

## LOXTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.00PM

**In attendance:** Chairman Shipton, Cllr Bassett, Cllr Davies, Cllr Eden, District Cllr Tristram and Cllr Maquire.  
The Minutes were taken by Clerk Sally Ferguson. The meeting opened at 7.04pm

**29/23** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**30/23 Apologies for absence-** There were no Councillor apologies. The Church Warden sent hers which were noted.

**31/23 Declaration of Interests** – None declared.

**32/23 Minutes of Last Meeting** – The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 were resolved as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

**33/23 Public Speaking-** Cllr Abi Maquire introduced herself to the Parish Council. She will be standing as an Independent Parliamentary Candidate in the next General Election.

**34/23 Correspondence-** The Chairman had received an email stating the money for the tree work in the Parish Acre would be available shortly. See 35/23. The Clerk advised the second tranche of the Precept would be paid within three days.

**35/23 Tree works:** It was resolved to go ahead with the works needed on receipt of the funding from the National Grid. Clerk to advise Chairman when funds were received.

**36/23 Planning:** Old Granary Farm, Banwell Road, Christon, BS26 2XX. 4 X Leylandii fell and replace with Hornbeam hedge as they are interfering with drainage system. It was resolved to support as replacement was needed and this would be with a native species.

**37/23** The meeting dates for 2024 were agreed with one alteration.

**38/23 Finance and to approve payments since last meeting-**It was resolved to approve the payments since last meeting and acknowledge those due before the next meeting in November.

- Clerk salary July 2023 = £115.80+ £20.00 expenses = £135.80
- N.I./ Tax HMRC July = £29.00
- Clerk salary August= £115.80 +£20.00 expenses = £135.80
- N.I/Tax HMRC August = £29.00
- Malwarebytes renewal = £29.99
- NSC Election recharge =£92.00

#### **39/23 Reports:**

1. **District Councillor** – District Cllr Joe Tristram asked how the issues raised at the last meeting had fared.
2. **Highways/Footpaths** - None
3. **Parish Acre** -The current ash dieback issue would shortly be dealt with, the Chairman had been advised to have the trees re-examined in around 18 months- 2years time.
4. **Parish Orderly** -Nothing to report.

5. **Community Hub** –The Hub was continuing to do well, with August becoming the busiest month so far. There was concern that passing trade had been lost during the tourist season due to road to Bleadon being closed for works by Wales and West Utilities. This would be followed up for possible compensation. Community bus had been used for a further trip to Woolacombe.

**40/23 Items not covered elsewhere plus items for the next agenda-**

Budget process to begin for 2024-25 and to consider donation to upkeep of grounds at Parish Churches .

**Next meeting:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.00pm

**Meeting closed at 7.56pm**

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