

LURGASHALL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LURGASHALL VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM

Councillors Present: Mr Andrew Loughan, Mr Neil Jowett, Mrs Jane Landstrom, Mrs Anthea Martin-Jenkins (Chairman), Dr Andrew Tate and Mr Peter Wilding

In Attendance: District Councillor Ellie Newbery
County Councillor Janet Duncton
Mrs H E Cruikshank (Clerk)

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm and welcomed all to the meeting.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Public Question time

There were no questions.

PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS

74/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Brett Burkhart and Adrian Stainton.

75/24 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chairman reminded members of their responsibilities under the Code of Conduct.

76/24 CO-OPTION OF COUNCLLOR

There was no co-option.

77/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 25th July 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

78/24 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda.

79/24 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor Janet Duncton reported on the following:

August is supposed to be down time for Councils although everything carries on as normal but no meetings. It didn't seem to work like that this year for some of us but I admit that mostly because of my role on the South Downs National Park so here's a few items on that.

As you know we were looking for a new Chief Executive and myself and 4 other members were on the committee to get the job done. We were joined by the Chief Executive of the Lakes National Park and a representative from Natural England to make sure we did the job properly. It may surprise you that it took so much of our time but firstly a company had to whittle the applicants down to about 20 for us to go through their CVs and we got down to 6. These 6 were interviewed by us over 2 very long days (actually one dropped out so it was 5 in the end) and we had 2 long and interesting days. The difficulty was we couldn't tell a soul of our

decision until all confirmations received and the Staff informed. I tried to see if it was settled today but no luck so as soon as I can I will inform the Clerks. All done now hopefully.

Back to County.

Residents looking to get their young people into Secondary Schools can apply on line as of now.

This week we have had a Youth Council and as ever it was interesting to see how the younger generation think and feel about things. They have actually made their own manifesto and have lead members for each issue. Not sure I remember them all but basically, they were the Environment, Safety for all which includes of course the dreadful knife crimes we read about and the drug scene. It includes everything at that means on line safety as well. They try to have a dialogue with the Police about issues and have been quite successful in that. Their attitude was good and I felt great hope for the future with young people like these taking on from us older generations.

September starts with again busy times. This current week I have had Youth Cabinet Monday, WS Planning committee, Tuesday, a tour of Horticulture sites all day on Wednesday and then site is its with SDNP for a large portion of the day and mainly down towards Winchester. Next week it's the Planning committee at SDNP and that's usually a most of the day meeting and then of course my Parish Councils all get back to meetings in September. I did of course have 2 who decided to meet in August but this is not the norm.

County Councillor Duncton spoke about the damage at Northchapel Primary school following flooding at the beginning of August. The outdoor area had been condemned by WSCC. The classrooms are covered by insurance but the outdoor area is not. A figure of £30,000 has been quoted as the cost of external repair. She is speaking with the School Building officer and will do her best to get some help

Please let me know if there are some issues you want me to investigate and as ever you can contact me via janet.dunton@westsussex.gov.uk or my mobile 07979152898.

Mrs Martin-Jenkins thanked WSCC for the wonderful resurfacing of the road from Gospel Green to The Three Horseshoes.

Janet Duncton left the meeting at 7.40pm

District Councillor Ellie Newbery reported on the following:

Climate Change

Last chance to have your say on future climate change projects in the area! Please complete the survey and encourage as many people as possible to do so: <https://letstalk.chichester.gov.uk/climatechange>

When you complete the survey, you can enter a draw to be in with a chance of winning a sustainable living prize worth up to £500 when you fill in our survey. Once the results have been examined and the final plan written up, it will be discussed by Cabinet and Full Council for approval in summer 2025, when the current plan ends. The new plan will run until 2030.

Tree planting Grant- parishes invited to apply!

CDC has opened the second round of the Tree Chichester District scheme's Community Orchard initiative. Community groups and parish councils are being encouraged to apply for a share of the £9,000 funding by 17 January 2025 to help pay for trees and items such as stakes, cages and tree ties. The funding will be issued on a first come, first served basis — and all planting must be completed by the end of March 2025. Those wishing to apply should request an application form by emailing: treescheme@chichester.gov.uk.

Chichester Local Plan update

Just to update you on the Local Plan- planning inspectors have been appointed to examine the Chichester Local Plan. CDC have now received their 'Matters, Issues and Questions', which inform the discussion at the hearings. A total of 268 questions across six principal matters have been identified. The council and interested parties will be expected to produce hearing statements on these matters by 13 September. The Inspectors have also published a first version of the expected timetable for the hearings, which at the moment, are due to start on 1 October and are expected to run until 13 November.

UK Harvest

I have been attending the Community Food Hub (at the Grange in Midhurst every second Monday 3pm-4pm) where anybody can attend and get fresh fruit and vegetables for a small donation (or no donation). It is brilliant and is for everyone- the primary aim being to reduce food waste. They are an excellent charity and I would urge you to read about their work and consider supporting them.

Fernhurst

I am hoping to put together a Jumble Safari similar to the one in Midhurst in the spring with the school as a community event so would welcome any thoughts. The idea is that families can put out in their front gardens any items they would like to sell and then people can go around the village to the different sites. The purpose is for reducing waste and holding a community event for people to meet.

Lynchmere

The District Council are continuing to work with the parish council and Hyde to improve housing at the Hammer Hill Estate and this work is ongoing- thanks so much to Sandie.

Meeting your District Councillors

Brett can be contacted on email bburkhart@chichester.gov.uk or telephone 07876594168

Ellie can be contacted on email enewbery@chichester.gov.uk or telephone 01428 656 941 and I will be at Fernhurst Hub on Monday 23 September 10.30-12 if anyone would like to see me then!

80/24 FINANCE

The Clerk had previously distributed Appendix 3a and b which included:

- a) A statement of the position of the Council's bank accounts as at 5th September 2024 incorporating details of payments which needed to be made, and for which approval was sought.
- b) Budget Monitoring sheet as at 5th September 2024.

The Council's current financial position at £33,538, bank account and budget monitoring sheet were noted. Seven payments were approved: Mrs Helen Cruikshank (Clerk's July & August Salary plus expenses) @ £853, Lurgashall PCC (Annual Donation) @ £750, Lurgashall Village Hall (Annual Donation) @ £1,000, Lurgashall Cricket Club (Annual Donation) @ £600, Northchapel Primary School (Annual Donation) @ £1,500, Lurgashall Recreation Ground (Annual Donation) @ £500 and Lurgashall Village Shop (Annual Donation) @ £2,000. The Leconfield Estates has sent an unusually high water bill for the usage at the allotments so it is being queried due to a leak in an adjacent field.

The External Audit had been completed and signed off by Moore.

81/24 PLANNING

The Clerk had previously distributed Appendix 4. Mrs Martin-Jenkins reported on the following:

PLANNING APPLICATIONS DISCUSSED SINCE THE LAST PC MEETING

SDNP/24/02816/FUL

Weyspring Park, Bell Vale Lane, Fernhurst, West Sussex GU27 3DJ

Extension building to existing residential care facility, providing accommodation for 30 residents and 4 key workers long with associated facilities.

SDNP/24/02812/HOUS and SDNP/24/02813/LIS

Green Cottage, High Hamstead Lane, Lurgashall GU28 9ET

Repairs and renovations to façade, roof and chimneys. Replacement of roof-lights, pipes and rear single storey lean to roof. Works to windows.

DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM CDC/SDNPA SINCE THE LAST PC MEETING

SDNP/24/02571/DCOND

The Quell, Quell Lane, Lurgashall GU27 3BW

Discharge of condition 6 from planning permission SDNP/21/02601/CND

Decision: Approved

SDNP/24/02492/DCOND

The Quell, Quell Lane, Lurgashall GU27 3BW

Discharge of conditions 5,6,7,10 and 11 from planning permission SDNP/21/05382/HOUS

Decision: Approved

SDNP/24/01712/LIS

Green Cottage, High Hamstead Lane, Lurgashall GU28 9ET

Replacement of timber framed single-glazed windows and rear patio door using slimline histoglass

Decision: Approved

SDNP/24/03411/NMA and SDNP/24/03412/NMA

Hazards (now Oakwood House), High Hamstead Lane, Lurgashall GU28 9ET

Non-material amendment to planning permission SDNP/21/04326/HOUS for alterations to garden room

windows and non-material amendment to planning permission SDNP/04327/HOUS – materials and design of approved windows

Decision: Approved

82/24 HIGHWAYS INCLUDING WINTER MANAGEMENT

It was decided to consider replacing the stolen grit bin near Sods Farm next year before WSCC replenish the grit for the winter.

The overgrown nature of the hedges on parish roads was discussed. Many trees which have fallen in the storms and high winds along Jobsons Lane have not been cut far enough back so are sticking out onto the highway causing concern for road users. Landowners do not seem to be maintaining hedges bordering roads making driving dangerous. Members suggested that the Parish Council employ a local contractor to do the whole lot.

The Clerk will go and take photos of all the highways issues and report to WSCC including the barrier which was put up where the road had fallen away on High Hamstead just before Dial Green.

83/24 VILLAGE GREEN

There was nothing to report.

84/24 PLAYGROUND

Mr Loughan said he had not had the time to start the playground repairs but would do shortly.

85/24 ALLOTMENTS

Mrs Landstrom said there was nothing much to report. There had been a major leak in the adjacent field in an old stone trough but it is all sorted and fixed now. The allotments are full with a waiting list. There had been a rat/mice issue at the allotments.

86/24 RIGHTS OF WAYS

There are still massive ruts on the well-used footpaths on Coochway Ground which will only get more treacherous. As discussed at the planning meeting earlier in the evening, the Clerk will report again to WSCC and also write to the Chief Executive of the Forestry Commission to complain about their lack of engagement with the issue and non-existent site visit.

87/24 L.R.A

Dr Tate reported the main field had been cut along with the wild flower meadow which has been raked off. SDNP are going to lay the L.R.A hedges.

88/24 MOBILE SKIP

The mobile skip is returning to the Village Hall car park on Saturday 12th October, 10am – midday.

89/24 LITTER COLLECTION DAY

The next tidy up morning will be held on Saturday 2nd November subject to Mr Stainton's trailer being available. The Clerk to advertise the date in the Parish Newsletter and Lurgashall Link FB page. She will order some more purple bin bags from CDC and book in for the rubbish to be collected on the Monday.

90/24 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk stated there are three upcoming meetings as following:

- All Parishes Meeting - Monday 23rd September at 5pm at East Pallant House (CDC offices)
- Bi-monthly Police online meeting - Tuesday 1st October from 10.30am - Midday
- SDNP Parish online meeting - Wednesday 2nd October at 6.30pm

Please let the Clerk know if you would like to attend any of these so she may reserve you a place.

91/24 TO CONSIDER URGENT MATTERS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

There were no urgent matters. The Clerk to invite Andrew Griffiths to the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2025.

92/24 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Please let the Clerk know of any additional items by Thursday 7th November 2024

93/24 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on Thursday 14th November 2024 at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm