

## LODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025

**Sports Pavilion Harrington Road Loddington NN14 1JZ**

**Present:**

Cllr Alan Durn (Chair), Cllr Kate Reneerkens,  
Cllr Mark Reneerkens, Cllr Joby Simson, Cllr Lorraine Wensor  
Jane Mann (Clerk) 5 members of the public

Item no	Decisions	Action																																										
<b>24/69</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Apologies were accepted from Cllr Alice Ablett.																																											
<b>24/70</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests:</b> Cllr Durn declared a non-pecuniary interest in his Playing Field Manager and Village Hall roles.																																											
<b>24/71</b>	<b>Public Session:</b> PCSO Brandon Scott attended the meeting and provided some information on two incidents reported this year, which included a burglary in the village. A further burglary had not been reported. Concerns were raised regarding a homeless man and a fire in the bus shelter.																																											
<b>24/72</b>	<b>Minutes:</b> It was resolved to approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 2 January 2025.																																											
<b>24/73</b>	<p><b>Accounts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The financial situation at 28 February 2025 was reported, with a balance of £4,278.61 in the precept account and £9,798.31 in the recreation account.</li> <li>ii. The Parish Council received confirmation that internal controls had been followed.</li> <li>iii. Payments made prior to the meeting in accordance with financial regulations which have been previously authorised and paid by BACS were reported: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tbody> <tr><td>9 January 2025</td><td>Valda Energy</td><td style="text-align: right;">49.36</td></tr> <tr><td>20 January 2025</td><td>Clerk's salary</td><td style="text-align: right;">527.17</td></tr> <tr><td>20 January 2025</td><td>HMRC</td><td style="text-align: right;">131.80</td></tr> <tr><td>20 January 2025</td><td>Clerk's expenses</td><td style="text-align: right;">20.08</td></tr> <tr><td>20 January 2025</td><td>Bus shelter roof</td><td style="text-align: right;">130.00</td></tr> <tr><td>21 January 2025</td><td>EDF</td><td style="text-align: right;">66.35</td></tr> <tr><td>24 January 2025</td><td>B&amp;Q</td><td style="text-align: right;">90.00</td></tr> <tr><td>30 January 2025</td><td>Anglian Water</td><td style="text-align: right;">30.11</td></tr> <tr><td>10 February 2025</td><td>Valda Energy</td><td style="text-align: right;">103.26</td></tr> <tr><td>14 February 2025</td><td>Argos</td><td style="text-align: right;">85.00</td></tr> <tr><td>20 February 2025</td><td>Clerk's salary</td><td style="text-align: right;">527.17</td></tr> <tr><td>20 February 2025</td><td>HMRC</td><td style="text-align: right;">131.80</td></tr> <tr><td>20 February 2025</td><td>Clerk's expenses</td><td style="text-align: right;">20.08</td></tr> <tr><td>20 February 2025</td><td>SLCC</td><td style="text-align: right;">95.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table> </li> <li>iv. Payment for skip £288 and Valda Energy £64.29 were approved.</li> <li>v. SLCC and NACRE subscriptions were approved.</li> </ul>	9 January 2025	Valda Energy	49.36	20 January 2025	Clerk's salary	527.17	20 January 2025	HMRC	131.80	20 January 2025	Clerk's expenses	20.08	20 January 2025	Bus shelter roof	130.00	21 January 2025	EDF	66.35	24 January 2025	B&Q	90.00	30 January 2025	Anglian Water	30.11	10 February 2025	Valda Energy	103.26	14 February 2025	Argos	85.00	20 February 2025	Clerk's salary	527.17	20 February 2025	HMRC	131.80	20 February 2025	Clerk's expenses	20.08	20 February 2025	SLCC	95.00	
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<b>24/74</b>	<p><b>Governance:</b></p> <p>Governance Policies and documents were reviewed and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Asset Register</li> <li>ii. Risk Assessment</li> <li>iii. Equality and Diversity Policy</li> <li>iv. Grant Awarding Policy</li> <li>v. Grievance and Disciplinary Procedure</li> <li>vi. Training and Development Policy</li> </ul>																																											
<b>24/75</b>	<p><b>Progress reports from previous meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The application for a solar powered Vehicle Activated Speed Sign was submitted to the Road Safety Community Fund on 21<sup>st</sup> February. However, we have received a response advising that the Fund is now closed until April, at which time our bid will be considered. It is disappointing that we had to wait 5 weeks for a quotation from NNC for a post, which delayed the submission of our application.</li> </ul>																																											

	<p>ii. An update was received on the new website, which raised concerns regarding not being able to display the Gigaclear logo on the facing page. Councillors felt that we should continue with Parish Online, awaiting future enhancements. Payment for the website was approved.</p>	<b>JM</b>
<b>24/76</b>	<p><b>Village matters:</b></p> <p>i. An update was received on the unauthorised traveller's site, following a meeting on 5 March.</p> <p>ii. An update on Police Liaison was received. A PLR coordinator has been appointed, which should improve communication. Suspicious activity in Harrington Road on 2 February was reported to Police.</p> <p>iii. There were currently no joint working initiatives with the school.</p> <p>iv. Cllr Kate Reneerkens and Cllr Mark Reneerkens met with Ben Wright from Kier on 15 January 2025 where promises were made to improve the roads in and around Loddington. This was confirmed by email. Unfortunately, many of Ben's promises were not fulfilled, so Cllr Kate Reneerkens emailed again expressing her disappointment.</p> <p>v. An update on Safeguarding issues was received. An incident occurred, where a person was spending nights in the bus shelter in Harrington Road. Our Safeguarding Officer made contact to establish the identity of the individual, who asked for help. This was reported to NNC Rough Sleeping Team. The individual has not been seen in the village since.</p> <p>vi. A date was agreed for the Annual Village Litter Pick-Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April, will be publicised.</p> <p>vii. It was agreed that Loddington would celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Monday 5th May from 2pm. Cream teas and ice creams would be provided. Further detail will be provided nearer the time.</p> <p>viii. Arrangements for Fireworks evening were agreed and date set for 5 November.</p> <p>ix. Mowing arrangements were considered and it was agreed to carry on as present.</p>	
<b>24/77</b>	<p><b>Planning applications:</b></p> <p>i. The clerk provided an update on existing applications.</p> <p>ii. There were no new planning applications.</p> <p>iii. There were no updates on other planning issues at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loddington Lodge or Loddington School.</li> <li>• Work on trees and solar panel installation without planning permission in the conservation area</li> </ul> <p>The Parish Council had agreed to make a formal complaint to NNC regarding their inability to deal with enforcement issues. It was reported that this action was still outstanding.</p>	<b>AA</b>
<b>24/78</b>	<p><b>Playing Field Report:</b></p> <p>i. An update was received from the Playing Field Manager on maintenance, improvements and usage of the playing field and pavilion. Cricketers have used part of the grant to: decorate parts of the internals of the pavilion; Larger access to the Loft and new ladders; Baby changing area; New sinks and taps; Hand driers; Storage areas; Water piped to the square. Monies still be spent on outside of the pavilion. LPC have removed the room divider. Disposal of unwanted items. Replaced broken locks. New catering urn. Two new heaters. Heating system not working properly. Tree work required around telephone wires on Mawsley Lane.</p> <p>ii. There was no update on tree application for the playing field.</p>	
<b>24/79</b>	<p><b>Training:</b></p> <p>There were no further training requirements.</p>	
<b>24/80</b>	<p><b>Councillor vacancy</b></p> <p>This would be filled through the election process.</p>	
<b>24/81</b>	<p><b>May Election</b></p> <p>It was agreed to promote candidacy through the website, noticeboard and the Messenger.</p>	<b>JM</b>
<b>24/82</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>3 April 2025- Annual Parish Meeting The meeting closed at 21.15.</p>	

**Signed Chairman:** ..... **Date**.....