

LOXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON TUESDAY 1st JULY 2025 AT 7.00PM DRAFT

In attendance: Chairman I. Shipton, Cllr Davies, Cllr A. Eden, Unitary Cllr Tristram and three members of the Public.

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

19/25 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

20/25 Apologies for absence- Cllr Bassett- Accepted.

21/25 Declaration of Interests – None declared.

22/25 Minutes of Last Meeting – The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 12th May 2025 were resolved as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

23/25 Public Speaking-

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.03 pm to allow the Public to speak. A member of the public spoke about his dissatisfaction with the recent rebuild of a bridge on the highway next to his property. The property is in Somerset but is right on the border with North Somerset, and the route is used frequently by Loxton residents. There had been no communication by Somerset Council with Waste Services, and School transport services when the diversion was put in place, and he felt the rebuild was inferior. He would also raise his views with East Brent Parish Council.

The meeting opened at 7.19 pm.

24/25 Planning:

- 25/P/1031/FUH Walnut Tree House, Christon Road, Loxton. BS26 2XG Demolition of a conservatory and proposed erection of a single storey rear extension. It was resolved to support as an improvement to the existing property.
- 25/P/1041/TRCA The Old Barn, Christon Road, Loxton. BS26 2XG. Group 1. X 2 Aesculus Hippocastanum- reduce by 1.5 m in height and 2 m in canopy spread. Group 2. X 7 Leylandi- Fell to ground level. Populus alba- Reduce by 6-8 m in height and by 5-6 m in canopy spread. T2. Quercus robur-Reduce in height by 3m and by 4.5 m in canopy spread. . It was resolved to accept the Tree Officer's decision.
- 25/P/0442/FUL Roselands, Weston Lane, Christon, BS26 2XT. Change of use from domestic garage to holiday let (Use Class 3 (Retrospective)). It was resolved to comment that parking spaces for the holiday let may need to be taken into consideration.
- 25/P/1115/FUL Barn Off Church Lane, Loxton. BS26 2XQ. Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans and documents attached to planning permission 24/P/0174/FUL (Conversion of redundant barn to dwelling house (incorporating changes outside of approved application 23/P/1893/FUL) to allow for minor alterations to the approved barn conversion to include;- Replacement of the existing cladding to match the existing, replace modern brickwork wall with natural stonework and relocate the window to the west elevation on the single storey element to the north elevation together with the addition of a porch canopy and 3 no. rooflights. Solar panels to the south elevation and alterations to the window and door arrangements to the east elevation. It was resolved to support the changes as an improvement to the approved application.

(The following application came in after the Agenda was published, but was considered under delegation as the next meeting is not until September)

- 25/P/1283/FUH Orchard Cottage, Banwell Road, Christon. BS26 2XX. Demolition of the existing single storey rear extension and proposed erection of a larger two-storey rear extension. It was resolved to support as an improvement to the property.

25/25 Correspondence

All correspondence sent to Members by email.

26/25

It was resolved to grant £100.00 to Contact magazine

27/25

IT Policy

It was resolved to adopt the IT Policy written by the Clerk.

28/25

Finance and to approve payments since last meeting-

It was resolved to approve the payments since last meeting and those due before the next meeting in September 2025.

- Clerk Salary June =£159.80
- Home Allowance= £20.00
- N.I./Tax HMRC June =£40.00
- Clerk Salary July= £159.80
- Home Allowance = £20.00
- N.I./Tax July = £40.00
- SLCC (10%) = £36.75
- Contact Magazine= £100.00

It was noted the following payments were due in August and resolved to pay them as the next meeting was in September:

- August Salary= £159.80
- N.I./Tax= £40.00
- Home Allowance =£20.00
- Annual Insurance =£490.36

Bank Balances after July payments (please note this may change if more invoices are received in July):

- Current Account = £1094.95
- Reserves Account = £7431.79

29/25 Reports:

1. **District Councillor** –Cllr Tristram raised the subject of hospital transport provision, and local schemes.
2. **Highways/Footpaths** –The Chair mentioned that Potholes/road edge loss repairs had been carried out .
3. **Parish Acre** – Nothing to report.
4. **Parish Orderly** -Nothing to report.
5. **Community Hub** -The next stage of building works had commenced. It was hoped to have the main building opened by the end of the summer. Day trips out in the minibus were all

fully booked. The inaugural meeting of a new intergenerational project had taken place with 16 of the older generation and a selection of young people and had gone very well.

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

Next meeting: Meeting of the Parish Council:

Tuesday 2nd September 2025.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.