

LODSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of a Finance and Precept Meeting held at Lodsworth Village Hall On Monday 12th December 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Caroline Neville (Chair), James Rees, Mark Reed, Tom Richardson and Jim Summers

In attendance: Mrs Helen Cruikshank, Parish Clerk
There were six members of the public in attendance.

A member of the public spoke about the tree work proposal at the BT Exchange to fell the Sweet Chestnut tree. He and other residents have concerns about the safety of the tree and its potential danger to road users and the houses opposite if it was to fall.

The Co-chairs of the Lodsworth Larder Management Committee presented its funding request for the current year 2022/23 and for 2023/24.

The Parish Council is fully supportive of the shop and recognises its huge importance as a community asset in the parish. It appreciates the time given by the volunteers, both in the shop itself and those on the committee. Financial support would be discussed under item 88/22.

83/22 To note apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Emma Davies, Justina Leitao and Paul Phillips.

84/22 Declarations of interest

The Chairman reminded members of the code of conduct.

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85/22 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th November 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

86/22 Planning

The following planning applications were discussed:

SDNP/22/05255/TPO

Telephone Exchange The Street Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9BZ
Fell 1 no. Sweet Chestnut tree (T6) subject to LD/00/00608/TPO

SDNP/22/05195/LIS

Hambledon Farm Surrey Road Lickfold Lurgashall West Sussex GU28 9DU
Proposed external and internal alterations to existing kitchen including the introduction of oak framed extension and adjustment of 3 no. windows.

SDNP/22/05064/HOUS and SDNP/22/05065/LIS

Bounds Cottage The Street Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9DA
Two storey extension to north west elevation and internal alterations.

SDNP/22/05389/HOUS

Location: Gentilshurst Lickfold Road Fernhurst West Sussex GU27 3JJ
Proposal: Proposed use of first floor of detached garage as residential annexe in connection with host dwelling. Retrospective planning permission for 4 windows in the roof slope.

87/22 Emergency Plan

Lodsworth Local Care has identified the most vulnerable in the parish and the Lodsworth Village Hall Management Committee have agreed to open up the Village Hall as an emergency centre in the event of a long power cut and provide a warm space and hot meal and drinks as required. Unfortunately, the generator at the Village Hall is currently not working but it is hoped this will be repaired asap.

88/22 Grants and Donations 2022/23

The figures for the current budget 2022/23 were examined at Appendix 2. All budgeted annual grants and donations previously agreed were approved as follows:

Lodsworth Village Hall £1,500
Lodsworth PCC £750
Lodsworth Local Care £400
Arun and Chichester Citizens Advice Bureau £200
Rother Valley Together £300
Midhurst Community Bus £250
Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance £250
West Sussex Mind £250

Additionally, it was agreed to donate £250 to Midhurst Area Cycling to help support the project.

A decision on any financial contribution to help the Lodsworth Larder would be discussed further at January's meeting once it sees what steps have been taken from the ideas and suggestions given and raised at the village meeting in November. It would like to see evidence of the progress and the impact and outcome these have had before any money is pledged and donated this year and any future allocation in the 2023/24 budget.

Donations and grants will be paid at January's meeting.

89/22 Budget and Precept 2023/24

This item was postponed until January's meeting.

90/22 To consider urgent matters at the Chairman's discretion

The Parish Council has purchased a Christmas tree and lights for the green in front of The Hollist Arms. Councillors Rees and Summers kindly offered to put the tree up with the assistance of parishioners.

91/22 Date of next meeting

Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm