

LODSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at Lodsworth Village Hall
On Monday 11th November 2024 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors Luke Gilchrist, Tim Holloway, Caroline Neville (Chair), Paul Phillips, Mark Reed, 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 present.

A member of public raised concern about the amount of tree clearance on the land at Beggars Corner, Halfway Bridge and its potential effect on the wildlife.

The two fields have different ownership. The top field was used to host an event over Halloween whereas the lower one (Kathleen's field) is being cleared to put horses in. The possible camp site/events venue is obviously of concern to parishioners who live nearby. The new owner never approached the residents before organising the first event which added to their worry. The field is not in Lodsworth Parish; however, the Parish Council has asked Chichester District Council to keep it informed of future events and dates.

61/24 To note apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

62/24 Declarations of interest/Code of Conduct

The Chair reminded members of the Code of Conduct.

63/24 Co-option of Councillor

David O Malley and Joseph Blatchley were co-opted as Councillors. The Clerk to email all the relevant documentation.

64/24 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.

65/24 Reports from Elected representatives of WSCC and CDC

District Councillor Francis Hobbs said he had to be careful not to tread on District Councillor Darsha Desai's toes as the land at Beggars Corner is in Tillington Parish and therefore in Petworth ward. However, there is a very distinct process which must be followed. It is currently being adhered to and legal but he will ensure this continues.

He added that GREENHEAL had made significant progress and is very pleased with how it is shaping up.

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.

There was no County Councillor report. If you have any issues of a County nature then please do not hesitate to contact Tom Richardson on tom.richardson@westsussex.gov.uk

66/24 Working Party Reports

- **Highways:** Mark Lewis has met with James Tree and is due to see Tom Richardson to discuss a way forward to try and addressing the volume, speed and size of vehicles coming through Lodsworth.

Please continue to report all road issues to WSCC Highways on www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel The Clerk to report the overgrown nature of the triangular piece of land at the bottom of the track off School Lane to WSCC Highways as the brambles are encroaching onto the road. Also, she will report the problematic sightlines at the Lodsworth junction with the A272 which requires the grass to be cut back.

- **Footpaths and Rights of Way:** The Clerk to report a fallen tree on FP3348 and a fallen tree and subsidence on FP 1076 to WSCC Rights of Way team.
- **Play Area:** Derrie Watchorn reported the repairs to the playground had been completed and she will varnish the fencing in due course. The contractors are returning to address a few issues. Thanks were given to the Fete Committee for their £400 donation to help with the repair cost and to the Lodsworth Community Trust (owner of Lodsworth Outlook) for the smart new picnic table. The Zip-wire has been condemned and will either need to be removed, repaired or replaced. It was agreed to try and get a grant to help with funding in order to replace the equipment entirely as this is the safest and most economical option. Caroline Neville and Tim Holloway to look at funding applications.
- **Green in from of The Hollist Arms:** Jim Summers to discuss a Village Christmas tree with the Hollist Arms.
- **Village Hall & Recreation Ground:** There was nothing to report.
- **Allotments:** Paul Phillips reported that the top and side of the neighbouring hedge had been cut. The Parish Council had finally received the refund from Southern Water from over charging back in July. Matthew Crichton has confirmed that traffic lights will be required when working on the allotment wall. He is going to quote for one week's work.
- **Parish Repairs including parish tidy up sessions:** The community litter pick will be held on Saturday 30th November. Meet at 10am at the Village Hall Car Park for equipment. Caroline Neville had managed to contact the United Reform Church who have confirmed their responsibility of the graveyard at Bayley's Yard. They will look at the tree and fencing and take care of the area going forward. A member of public had carried out a review of the fingerposts in the County. In summary, there are 6 fingerposts in Lodsworth parish. Happily, they have been restored and are in good condition. However, some of the signs would benefit from being cleaned and minor repainting as necessary. Thanks were given to Deryck Hamon who has repaired and maintained these over the past 10 years. The Clerk to email the member of public and thank him for his hard work with the review.
- **Winter Plan:** A new grit bin had been purchased to replace the broken one on the junction of the A272 with Lodsworth. David O Malley kindly offered to swap them over at the weekend.
- **GREENHEAL:** Jim Summers explained the purpose and the goals of the Parish Environmental Group to the new Councillors. The application for its Charitable status had now been submitted.
- **Planning:** The following applications have been discussed by the Parish Council since September's meeting:

SDNP/24/03824/TCA

Church Cottage, Church Lane, Lodsworth GU28 9DD
Notification of intention to fell 2 no. Yew trees

SDNP/24/03904/TCA

Woodmancote, Vicarage Lane, Lodsworth GU28 9DA
Notification of intention to fell 1 no. Goat Willow tree

SDNP/24/04117/TCA

Netherfield, Vicarage Lane, Lodsworth GU28 9DF
Notification of intention to crown reduce 1 no Holly tree

SDNP/24/03927/LDE

Oakleaves, School Lane, Lodsworth GU28 9DH

Existing lawful development certificate for commencement of works approved under SDNP/21/05908/HOUS

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

SDNP/24/01826/HOUS

West Wadlington Surrey Road Lickfold Lurgashall West Sussex GU28 9DT

Erection of timber orangery to rear elevation

Decision: Approved

SDNP/22/05971/HOUS

237 Gosdensheath Farm Gosden Heath Lane Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9BX

Demolition of front and rear porch structures and detached modern garage building. Erection of single storey side extension and single storey rear covered link between house and outbuilding. Alterations to fenestration. Change of use of existing outbuildings to create ancillary annexe accommodation and yoga studio including alterations to fenestration and installation of solar PV panels. Erection of single storey outbuilding to create mitigation bat habitat and landscaping of site

Decision: Approved

SDNP/24/03995/DCOND

Stonehurst Hollihurst Road Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9BT

Discharge of condition 3 of permission SDNP/23/04669/HOUS

Decision: Approved

SDNP/24/03824/TCA

Church Cottage Church Lane Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9DD

Notification of intention to fell 2 no. Yew trees (quoted as T1 and T2)

Decision: Approved

SDNP/24/03600/DCOND

Oakleaves School Lane Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9DH

Discharge of Condition 1 and partial discharge of Condition 2 (for installation of wildlife strip) of Planning Permission SDNP/21/05908/HOUS (APP/Y9507/W/22/3292952)

Decision: Approved

SDNP/24/03444/MPO

Lower Gentilhurst Farm Lickfold Road Fernhurst West Sussex GU27 3JJ

Revised Deed of Variation LD/08/04640/FUL dated 9th March 2011 following the original agreement dated 17th Feb 2009 - removal of occupancy condition no. 3 attached to LD/2/49/A and transfer to 5 Tavern Court
Case withdrawn

SDNP/24/01630/PRE

Selham Lodsworth West Sussex

Traffic-calming and place-making project around the village of Selham

Pre-application advice complete

67/24 SDNP Local Plan Review – Preview of Draft Site Allocations and Land Availability Assessment

The Clerk had circulated the SDNP draft site allocation email which included a potential site in Lodsworth. Not all the sites will be proposed by SDNP. The allocations go to SDNP planning committee on 14th November then to full SDNP committee on 10th December. Public Consultation then will follow January – March 2025 when the PC can comment if the potential site in Lodsworth is proposed.

68/24 Financial Matters

- The Council's current financial position of £31,603 was noted.
- The bank reconciliation as at 4th November 2024 was noted.
- The schedule of accounts submitted for payment was approved as follows: WSCC (Clerk's October Salary) @ £539, Function 28 Ltd (Website hosting fee) @ £36 and WSCC (Payroll Admin Charges) @ £57
- The Budget Monitoring sheet as at 4th November 2024 was noted.

69/24 Reports back from meetings attended by Councillors

Councillors had not attended any external meetings.

The Clerk had attended the Police monthly meeting and a WSCC Highways meeting.

70/24 Clerks Report including correspondence

The next All Parishes meeting is via Zoom on 3rd February 2025 at 5pm.

She had emailed round a Riparian survey, Southern Water consultation of drinking water and a consultation on remote meetings and proxy voting.

71/24 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 January 2025

72/24 Date of next Parish Council meeting

Monday 9th December 2024 at 7.30pm. It is a Finance only meeting for ALL Councillors to discuss grants and donations plus the precept for 2025/26. The next full PC meeting is Monday 13th January 2025.

The Annual Parish Council meeting planned for Monday 12th May 2025 has been changed to Monday 19th May 2025. The Clerk to circulate an updated meeting date list.

The Clerk to find out whether Andrew Griffiths (MP) has availability to attend the Annual Parish Meeting at a date between 1st April and 1st June.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm