

LODSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Lodsworth Village Hall On Monday 13th July 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Luke Gilchrist, Tim Holloway, Aurele O'Malley, David O'Malley, Caroline Neville (Chair), Derrie Watchorn and Paul Williams

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.

34/26 To note apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Parish Councillor Jim Summers and belated apologies from Paul Phillips.

35/26 Declarations of interest/Code of Conduct

The Chair reminded members of the Code of Conduct.

36/26 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record.

37/26 Reports from Elected representatives of WSCC and CDC

District Councillor Francis Hobbs spoke of the Land at Halfway Bridge site (SDNP/24/00430/DEVMON) and the Regulation 19 consultation on the proposed South Downs Local plan.

The compliance date for the Land at Halfway Bridge site was Saturday 11th July and following this date, an Enforcement officer will undertake a site visit and if not compliant, evidence will be gathered of the continuing breach with the Council's Legal Services then commencing prosecution proceedings.

The Clerk to formally write to District Councillors Harsha Desai and Francis Hobbs stating the Parish Council's frustration about the lack of action and preparation by Chichester District Council with regard the compliance date for the Enforcement notice on the Land at Halfway Bridge and ask for an explanation. The Clerk also to contact CDC Enforcement for an update on Beggars Corner.

Regarding the SDNP Local plan consultation Lodsworth Parish Council had employed consultants to submit a strong objection to the proposed development at Langham stables (SDA59). Parishes must go hard and make a lot of noise now.

District Councillor Hobbs suggested contacting Nicole Reid from Working Together with Easebourne as she has done a lot of work to undermine the legality of the proposed SDNP Local plan. It is imperative that villages' identities are protected. The Local plan will be reviewed by the planning committee on 12th November and 8th December. All Regulation 19 consultation responses will then be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

Caroline Neville thanked him for his continued support.

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

District Councillor Hobbs left the meeting at 8pm

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

38/26 Working Party Reports

- **Highways:** The TRO application for the reduced speed limit in Lodsworth Village and between the village and the A272 and Lickfold had been submitted. It was agreed to reimburse the applicant the money he had spent on distributing the fliers @ £50 as a one off.
- **Footpaths and Rights of Way:** There was nothing to report.
- **Play Area:** The new zipwire had been installed and the annual ROSPA inspection was carried out soon after. The Parish Council is awaiting the CDC grant of £9,345. The Clerk to get Playsafe Playgrounds to quote for any repairs identified in the report. She will also organise someone to do some strimming under and around the equipment and tidy up the edge of the playground including removing any brambles from the hedge. Caroline Neville to ask whether some of the village parents and carers would help with a monthly clean of the equipment to keep it looking nice.
- **Green in front of The Hollist Arms:** There was nothing to report.
- **Village Hall & Recreation Ground:** David O Malley is now on the LVHMC.
- **Allotments:** All rents had now been received. There was nothing further to report.
- **Parish Repairs including Tidy Up sessions:** It was suggested that the tidy up sessions be reinstated or at least a litter pick organised. The Clerk to put an article in the e-newsletter to try and attract an organiser and volunteers.
- **Winter Plan:** Paul Williams has kindly offered to take on the Winter plan. He will liaise with Luke Gilchrist to carry out the grit bin audit which has a deadline submission of 10th August.
- **GREENHEAL(www.greenheal.org.uk):** There was nothing to report.
- **Planning:** The following planning application was discussed tonight:

SDNP/26/02570/HOUS

Duck Cottage Hollihurst Road Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9BT

Erection of a replacement extension and remodelled link, garden landscaping, and rainwater harvesting tanks.

No further planning applications had been discussed since the last PC meeting. Thanks were given to Jim and Seb Summers for all their work in submitting a response to SDNPA on the most recent Local Plan consultation.

Chichester District Council/South Downs National Park has made the following decisions:

SDNP/26/01477/LDP

1 Collyers Cottages Surrey Road Lickfold Lurgashall West Sussex GU28 9DT

Proposed lawful development - removal of existing Studio and Greenhouse and construction of 1 no. new detached outbuilding for use as a Studio and Greenhouse.

Decision: Refused

SDNP/26/01389/HOUS

The Oaks Halfway Bridge Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9BP

Replacement of existing pitched roof, installation of solar panels to roof on south elevation, removal of existing chimney and changes to fenestration. Alterations to existing garage to create habitable accommodation. Erection of new pitched roof extension over existing dining room/garage area.

Decision: Approved

SDNP/26/00111/HOUS and SDNP/26/00112/LIS

Highwood Barn Highstead Lane Lickfold Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9DY

Erection of a single storey rear extension to create a sun room

Decision: Refused

SDNP/26/00040/TCA

St Peters Well Vicarage Lane Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9DF

Notification of intention to reduce height by 2m and widths by up to 4m on 1 no. Walnut tree (quoted as TB), removal of branches (north/north-west and south/south-east) by 1m (to clear power and BT lines) on 1 no. Laurel tree and reduce height by up to 3m on 1 no. Western Red Cedar tree

Decision: Raise no objection

SDNP/25/03529/HOUS

Valley View School Lane Lodsworth West Sussex GU28 9DH

Front porch extension, ground floor rear extension with raised flagstone patio, change of loft space to habitable accommodation with 2 no. rear dormer extensions

Decision: Approved

39/26 Annual Asset Inspection

Luke Glichrist will kindly carry out the annual asset inspection and report back at the next meeting.

40/26 Financial Matters

- The Councils current financial position of £9,934 was noted. The CDC grant of £9,345 and the VAT reimbursement of £5,271 are due to be received imminently.
- The bank reconciliation as at 6th July 2026 was noted.
- The schedule of accounts submitted for payment was approved as follows; WSCC (Clerk's June Salary) @ £776, Caroline Neville (Mileage claim for meetings attended) @ £36 and Martin Lester (Reimbursement for flier delivery costs) @ £50.
- The Budget Monitoring sheet as at 6th July 2026 was noted.

41/26 Reports back from meetings attended by Councillors

Caroline Neville had attended the CDALC AGM in Boxgrove which was very good for networking. She had also attended a CDC meeting in Chichester where the huge increase in housing numbers was discussed. She and the Clerk had attended the SDNP Parishes online meeting with presentations on rural affordable housing.

42/26 Clerks report including correspondence

The Clerk reported there is the WSALC conference in Brighton if any Councillors would like to attend.

43/26 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 7th September 2026

44/26 Date of next Parish Council meeting

Monday 14th September 2026 at 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm