

LODSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall
On Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors Caroline Neville (Chair), James Rees, Tom Richardson (also in attendance as County Councillor), Jim Summers and Derrie Watchorn

In attendance: Mrs Helen Cruikshank, Parish Clerk

PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

Comments and Questions from members of the Public

There were four members of the public in attendance.

Three members of the public raised concerns around the proposed development at the land adjacent to The Watermill at Halfway Bridge. Issues with the scale of the development and the historic flooding at the site.

Concern was also raised regarding the Land for Sale sign at Beggars Corner at Halfway Bridge. The Parish Council had already been alerted and raised the issue with CDC and SDNPA. As the land is actually in Tillington parish, its Parish Council has been informed.

District Councillor Francis Hobbs stated he will ensure that proper due process is followed and that he is there to help whenever needed.

Three members of the public left the meeting at 7.55pm

14/24 To note apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Parish Councillor Mark Reed.

15/24 Declarations of interest

The Chairman reminded members of the code of conduct.

16/24 Co-option of Councillor

There was no co-option. There are two vacancies on the Parish Council.

17/24 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record.

18/24 Reports from elected representatives of WSCC and CDC

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

District Councillor Francis Hobbs left the meeting at 8.15pm

County Councillor Tom Richardson stated that WSCC Highways has a huge backlog of potholes to repair due to the bad weather. Please continue to report all potholes and road defects to WSCC via the website: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/>

If you have any issues of a County nature then please do not hesitate to contact Tom Richardson on tom.richardson@westsussex.gov.uk

19/24 Working Party Reports

- **Highways:** There was nothing to report.
- **Footpaths and Rights of Way:** The Footpaths and Rights of Ways have not been walked recently due to the terribly wet weather. Several fallen trees have been removed. WSCC rangers will repair the handrail on FP1045 when they are next in the area. Please report if there are any issues.
- **Play Area:** Derrie Watchorn is regularly checking the play area. She said the play area needs strimming and the zipwire sign needs some attention. It is hoped the maintenance works will start once the weather improves. The rotten picnic table will be replaced.
- **Green in front of The Hollist Arms:** Jim Summers has placed the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Plaque under the cherry tree. The Hollist Arms has requested it puts 2 or 3 picnic benches on the grass. The Parish Council agreed, however there should be no advertising or brightly coloured umbrellas.
- **Village Hall & Recreation Ground:** The fence around the Recreation Ground entrance is nearly finished and the gate will be installed soon. This was necessary as the insurance excess no longer covers the various implements that have been regularly stolen, added to which if break-ins were to continue insurance cover would be hard to obtain. The Village Hall Management Committee and the Parish Council have split the cost 50/50 for this. It was agreed to order a D-Day 80 Flag of Peace and a new Union Flag for the Flagpole.
- **Allotments:** The Clerk will liaise with the allotment manager in order for the new season's allotment invoices to be sent out. Caroline Neville said that the contractor had looked at the allotment wall repairs.
- **Parish Repairs including Tidy Up sessions:** It was agreed to organise a community litter picking session on Saturday 27th April. Meet at the Village Hall at 10am for equipment. The Clerk to organise the rubbish to be collected by CDC after the weekend.
- **Winter Plan:** There was nothing to report.
- **Parish Environmental Group-GREENHEAL:** Jim Summers reported that the wheels are in motion for being set up as a charity and the money raising will then follow. There will be three trustees, one from each parish. Greenheal will start with simple projects, copying the very successful Petersfield model.

One member of the public left the meeting at 8.45pm

- **Planning:** There were four outstanding planning applications which was discussed:

SDNP/24/00445/TCA

Lodsworth Cottage The Street Lodsworth Petworth West Sussex GU28 9BZ

Notification of intention to reduce heights and widths by 1.5m (all round) on 1 no Mulberry tree (T1) and 1 no. Apple tree (T2). Crown reduce by 40% on 1 no. Indian Bean tree (T3) and reducing 5 no. lower limbs by 2m (on the southern sector - towards the property) on 1 no. Magnolia tree (T4)

SDNP/24/00696/HOUS

11 Oakfield Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9BL

Single storey rear extension and replacement front porch

SDNP/24/00500/TCA

Harthanger, The Street, Lodsworth GU28 9BZ

Notification of intention to pollard crown to previous points on 1 no. silver birch tree

SDNP/24/00451/FUL

Land adjacent The Watermill Halfway Bridge Lodsworth Petworth West Sussex GU28 9BP

Residential development of 4 x 3 bed houses & 3 x 2-bed houses with associated bin/bike storage & parking

Given the concern raised by residents at the start of the meeting balanced with the need for more affordable housing required in the area, it was agreed to organise a site visit before any decision is made.

The following applications have been discussed by the Parish Council since January's meeting:

SDNP/23/05353/HOUS

The Old Nursery Church Lane Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9DD

Internal works to attic including insertion of paddle stairs from 1st floor. New floor boarding over 40% of existing wooden floorboards (east and west areas)

SDNP/24/00313/LIS

St Peters Well Vicarage Lane Lodsworth West Sussex GU28

Wrought iron driveway security gates with brick piers and side railings

SDNP/23/05315/FUL

Lodsworth Stables and Coach House Block Lodsworth House Gills Lane

Continuation and extension of works (approved under SDNP/22/04470/FUL) to finish the remaining part of the missing roof section covering the coach house.

SDNP/24/00449/TPO

Old Orchard School Lane Lodsworth Petworth West Sussex GU28 9DQ

Crown reduce (back to previous pruning points) on 2 no. Beech trees (T1 & T2) subject to LD/00/00608/TPO

SDNP/24/00309/LIS

St Peters Well, Vicarage Lane, Lodsworth, West Sussex GU28 9DF

New build masonry and timber framed 2-bay garage

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

SDNP/23/05023/DCOND

Collyers Farm Surrey Road Lickfold Lurgashall Petworth West Sussex GU28 9DU

Discharge of Conditions 4 and 5 of Planning Permission SDNP/21/04317/FUL

Decision: Approved

SDNP/23/05328/HOUS

11 Oakfield Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9BL

Single storey rear extension and replacement front porch

Decision: Approved

SDNP/23/02903/HOUS and SDNP/02904/LIS

Bounds Cottage, The Street, Lodsworth GU28 9DA

Proposed double garage and demolition of existing single garage

Decision: Approved

SDNP/23/02891/LIS

Bounds Cottage, The Street, Lodsworth GU28 9DA

To take down and rebuild 1 no chimney stack

Decision: Approved

SDNP/23/01702/HOUS

Collyers Farm Surrey Road Lickfold Lurgashall West Sussex GU28 9DU

Proposed outdoor swimming pool

Decision: Approved

SDNP/23/00662/HOUS

Strawberry Fields The Street Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9BZ

Proposed new opening in front boundary wall and installation of new gate

Decision: Refused

SDNP/24/00500/TCA

Harthanger, The Street, Lodsworth GU28 9BZ

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Decision: Raise no objection

SDNP/24/00445/TCA

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Decision: Raise no objection

SDNP/23/05327/HOUS

Old Brickyard Surrey Road Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9DR

First floor extension, works to internal walls and existing fenestration, including addition of 1st floor Juliet balcony, 1 no. new Velux roof windows and new French doors

Decision: Approved

SDNP/24/00449/TPO

Old Orchard School Lane Lodsworth Petworth West Sussex GU28 9DQ Crown reduce (back to previous pruning points) on 2 no. Beech trees (T1 & T2) subject to LD/00/00608/TPO

Decision: Raise no objection

SDNP/23/05315/FUL

Lodsworth Stables and Coach House Block Lodsworth House Gills Lane Petworth Lodsworth

Continuation and extension of works (approved under SDNP/22/04470/FUL) to finish the remaining part of the missing roof section covering the coach house

Decision: Approved

20/24 Parish Noticeboards

Graffham Parish Council has declined to offer any financial support for the replacement of the current shared noticeboard in Selham. Therefore, the decision will be made once two further quotes have been received for the refurbishment.

In the absence of Mark Reed, the final decision on the Lickfold noticeboard is deferred until the next meeting.

21/24 Vexatious Behaviour Policy

A Vexatious Behaviour Policy has been put in place by Chichester District Council.

22/24 Annual Parish Meeting 2024

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Monday 13th May at 7.45pm. All committees will be invited to come along and tell parishioners what has been happening during this last year.

23/24 Financial Matters

- The Councils current financial position of £27,243 was noted.

- The bank reconciliation (Appendix 2) as at 4th March 2024 was noted.
- The schedule of accounts submitted for payment (Appendix 3) was approved as follows; WSCC (Clerk's November 23 Salary) @ £539. The VAT refund had been received @ £544.
- The Budget Monitoring sheet (Appendix 4) as at 4th March 2024 was noted

24/24 Reports back from meetings attended by Councillors

Caroline Neville has attended meetings with CDALC – Chichester District Association of Local Councils and with the Clerk – Chichester District Council All Parishes meeting.

25/24 Clerk's report including any correspondence

There is a SDNP online meeting on Weds 13th March at 6.30pm.

The Official Portrait of His Majesty King Charles III has been ordered.

Southern Water are attempting to make a compulsory purchase of land adjacent to its site on Langham Lane to increase the size and to potentially install two water towers. The Parish Council will keep a close eye on this.

26/24 Items to be included in the next agenda

Please let the Clerk know of any additional items to be added to the agenda by Monday 6th May 2024

27/24 Date of next Parish Council meeting

Monday 13th May at the earlier start of **7pm**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

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