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Minutes of the meeting of **Loggerheads Parish Council** held at **Loggerheads Fire Station on Thursday 10 April 2025**

Minutes

Present: Chairman Swetman, Cllr Wellard, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Lee, Cllr Beales, Cllr Swann, Cllr Fox, Cllr Hodgkins, Cllr Butterworth, Cllr Sheard, Cllr Sedgley, Cllr Love

1. To receive and consider apologies for absence. None to report.
2. To note declarations of Members' interests

   None to report

3. To approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13th March 2025
   Proposed Cllr Lee
   Seconded Cllr Love
   Unanimous

4. Public Question Time
   No members of the public present..

5. Updates from committee chairs (Finance & Planning)
   Planning

   Planning and infrastructure bills were discussed, and a briefing note was circulated via email.
   Cllr Love had written to the education department regarding school places.
   SCC Highways did not respond about the issues of access to Tadgdale Quarry.

   Hungerseath Lane had taken place with the surrounding Parishes, SCC Highways had given a presentation. The accidents that had previously happened were outside the time frame for being taken into consideration. SCC

are putting traffic lights on the junction to prioritise the traffic. Articulated lorries will be forced onto Hungersheath Lane. The bridge on this lane is not wide enough or structurally sound for such large vehicles. This will obviously cause problems.

Maer and Aston PC want to close a section of the adjoining lane due to a fatality. The MP officer was present and they will follow up on the issue.

Cllr Love has also written to the MP about the ICB and Ashley Surgery and a response is awaited.

Cllr Love gave a briefing about the NBC Local Plan, the Parish Council has been asked to submit any comments. Cllr Love and Chairman Swetman would work together to submit the comments.

6. To Note any outstanding planning matters. Nothing to report.

7. Finance:- Meeting not taken place. Cllr Lee explained that the reserves at the year end were looking very healthy, and a full report would be available at the meeting.

8. S137 Application from Loggerheads & Ashley Community Group & Pickers and Planters.

   An application had been circulated to the Councillors for £660.
   Proposed Cllr Lee
   Seconded Cllr Wellard
   Unanimous

9. To approve the monthly payments and note payments April 2025
   Proposed Cllr Lee
   Seconded Cllr Roberts
   Unanimous

10. To note the internal audit report and plan for any recommendations

    The Clerk explained that the Internal auditor had made a number of recommendations which were relating to the previous years. The details were circulated in the internal audit report and will be available on the web site.

11. To authorise the signing of the Annual Governance Statement

    Deferred until the wet signature of the Auditor was received in the post.

12. To authorise the signing of the Annual Accounting Statement

13. Deferred until the wet signature of the Auditor was received in the post.

14. To note the agreement for 2025/26 for the hire of the facilities at Loggerheads Community Fire station. Noted

15. Cooption applications - Deferred

16. Updates on LV1 – Chairman Swetman gave a verbal update on the lease issue; the Clerk had asked NBC if there was a possibility of purchasing the land. NBC had said they don't think it is appropriate to sell it because it was the benefit of the community. Cllrs were shocked and surprised by NBC response.

17. To receive reports from Staffordshire County Council, Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council and Staffordshire Police.

    County Cllr Northcott gave a report on Highways repairs. Mucklestone Road was to have repairs on 10th May.

    Cllr Sedgley raised concerns about the road closures and potholes remaining.

18. To receive updates from Members on outside committees and bodies

    Cllr Fox gave a report on St Marys new classroom; the formal opening is 06.06.2025. She went onto say that the school is interviewing for a new Head of School.
    Cllr Sedgley proposes to write to Mrs Hill with thanks. Seconded Cllr Fox

19. To note the meetings for the upcoming month

    Planning – No meeting Bank Holiday
    Finance – 12.05.2025 – NB After Full Council
    Annual Parish Meeting 08.05.2025 (Before Parish Council meeting) 6pm
    Full Council – 08.05.2025 (Annual General Parish Meeting) 7pm

Meeting finished 19:40