

LODSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of a meeting held at Lodsworth Village Hall

On Monday 10th September 2018

Present: Councillors Justina Leitao, Caroline Neville (Chair), Paul Phillips, Tom Richardson and Jim Summers

In attendance: Mrs Helen Cruikshank, Parish Clerk
District Councillor Francis Hobbs

PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

Comments and Questions from members of the Public

There were no members of the public present.

57/18 To note apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Parish Councillors Charles McKee and James Rees

58/18 Declarations of interest

The Chairman reminded members of the code of conduct.

59/18 Co-option of Councillors

There was no co-option.

60/18 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th July 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

61/18 Reports from elected representatives of WSCC and CDC

District Councillor Francis Hobbs said he had received correspondence from the owners of the Hollist Arms with regard to issues over the road closures for Velo South and lack of accessibility for visitors to the pub. The Velo South event is the responsibility for West Sussex County Council not District Council. In terms of legality, WSCC have done everything technically correctly. Councillors said that more consultation should have been carried out. There is a STOP Velo South campaign which is not anti-cyclists just anti un-democratic profiteering. Many feel the event is badly organised and that the long road closures are not acceptable, trapping many in their homes. There are also lots of local companies losing money from trade and problems for farmers accessing animals and carers reaching vulnerable people.

There was no County Councillor report.

Francis Hobbs left the meeting at 7.55pm

62/18 Working Party reports

- **Highways:** Following a fire last week at the recreation ground and the problems the fire engine had getting there due to inconsiderate parking on Gills Lane, it was agreed urgent action must be taken. Tom Richardson said that confirmation for the wording on the signage on Gills Lane was required. It was agreed three signs would be ordered as follows: one reading PLEASE BE AWARE IT IS AN OFFENCE TO PARK WITHIN 10M OF A JUNCTION (2m x3m) and two signs reading NO PARKING EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS REQUIRED (2m x1m). These would be erected on the wall or on posts, with one at the back entrance to the pub. Paul Phillips to get permission from the land/wall owner. Jim Summers had spoken with the owners of The Hollist Arms and the bins in the car park will be moved to make more room available for parking. The car park will then be marked up with individual spaces.

- **Speedwatch:** Tom Richardson has kindly taken on responsibility for organising Speedwatch. He has emailed all those who had volunteered to find a date for training. As the co-ordinator he can then train further volunteers. Caroline Neville said she had got the 2015 data from WSCC Highways when they had put three cables across the road to measure the speed and volume of traffic. Analysing the data and depending on days of the week, the highest number of vehicles per 24hrs was recorded as 1059 with not many going faster than 25/26mph. This shows that a speed limit of 30mph is just too fast for the area and needs to be reduced to 20mph. Having been in contact with other rural villages, she was told that a parish can pay for its own reduction in speed limit and was investigating costs. Selham still has the national speed limit throughout so this must be addressed as villages should all have 30mph limit as a minimum. Tom Richardson reported that Graffham and Selham have recently been hit with a spate of vehicle crimes (6 crimes reported in 2017 and 26 already reported in 2018). A group of residents are looking to club together to fund an ANPR system for the four roads leading in and out of the area. The cost is £20,000 with cameras installed on private property and connection through the internet to link them to one system. The cameras just need to be registered with data protection however the project cannot be Parish Council led just run by private individuals.
- **Footpaths and Rights of Way:** Clerk had reported a broken stile on FP1082_1 to the ranger. Anyone can report issues with a footpath online at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-with-a-right-of-way/>
Clerk said that a parishioner had enquired whether the two paths in the bluebell woods (up past Old Vining Wood) could be reinstated. As this was not a public right of way, the Clerk had told the parishioner to contact the landowner, Cowdray Estate.
- **Playground:** Paul Phillips said the matting had been cut out under the zip wire and the turf now needs to be stripped, the area dug up and re-laid with new matting. The seat on the zip wire also needs replacing. He kindly said he would get a quote and organise for this to be done. Clerk to remind contractor that the grass needs cutting. Clerk to look into adult outdoor fitness equipment and what funding is available.
- **Allotments:** Paul Phillips said all was growing quickly and going well at the allotments.
- **Parish repairs:** Many parishioners have commented on how they like the openness on the green outside The Hollist since the chestnut tree has been felled. Others feel it looks uncared for. It is hoped that Cowdray Estate will be back later this month to assess the area and a decision made on the replacement.
- **Winter Plan:** Clerk to order two large green grit bins to replace stolen ones.
- **Lickfold Bridge flooding:** Jim Summers said he would chase Dr Wilding for an update with potential funding opportunities.
- **Planning:** Since the last meeting the Parish Council has discussed the following planning applications:

SDNP/18/03644/HOUS

Location: Old Brickyard, Surrey Road, Lickfold GU28 9DR

Proposal: Loft conversion into habitable accommodation with 4 no. new dormer windows and 3 no pitched roof skylights. One altered and one new first floor window on north elevation.

SDNP/18/03941/TCA

Location: The Old House, Langham Lane, Lodsworth GU28 9DA

Proposal: Notification of intention to remove eastern hanging limb on 1 no Holly tree

SDNP/18/03791/FUL

Location: St Peters Church, Church Lane, Lodsworth GU28 9DD

Proposal: Replacement of rainwater goods and installation of a lightning protection system to the church.

SDNP/18/04033/TCA

Location: Rose Cottage, The Street, Lodsworth GU28 9DA

Proposal: Notification of intention to remove 1 no dead west limb, 1 no damaged west limb and 5 n southern branches overhanging fence line on 1 no Cordican Pine tree

SDNP/17/03763/FUL

Location: 1 Barnett's Cottage, Fitzlea Wood Road, East Lavington GU28 0QN

Proposal: Construction of a new bridleway

Since the last meeting, Chichester District Council/South Downs National Park has made the following decisions:

SDNP/18/03649/PRE

Location: St Peter's Church Church Lane Lodsworth Petworth West Sussex GU28 9DD

Proposal: Repairs to the church roof.

Decision: Advice provided

SDNP/18/03941/TCA

Location: The Old House, Langham Lane, Lodsworth GU28 9DA

Proposal: Notification of intention to remove eastern hanging limb on 1 no Holly tree

Decision: Raise no objection

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Decision: Raise no objection

63/18 Velo South Cycling event – Sunday 23rd September

This was discussed under the District Councillor report. Full details of the event and all 4 the road closures can be found on the Velo South website www.velosouth.com and the parish website.

Update: Velo South 2018 event was cancelled due to expected bad weather conditions.

64/18 The Old Grange site, Midhurst

Caroline Neville reported that Chichester District Council had put the old Grange site in Midhurst up for tender. Several offers had been received and they had accepted a proposal for a new care home. This decision will be discussed as part of the Overview and Scrutiny committee agenda next Tuesday.

65/19 Website

The parishioner who very kindly looks after the website and has done so for the past 6/7 years wishes to hand the responsibility over. Clerk to organise a meeting and discuss future options. The parish council wishes to thank Neil Daubeny for all his hard work over many years designing and updating the website

66/18 Financial Matters

- The Council's current financial position of £24,824 was noted
- The bank reconciliation at Appendix 2 was noted.
- The schedule of accounts submitted for payment at Appendix 3 was noted. Payments were authorised for WSCC (Clerk's August Salary) @ £450.15 and The Hollist Arms Lodsworth Ltd (Tidy up session refreshments from 2017/18) @ £132

67/18 Reports back from meetings attended by Councillors

Caroline Neville and Tom Richardson had attended the Velo South community engagement evening.

68/18 Clerks Report including any correspondence

Clerk reported on two forthcoming meetings:

- All Parishes meeting – Monday 8th October 7pm-9pm at East Pallant House.
- North Chichester CLC meeting – Tuesday 6th November at 7pm. Venue tbc

69/18 Items to be included on the next agenda

Co-option

Please let the Clerk know of any additional items for the agenda by Tuesday 6th November 2018

70/18 Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm