

LOXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON MONDAY 24th March 2025 AT 7.00PM

In attendance: Chairman I. Shipton, Cllr Bassett, Cllr Davies, Unitary Cllr Tristram and seven members of the Public.

The Minutes were taken by Clerk Sally Ferguson. The meeting opened at 7.00 pm

66/24 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

67/24 Apologies for absence- Cllr Eden- Accepted.

68/24 Declaration of Interests – None declared.

69/24 Minutes of Last Meeting – The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 6th January 2024 were resolved as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

70/24 Public Speaking-

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.02 pm to allow the Public to speak.

Unitary Councillor Tristram was invited to speak as he had to leave the meeting to attend another. He had no updates for the Parish.

There was an update from the Crook Peak Parish Churches on the recent Climate Change talk which was well attended.

One resident spoke about her concerns that an oak tree in her garden had honey fungus and needed felling as she believed it to be a danger to neighbouring properties. She had applied to North Somerset Planning Department for permission to fell, but it had been refused. She would email her concerns to the Clerk who would pass on to the Tree officer for investigation. (Unitary Cllr Tristram left the meeting at 7.11 pm).

A resident shared his plans for rebuilding a fallen wall. He hoped to rebuild it complete with a parallel parking space.

There were three residents interested in Agenda item 6 (review of community feeling regarding a speed reduction in the Parish). These residents also asked if a blocked drain by the Garage could be reported again, as it floods badly after rainfall and impedes access to the defibrillator Cabinet.

The meeting opened again for business at 7.42pm and two residents left the hall.

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71/24-To consider supporting a speed reduction scheme request.

The Council felt there was insufficient community support either way for any decision to be made at this meeting. The Minutes would continue to be shared via What's App to reach as many residents as possible

72/24 Planning:

There were no planning applications for consideration.

73/24 Correspondence

All correspondence sent to Members by email.

74/24

It was resolved to appoint Mr R. Young as Internal Auditor

75/24

It was resolved to approve the Statement of Internal Control 2024-2025.

76/24

It was resolved to approve the Financial Risk Management Report 2024-2025.

77/24

It was resolved to approve the Asset Register 2025.

78/24

It was resolved to approve a one-point increase in the Clerk's salary (28p per hour from 1st April 2025).

79/24

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 May 2025.

- Clerk Salary January =£157.24
- Home Allowance= £20.00
- N.I/Tax HMRC January =£39.40
- Orderly payment 2024=£690.00
- Clerk Salary February =£157.04
- Home Allowance = £20.00
- N.I/Tax February = £39.20
- Clerk Salary March = £157.24
- Home Allowance = £20.00
- National Insurance= £39.40
- Loxton Electrical Services (repair to streetlight) = £92.89

Bank Balances after March payments (please note this may change before 31/03/ 2025):

- Current Account = £1566.11
- Reserves Account = £5915.06

80/24 Reports:

1. **District Councillor** –Cllr Tristram had no relevant updates for Loxton but answered a few questions which arose.
2. **Highways/Footpaths** –Hill View Road and Church Lane are still waiting to be resurfaced. Ham Lane was also mentioned as needing repairs.
3. **Parish Acre** – The Clerk was asked to contact the tree surgeon about the scheduled tree works.
4. **Parish Orderly** -Nothing to report.
5. **Community Hub** -The next stage of building works had commenced. The completion of the whole project is subject to raising a further £80,000.00.

81/24 Items not covered elsewhere plus items for the next agenda- Nothing forthcoming.

Next meeting: Meeting of the Parish Council:

Annual Parish Council Meeting Monday 12th May 2025 at 7.00 pm (to be followed by Annual Parish Meeting)

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.