

LODSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT Minutes of a meeting held at Lodsworth Village Hall
On Monday 9th March 2020**

Present: Councillors Emma Davies, Justina Leitao, Caroline Neville (Chair), Mark Reed, James Rees and Jim Summers

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

PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

Comments and Questions from members of the Public

There were no members of the public present.

12/20 To note apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Parish Councillors Tom Richardson, Chris Fairclough and Paul Phillips

13/20 Declarations of interest

The Chairman reminded members of the code of conduct.

14/20 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th January were approved and signed as a correct record.

15/20 Reports from elected representatives of WSCC and CDC

District Councillor Francis Hobbs spoke of the Coronavirus and what to do if it hits Lodsworth. Lodsworth Local Care has set up a support mechanism to help those self-isolating. If you need any supplies ring the Lodsworth Larder who will deliver (see attached leaflet at end of the minutes for full details). Thanks were given to all those involved in this initiative

CDC's information page <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Government's information page <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

If you have any issues of a District nature then please do not hesitate to contact Francis on fhobbs@chichester.gov.uk or 01730 813313.

Francis Hobbs left the meeting at 7.45pm

County Councillor David Bradford reported that teams are set up at County to deal with the Coronavirus with strategic teams meeting every day and people standing by 24/7.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19/#1>

He said he appreciated the roads are not in a good state with many potholes. He advised Councillors to report the very bad ones in the parish directly to him (especially the ones which had not yet been repaired) as he can send a list to a members' hotline to speed things up. New contractors for Highways have been appointed and so far it seems to be a more effective regime. Children's Services and the Fire and Rescue are improving after their bad reports last year. If you have any issues of a County nature then please do not hesitate to contact David on david.bradford@westsussex.gov.uk or 01730 813313.

David Bradford left the meeting at 7.55pm

16/20 Working Party reports

- **Highways:** There was nothing specific to report apart from the horrendous state of the parish roads including Jobsons Lane. Clerk to email David Bradford and ask that the repairs to Jobsons Lane be accelerated.
- **Speedwatch:** This initiative has been put on hold until the weather improves.
- **Footpaths and Rights of Way:** James Rees said there had been some fly tipping on the footpath leading to Gosdenheath Farm which the Clerk had reported to Cowdray Estate. She had also reported a fallen tree and requested it be removed to enable safe passage. Complaints had been received from parishioners regarding an abandoned car on the entrance to FP 1085. Clerk to investigate.
- **Playground:** The monthly tidy up group had kindly sorted out the problem with the wet pour under the slide. There had been a further problem with moles which had been dealt with. The maintenance contract on the outdoor fitness equipment was being taken out.
- **Allotments:** There was nothing to report. The new season's invoices would be going out shortly.
- **Winter Plan:** Justina Leitao reported that a lot of the grit bins were filled up with water and had problem with their lids closing. She would contact the Active Communities team for guidance as this must be a problem most parishes are suffering from.
- **Lickfold Bridge flooding:** Jim Summers reported that when the Lickfold Bridge has been flooding lately because of the bad weather, it was draining away much quicker than in the past. Caroline Neville said she had been in contact with the Highways Officer regarding reinstating depth poles. Mark Reed stated people should just not drive through floods.
- **Village Tidy Up/Parish Repairs:** Emma Davies said the monthly village tidy up sessions have been very successful. They now have access to diggers and are carrying out heavier works which means they are collecting more green waste/good quality soil. Unfortunately the site where this previously has been dumped is at capacity. Clerk to ask Cowdray Estate whether there is anywhere locally this could be placed instead. Without somewhere, these sessions cannot carry on.
- **Planning:** The following applications have been discussed since the last meeting:

SDNP/19/06066/HOUS

Brickyard Cottage Surrey Road Lodsworth GU28 9DR

Replace new dormer and construction of new side extension, together with a new outdoor pool and plant shed.

SDNP/19/06129/HOUS and SDNP/19/06130/LIS

St Peters Well Vicarage Lane Lodsworth GU28 9DF

Internal repair alterations and minor external alterations to. Removal of existing single storey extension and construction of new single storey rear extension.

SDNP/20/00220/HOUS

Altnaharrie School Lane Lodsworth GU28 9DG

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and construction of a new open sided front porch and single storey rear extension.

SDNP/20/00568/TCA

Little Gulls The Street Lodsworth GU28 9BZ

Notification of intention to reduce height by 35% and crown thin by 25% on 1 no. Lilac tree (marked on plan as T1).

SDNP/20/00578/FUL

Village Hall Gills Lane Lodsworth Petworth West Sussex GU28 9BY

Single storey extension.

Since the last meeting, the Parish Council has discussed the following planning applications:

SDNP/19/05834/APNW

Hurlands Farm Selham Road Selham Lodsworth Petworth West Sussex GU28 0PN

Partial backfill old railway cuttings |

Decision: Prior Approval is required and refused

SDNP/19/04851/HOUS and SDNP/19/04852/LIS

Lodsbridge Mill Selham Road Selham Lodsworth GU28 0PL

Re-modelling of the existing extension.

Decision: Approved

SDNP/19/05971/TPO

Land at Lodsworth House Gills Lane Lodsworth West Sussex

Pollard down to 5.5m (above ground level) only the 1 no. eastern stem on 1 no. Sweet Chestnut tree (marked on plan as 1806) and fell 1 no. Ash tree (adjacent to Chestnut tree nos. 1806) within Area, A1 subject to LD/02/00610/TPO

Decision: Approved

SDNP/19/03202/HOUS and SDNP/19/03203/LIS

Church Cottage Church Lane Lodsworth GU28 9DD

Form link building between main dwelling and barn develop barn into home office. Install semi-renewable heating system. Construction of oak porch to main dwelling and green house.

Decision: Approved

17/20 Annual Parish Meeting Date and Format

It was agreed the APM would be on Monday 27th April at 7pm and it was hoped this year to embrace and include all village organisations. Clerk to send out invites to groups and ask whether they would like to attend and give a brief presentation/update on their specific clubs.

UPDATE: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19

18/20 Financial Matters

- The Councils current financial position of £22,709 was noted.
- The bank reconciliation at Appendix 3 was noted.
- The schedule of accounts submitted for payment at Appendix 4 was noted. Payments were authorised for WSCC (Clerk's Feb Salary) @ £450 and Mr Roger Comber (Mole services at playground) @ £90

19/20 Reports back from meetings attended by Councillors

Councillors had not attended any external meetings.

20/20 Clerks Report including any correspondence

Clerk reported on a forthcoming meeting:

- North Chichester CLC meeting – Tuesday 17th March at 7pm at Petworth Family and Children's Centre – **NOW CANCELLED**

21/20 Items to be included on the next agenda

Please let the Clerk know of any additional items for the agenda by Tuesday 5th May 2020

**22/20 Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday 11th May 2020 (Annual Meeting):
NOW CANCELLED**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm



Coronavirus Information

Lodsworth Local Care Working Together
with the Community

077830 51095

Volunteers Young, fit, willing and able needed to help man the shop, make deliveries and generally support our neighbours. Call The Larder to volunteer for the shop or LLC for anything else . Without your help, we can't help!

Facebook Use **Lodsworth Noticeboard** and **Lodsworth Local Care** Facebook pages for regular updates and requests for help. If you're not on it, get on it!

If you need technical assistance with this call LLC to help with access or email us and we will post it for you

Groceries etc Lodsworth Larder is aiming to keep stocked with dairy, meat, bread fruit /veg and general groceries. Phone before 12 noon if you are isolating and need supplies delivered to you **01798 861947**. If you visit the shop please try to use debit cards rather than cash

Michael Courtney (Butcher) and Greenhouse (fruit & Veg) in Midhurst will deliver orders over £10 **01730 816177**

Farretti Bakery for take-away Italian food. www.farretti.com

Neighbours Don't be a stranger! Telephone your neighbour to see if they are OK. Those in isolation may feel very vulnerable or lonely. A simple call will make all the difference

Pets Walking is still good for you! If you have had no direct contact with Coronavirus you can still walk your dog. Try not to come into close contact with strangers and protect yourself as much as possible

If you are self isolating use **Facebook** to ask for help with dog walking. If you are not able to do this, call LLC to see if they can assist

Information is changing daily so keep up to date with the news and the Facebook pages

Please see overleaf for useful telephone numbers

Email— **[lodsworthlocalcare@btinternet .com](mailto:lodsworthlocalcare@btinternet.com)**

Useful Telephone Numbers

Lodsworth Local Care 077830 51095

Liz Smillie 861403 or 07887 922473

Lesley Shaikh 860786 or 07771 885538

**Maria Dimond (Lickfold area) 861721 or
07715 421843**

Lodsworth Larder 861947

Michael Courtney and Greenhouse 01730 816177

Farretti Bakery— www.farretti.com

Lloyds Pharmacy Petworth 01798 342122

MH Pharmacy Midhurst 01730 813255

Boots Midhurst 01730 812074

**There is also a telephone list of local residents.
Please email Lodsworth Local Care if you need a
copy**

Email— lodswortlocacare@btinternet.com

