II provisionally starting in October 2011.

30th April 2011 has been put forward as an 'opening day' for the initial phase.

PC needs to know the value of the first payment due on the loan in case this has implications on the precept.

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Speedwatch.

Cllr Kersey to speak with Jenny (Clerk) reference when did we pass details to Tracey Webb on sites proposed.

9. Purchase of oil in bulk.

Tony Colling to investigate the cost of bulk purchase and suppliers interested. Reporting back to PC.

10. Broadband.

1,411 on Loxwood Exchange of which 400 are in Loxwood. BT are only interested in 1,000+ lines which may be difficult for the Loxwood Exchange.

11. Planning

9.1 LX/10/04805 – No objection

9.2 LX/10/04806 – No objection

9.3 LX/10/04818 – Building disproportionate to the size of the plot and out of character with the surrounding properties

9.4 LX/10/04821 – No objection

9.5 LX/10/01719 – No objection

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Barry Hunter about the future use of the Loxwood Sports Association site with a view to having a meeting about working in the best interests of Loxwood.

The meeting was then adjourned and Mr Tony Colling commented as follows:

The Loxwood Society originally supported the plan and one resident had commented that he had no objection as there was no great increase in the lighting or replacement of the existing structure.

It was agreed that we would investigate with the planners with regard to a 106 Agreement regarding the use of the car park.

12. Loxwood Gardening Initiative

It was agreed that the provisional agreement drafted out would reflect a 10 year period with a view to extension and Howard was given the go ahead to sign the contract on behalf of the PC.

13. Loxwood Garden Initiative Grant

The PC agreed the sum of £200 as an annual grant to cover planting alongside their own fund raising.

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14. Deferred due to a lack of time.
15. **Precept 2011/2012**
The PC accepted the precept set at £31,340. Proposed Cllr Dugdale. Seconded Cllr Andrews.
16. **Recent meetings**
Minutes from the meeting with Tracey Webb from WSCC Highways have been circulated.
Annual Parishes Meeting at CDC 17th November – notes circulated.
17. Request to put Loxwood Society on the circulation list with planning details as we receive them from CDC to speed up communication as information is already available in the public domain.
18. **Date of next meeting:** 10th January 2011, 7th February 2011

Signed: _____ Date: _____