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Minutes of the meeting of **Loggerheads Parish Council** held at **Loggerheads Fire Station on Thursday 14 August 2025**

Members – Chairman Swetman, Cllr Swan, Cllr Butterworth, Cllr Wellard, Cllr Fox, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Love, Cllr Sedgley, Cllr Lee
Members of the Public – 3

Borough Councillor Paul Northcott, Borough Councillor Turnock

1. **To receive and consider apologies for absence**

   Cllr Beales, Cllr Hodgkins.

2. **To note declarations of Members' interests –**
   Item 7 Ashley Memorial Hall – Cllr Wellard

3. **To approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on July 17 2025**
   Proposed Cllr Swan
   Seconded Cllr Roberts
   Unanimous

4. **Public Question Time**
   25/00532/OUT – Development of Two serviced plots for Self Build and Custom House Building. (Outline) The applicant was in attendance to answer any queries on the application. The applicant explained an issue with the field numbering system, and went onto to say that there is a shortage of self build properties in the Parish. A visibility splay had been added to the application to give a pedestrian egress.
   Cllr Love explained that this was the four applications for the field. Two from the 1990s The most recent being last year which was refused on appeal due to issues relating to the NPFF and was called a non sustainable site. The appeal was for two detached dwellings.

Staffordshire Highways have reported 12.08.2025 and recommended the application for refusal on Highways Grounds.

The application would be discussed at the planning meeting of LPC on 01.09.2025

5. **Cooption of Councillors**
No one present to coopt.

6. **To note the sad passing of former Cllr J Knight**

Chairman Swetman communicated the sad news that Cllr J Knight had passed away, he went onto to say that he had been an excellent Councillor and will be sadly missed.

7. **Updates from committee chairs (Finance & Planning)**
Planning Cllr Love gave an update from the planning committee meeting.

Knighton Play area – Had been subjected to vandalism and theft. A plan for the new equipment would be available within the next seven days. Cllr Lee asked Cllr Sedgley if there was a need, he was under the impression that it was not heavily used.

Finance
S137 application Ashley Memorial Hall for £2000 towards new chairs.
Proposal – Cllr Lee
Seconded – Cllr Swan
Unanimous

Payments for August were read out and approved.
Proposal Cllr Lee
Seconded Cllr Sheard
Unanimous.

To approve the movement of £50000 from CCLA to Unity trust banks
Proposed Cllr Lee
Seconded Cllr Roberts
Unanimous

8. **To discuss and respond to any outstanding planning matters**

25/00532/OUT – Development of Two serviced plots for self build and custom house building at Land Part of field 3373 Weselyan Road, Ashley. – This will be discussed on 01.09.2025 planning meeting.

9. **Library**

Chairman Swetman shared the sad passing of the volunteer manager Iris. Her funeral will be held on 24.08.2025. A bench installed near the Library dedicated to Iris was suggested and this would be discussed with the landowner. Chairman Swetman would investigate this.

Matthew from the Library service will be some Health and Safety training Cllr Swan, Cllr Roberts and Chairman Swetman were nominated to under go the training.

A proposal form Cllr Love of a donation of £100 to the Sepsis Trust Seconded Cllr Swan, Unanimous.

10. **To approve the monthly payments and note payments August 2025**

Discussed and agreed under finance

11. **LV1 lease**
Lease has now been signed and sent to Staffordshire County Council Legal Services for further action.

Clerk would chase Shropshire Homes as to the services that are left over from their welfare facilities.

12. **Grant funding companies – To discuss and decide the possibilities of employing a specialist grant funding company.**

Chairman Swetman explained that to have any sort of infrastructure projects would require specialist grant advice.

Proposal from Chairman Swetman to research companies to use.
Seconded Cllr Lee
Unanimous

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

Borough Councillor report –
Call in for a planning application for land at Mucklestone Wood Lane.
Civic Pride 2025 is underway, funding is available – Clerk will research that.
Shropshire Homes reserved matters has now been granted.
Chairman Swetman asked Borough Councillors regarding the dog waste bins on the new estates.
Cllr Fox expressed concerns about the lack of police presence at the meetings – Clerk would email them.

14. **To receive updates from Members on outside committees and bodies**

Nothing to report.

Meetings closed 7:45pm