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Minutes of the meeting of Loddon Town Council (LTC) held on Wednesday 12 June 2024, 7.00pm in the Hollies Rear Hall.

Present: Cllr Andy Woodman (AW) - Chairman, Cllr Colin Binfield (CB) – Vice-chairman, Cllr Julie Appleby (JA), Cllr Natalie Henry (NH), Cllr Mervyn Pointer (MP).

In Attendance: Emily Curtis (Town Clerk), Anne Barnes (Locum RFO), Louise Hobbs (RFO), Jo Leonard (AAO) and ten members of the public (MOP).

Absent: None

1. **Welcome, Meeting Protocol and Etiquette:**

Chairman Cllr AW welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) Louise Hobbs. The Clerk confirmed that she did not wish to record the meeting.

2. **Apologies for Absence:**

The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllr Liz Marsham (LM), Cllr Kay Mason Billig (KB), Cllr Jane Hale (JH) and Cllr Sam Bailey (SB).

3. **Councillor Vacancies:**

The Council has two vacancies. Four applications have been received and it was **resolved** to co-opt Steven Kellingray Williamson and Alex Ashman. **Action:** Clerk.

4. **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations:**

Cllr CB declared an interest in any items on the agenda relating to the Jubilee Hall as he is a Jubilee Hall Trustee. Cllr JA declared an interest in any items relating to St George's Park.

5. **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8 May 2024**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8 May 2024 were approved as a correct record.

6. **Matters Arising:**

6.1 **Staithe and Staithe Footbridge**

South Norfolk Council (SNC) have informed us that they are planning to go out to tender for the bridge repairs in the near future. A meeting is planned with SNC's Asset Officer on the 21 June 2024.

A MOP spoke on the topic and was informed that South Norfolk Council were responsible for the Staithe and footbridge.

6.2 **Big Litter Pick**

The annual Loddon Big Litter Pick went ahead on the 26 May 2024. Thank you to Cllr JA and the volunteers who helped on the day.

6.3 **Broadland Meadow Land Registration**

Allens Cadge and Gilbert have informed LTC that the registration of the adopted land and public open space has been completed.

6.4 Net Zero Launch Event

Loddon and Chedgrave have been selected to take part in a net zero trial. Cllrs AW and JH attended the launch event on the 21 May 2024 and the Council was presented with a framed certificate.

6.5 Gold Standard Bus Stops

Norfolk County Council are replacing both bus stops as part of the Gold Standard Bus Scheme.

The replacement of the bus stop outside the Swan will take place on the 1st – 4th July 2024. The Swan have been informed.

The replacement of the Church Plain bus stop will take place on the 5th – 13 August 2024.

6.6 Wherryman's Way Update

Chedgrave's Parish Councillor Deb Downer will be attending LTC's Council meeting on the 10 July 2024 to give an update on the scheme.

6.7 Renewal of the Skate Park Path Surfacing

Works have recently been completed to the surface of the Skate Park paths.

7. To receive reports from County and District Cllrs and Public Forum:

7.1 Report from District Councillor Jeremy Rowe (written by Jeremy Rowe): Appendix A

The report had been circulated in advance.

7.2 Report from District/County Councillor Kay Mason Billig:

No report received.

7.3 Public Forum

St George's Park – Several MOP's gave an update on the developments at St George's Park.

Roundabout – a MOP commented that any plans to reduce the height of the roundabout will result in increased visibility which could result in an increase in vehicle speed and accidents. A MOP commented that the light level on the roundabout is poor.

8. Council Reports:

8.1 Chairman's Report

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix B.

8.2 Town Councillors' Reports

None.

8.3 Clerk's Report

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix C.

8.4 Admin and Allotments Officer's Report

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix D.

8.5 Parish Warden's Report

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix E.

8.6 Data Protection Matters

There is no data report this month.

9. Finance Report:

9.1 Bank Reconciliation to 31 May 2024

The balance of Loddon Town Council's accounts, including the Playing Field, as of 31 May 2024 was £362,098.28 This includes £195,088 of ear-marked funds, including CIL receipts of £6,070, and £167,010.28 of general funds.

9.2 Accounts for Payment in Accordance with the Budget

The RFO presented the list of payments (Appendix G). The Locum RFO explained that the repairs to the Kitten's Lane Play Area (HAGS invoice) will be covered by the monies received from the insurance claim and Community Infrastructure Levy. It was **resolved** to approve this list of payments. **Action:** RFO.

9.3 Report on expenditure on professional services on data related matters

The RFO informed the Council that the total spent to date for 2023/24 is £12,325.27 exc. VAT. This amount now also includes professional fees paid to Birketts LLP. The figures for 2024/25 are £3024.00.

9.4 Internal Audit Report for Year Ended 31 March 2024

The Locum RFO reported on the Internal Audit and the recommendations from the report.

9.5 Annual Governance Statement 2023-24

It was **resolved** to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2023-24 and it was signed by the Chairman and Clerk. **Action:** RFO.

9.6 Annual Accounting Statement 2023-24

It was **resolved** to approve the Annual Accounting Statement 2023-24 and it was signed by the Chairman and Locum RFO. **Action:** RFO.

9.7 Small Grant Application from the Friends of Loddon Primary Federation

It was **resolved** to grant £181.05 for the proposed sensory room. **Action:** RFO.

9.8 Replacement of the Old Hockey Field Stile

Quotes were considered and it was **resolved** to proceed with contractor A's quote at a cost of £595.00 for a new kissing gate. **Action:** RFO.

9.9 Unity Trust Banking Signatory

Current Unity Trust signatories: Cllrs MP, LM, JA. KB. It was **resolved** to appoint Cllr AW as a signatory. **Action:** RFO.

9.10 Nationwide Bank Account

Nationwide has notified the Council that applications for their Charity account are no longer accepted and LTC's application has been refused. It was **resolved** that the RFO would investigate an alternative investment. **Action:** RFO.

9.11 LTC Insurance Policy

Clear Councils operate a blanket policy to cover all the Town Councils activities. The RFO has compared the insurance policy with the Asset Register and confirmed that the blanket cover is sufficient for the Council's requirements. The blanket cover rises in line with inflation each year.

9.12 To receive the 2023-24 CIL report

The Council received £4,426.27 in 2023-24. There is a balance of £6,070.45 to spend.

10. Planning:

10.1 St George's Park

Discussed during the public forum.

10.2 Planning Applications from South Norfolk Council: *Please refer to the Planning Report (Appendix H).*

- 2023/3506: The Cllrs noted that NCC Highways no longer object to the application.

10.3 Decisions on Planning Applications from South Norfolk Council: *Please refer to the Planning Report (Appendix H).*

10.4 Planning Applications from the Broads Authority: *Please refer to the Planning Report (Appendix H).*

10.5 Decisions on Planning Applications from the Broads Authority: *Please refer to the Planning Report (Appendix H).*

11. Public Open Space, Assets and Highways:

11.1 Tenders for the Library Annexe Refurbishment

Tenders for the proposed refurbishment were opened by an officer and Cllr on the 11 June 2024. The Contract Administrator will prepare a tender analysis and go back to contractors to finalise prices.

11.2 Purchase of Saffron Land Adjacent to Crossways Terrace

LTC have approached Saffron to discuss the possibility of purchasing the land adjacent to the Loddon & Chedgrave Playing Field with a view to providing an overflow car parking area. Saffron have sent LTC their valuation of the land and offered LTC the opportunity to obtain their own valuation of the land. LTC have obtained a valuation, and a meeting was held with Saffron's land management team on the 23 May 2024. LTC are waiting for a response from Saffron. **Action:** Clerk.

11.3 The Hollies Community Building

The financial accounts have been received and circulated to Cllrs. It was **resolved** to investigate the possibility of creating a CIO with LTC as a Trustee / Director. For the CIO to accept the charity's assets they must have an object in common. **Action:** LTC.

11.4 Community Payback Team's Memorandum of Understanding

The local representative from the Community Payback Team met with LTC staff on the 22 May 2024 to discuss possible tasks in Loddon. It was **resolved** to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. **Action:** Clerk.

11.5 TRO High Bungay Road Notification

Cllr CB gave an update on the proposed TRO. LTC have previously submitted comments.

11.6 Sam2 Reports

The Sam2 reports had been previously circulated to Council. Cllr CB reported that the data identifies that there was not a major speeding problem in Loddon. Thanks to the Council volunteers for relocating the Sam2 on a four-weekly basis.

12. Updates from Committees, Representatives and Working Parties:

12.1 Personnel Committee

The draft Personnel Committee minutes from the meeting held on the 13 May 2024 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The RFO commenced in post on the 1 June 2024. The next meeting is scheduled for the 9 July 2024. The new Chairman is Cllr MP.

12.2 Events Committee

The Chet Valley Summer Fete is planned for 6 July 2024. More details about the event can be found on the website: www.chetvalleyfete.com.

The Events Committee met on the 29 May 2024. The next meeting is on the 19 June 2024. The report is attached to the minutes Appendix I.

12.3 Loddon & Chedgrave Playing Field Committee

The Loddon & Chedgrave Playing Field Committee is meeting again on the 17 July 2024. The report is attached to the minutes Appendix J.

12.4 Chet Neighbourhood Plan

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix K.

12.5 Love Loddon Community Group

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix L.

12.6 Chet Valley Community Larder

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix M.

12.7 Jubilee Hall Management Committee

The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix N.

13. Governance

13.1 Amended Financial Regulations

It was **resolved** to adopt the new model Financial Regulations. **Action:** RFO.

13.2 Amended Annual Governance Statement of Internal Control

It was **resolved** to adopt the amended Annual Governance Statement of Internal Control. **Action:** RFO.

13.3 Amended Petty Cash Policy

It was **resolved** to adopt the amended Petty Cash Policy. **Action:** RFO.

13.4 Amended Loddon & Chedgrave Playing Field Committee (L & C PFC) Terms of Reference

The Locum RFO has received confirmation from the external auditor (PKF Littlejohn) that the Committee is not a joint Committee as the L & C PFC is a Committee of Loddon Town Council. The L & C PFC Terms of Reference have been amended to reflect that the L & C PFC is not a Joint Committee. It was **resolved** to approve the amended Terms of Reference. **Action:** Clerk.

14. Correspondence:

Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting:

15. Items for a future agenda:

- Youth provision in Loddon
- Hollies future
- Wherryman's Way update

16. **Upcoming Council Meetings:** *(Held in Hollies Rear Hall unless otherwise specified)*

The next full Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 July 2024 at 7.00pm, held in the Hollies Rear Hall. (Agenda items to Clerk by the 4 June 2024).

- Events Committee Meeting – 19 June 2024 at 8.00pm
- Events Committee Meeting – 3 July 2024 at 8.00pm
- Tennis Club Subcommittee Meeting – 5 July 2024 at 1.00pm
- Personnel Committee Meeting – 9 July 2024 at 1.30pm
- Full Council Meeting – 10 July 2024 at 7.00pm
- L & C PFC Meeting – 17 July 2024 at 7.00pm

17. **Exclusion of Press and Public:**

It was **resolved** to exclude the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Schedule 12A SS1 & 2.

18. **Freedom of Loddon Award**

It was **resolved** to offer the Freedom of Loddon to Mrs Ann Lumley. Ann has been the Secretary to the Loddon Town Estate Trust for 19 years until she recently retired and during that time was able to assist many parishioners in financial difficulty and signposting non-residents to help. Ann has also been very involved in the community baking and sewing for various groups including Funky Feet and the Loddon Players. **Action:** AAO.

19. **Data Requests**

The Council received an update on the alleged data breach and considered necessary action regarding external DPO services. **Action:** Council.

The meeting closed at 21.00pm.

Appendix A - Report from District Councillor Jeremy Rowe

As we're in the middle of a very important General Election campaign, I'll keep this column light of any political input, save to say that whoever you vote for, I hope that people exercise their right to vote. It was hard-won.

In reed-beds this month look out for marsh harriers and bitterns. My favourite poem about June is by the immortal Robert Burns, who wrote:

"O my Luve's like a red, red rose
That's newly sprung in June;
O my Luve's like the melodie
That's sweetly play'd in tune."

In terms of the ongoing issues in St Georges Park, there has been some progress. Together with local residents, I am continuing to work with local residents, meeting regularly at South Norfolk District Council.

As mentioned last month, as well as responding to a range of completely understandable local concerns, I'm also working hard chairing the South Norfolk Scrutiny Committee, working with an excellent cross-party team to ensure that South Norfolk residents are treated properly. Our last meeting was an important one, concerning the very serious issue of residents experiencing domestic abuse.

My next surgeries, all at Loddon Library, are 2-3pm 29 June, 10-11am 16 August & 26 October 2-3pm. Please come down if there's anything I can support you with, or, as ever, give me a ring on 07733323581.

District Cllr Jeremy Rowe

Appendix B – Chairman's Report

I'm delighted that Louise has started work as our new RFO and wish here every success with us. The handover with Anne seems to be going very well.

Since the last council meeting, I have:

- attended LTC Playing Field committee
- attended LTC Personnel committee and reviewed RFO applications and reviewed feedback from interviews
- attended LTC Events Committee
- attended the DDay80 service and presented a wreath on behalf of LTC
- attended a meeting of the St Georges Park action group at the South Norfolk offices
- met with South Norfolk officers at Crossways Terrace to review proposals
- represented LTC (with Cllr Hale) alongside Chedgrave representatives at the launch of Norfolk Net Zero for which we are one of 7 areas selected from across Norfolk.
- attended the Loddon Litter Pick morning
- attended the Eco Fair at Chedgrave Church
- continued to meet with all LTC staff on a regular basis
- attended Chedgrave Parish Council meetings and related meetings
- met with various councillors and residents on several topics
- engaged in email threads regarding council business, legal challenges, and local issues

Cllr Andy Woodman

Appendix C - Clerk's Report

In addition to managing the Council's facilities and staff, and further to the reports on the agenda and matters arising, the Clerk has information on the following matters.

Office

The Council had several Committee meetings since the last TC meeting:

- Personnel Committee – 14 May 2024

- Events Committee Meeting – 29 May 2024

The Clerk also attended several other meetings:

- South Norfolk Council Recruitment Workshop – 9 May 2024
- Community Payback meeting – 22 May 2024
- Saffron Land Meeting – 23 May 2024

Future Meetings:

- SNC Parish & Town forum – 8 June 2024
- SNC Asset Officer – 21 June 2024
- South Norfolk Council Workshop – 3 July 2024

Interviews for the Responsible Financial Officer vacancy were carried out on the 13 May 2024 and we welcomed the new RFO Louise Hobbs to the team on the 1 June 2024.

Thanks to the History Group for compiling a poster to display in the 'The Old School' detailing the history of the building. Thanks to Roberts, the poster is now ready for display.

I attended the RBL's D Day ceremony on the 8 June 2024.

Cllrs LM and JA and I assisted SNC's Officer with their request for information relating to the Cllr role for town and parish Council Cllr recruitment.

Public Open Space and Assets

The tenders for the works to the Library Annexe kitchen and toilets refurbishment have been received.

The repairs to the skate park path surfacing have been completed.

The installation of the replacement fencing on the Playing Field have been completed.

During the recent meeting with Saffron, it was noted that Saffron have removed one tree from the Playing Field and another tree has been pollarded.

The Norfolk County Council (NCC) Trails Officer has installed a bench on the public open space off Cannell Road.

We received a report regarding footpath 15 which the Parish Warden investigated and a meeting has been organised with NCC Trails Officer to consider the issue raised.

LTC received a report of exposed railings on the pavement of High Bungay Road which was immediately reported to NCC Highways.

Several positive reviews and emails have been received regarding the Staithe toilets and their cleanliness.

Events

The office is working exceptionally hard to support the Events Committee with the organisation for the Chet Valley Summer Fete (6 July 2024).

Appendix D – Admin and Allotments Officer's Report

Another plot has been given up which I am in the process of reallocating, this has taken a while as the next person on the list refused the plot, then the next person has been on holiday. The waiting list stands at 9 people but will drop to 8 once this last plot is allocated.

I continue to regularly inspect & monitor the site and everything is beginning to come alive with the better weather.

I have compiled the nominations for The Freedom of Loddon Award.

I continue to cover the day-to-day admin in the office, responding to Parishioners enquiries, answering emails and phone calls, and supporting the Events Committee with taking minutes, providing agendas and sending out sponsorship/raffle requests amongst other tasks relating to the Chet Valley Summer Fete.

Appendix E – Parish Warden's Report

Key activities since the May Council meeting:

- Contracted works:
 - Sourcing quotes for; Repair to Tennis Court fence and installing a kissing gate on the Old Hockey field
 - Oversaw installation of new gate, and repairs to Jeep at Kittens Lane play area
 - Arranged additional strimming under Old Hockey Field Oaks
 - Prepared for and hosted Annual ROSPA Inspection of both playgrounds
 - Oversight of path maintenance work around the Skatepark
- Response to Councillor/Parishioner concerns/reports:
 - Investigated Old Hockey Field Oak and obtained quote for works
 - Replaced Wreath holder raw plugs on War Memorial at request of RBL
 - Hazardous tree limb removed in Churchyard. Details passed to Church
 - Placed informal Dog fouling signage at 'hot spot' on Footpath 15
 - Investigated report of mobility scooter incident on Footpath 14
- Dead deer on the Old Hockey Field reported (removed promptly by SNC)
- Summer Fete banners installed at A146 slip road and George Lane roundabout
- Repaired temporary orange fencing at Old Hockey Field pond
- Playground maintenance:
 - Broken 'No Dogs' sign at Broadlands play area replaced
 - Cleared overgrowth preventing proper gate closure at Kittens lane
 - Grass and earth cleared from Skate ramps
 - Filled rotten section on small multi-play deck
- Applied Silicone to Staithe Toilet wall panels where it had been pulled out
- Routine weekly Safety inspections of: Kittens Lane and Broadlands play areas
- Weekly inspection; Public open spaces, Parish trees, Annex Offices and Staithe
- Tennis courts inspected and leaf vacuumed weekly
- Routine litter picking; Hockey field, Jubilee field, and Skate Park
- Ad-hoc litter picking; High Street, The Staithe, Bridge Street, The Hollies, Kittens lane, George Lane, Leman Grove, the Walks, areas off Cannell road
- Regular inspection of Staithe toilets, Car park area and Waterfront
- Monthly inspection and litter pick at Pyes Mill
- Legionella flushing and temperature control readings completed
- Fire Alarm System, Emergency lighting, and CO Monitor checks complete
- CCTV Cameras checked and cleaned.
- War Memorial inspected, weeded and swept for D Day remembrance
- Allotment water pump serviced
- Water and electricity meter readings taken
- Footpaths; 8,9,10,11,14,15, 16 & 18 Inspected and litter picked. Pinch points cut back to maintain access

Appendix F – Data Protection Matters

No report.

Appendix G – Payments for Approval

Date	Payee	Item	Amount / £
29/05/2024	EDF	Staithe Electricity	104.42
30/05/2024	BT	Tennis Court Internet	40.24
31/05/2024	SSE	Street lighting energy	124.20

05/06/2024	South Norfolk Council	Office Rates	434.00
10/06/2024	BT	Office phone	67.66
13/06/2024	Apogee Corporation Ltd	Photocopier	180.54
28/06/2024	WIX	Website	28.74
10/05/2024	Lloyds Bank	Credit Card	193.71
10/06/2024	Adept IT Solutions	Item	31.20
11/06/2024	Everflow	Staithe water rates	108.81
13/06/2024	EE	Phone	45.95
14/06/2024	British Gas	Electricity	104.60
08/05/2024	Inty	IT	70.15
24/06/2024	EON	Gas	156.94
30/06/2024	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Fees	18.00
08/06/2024	Inty	IT	70.15
12/06/2024	CHET Contact Magazine	Advertising	220.00
12/06/2024	Norfolk County Council	Office Rent	1,500.00
12/06/2024	SLCC	Training	29.00
12/06/2024	O A Chapman & Sons Ltd	Professional Fees	420.00
12/06/2024	The Foolhardy Folk	Event Entertainment	300.00
12/06/2024	CAN	Subscription	50.00
12/06/2024	HAGS-SMP Limited	Play-Area Repairs	5,049.74
12/06/2024	Active HR	Professional Fees	46.87
12/06/2024	Sonya Blythe	Internal Audit Fee	165.00
12/06/2024	The Friends of Loddon Primary Federation	Grant	181.05
12/06/2024	Norfolk Prestige Fencing Ltd	Fencing Repairs	3,585.05
12/06/2024	PPL PRS	Event Music Licence	197.99
12/06/2024	Top2Bottom Cleaning	Cleaning	1,742.52
12/06/2024	CJ International Services Ltd	Professional Fees	192.00
12/06/2024	Salaries	June 2024	6,253.78
12/06/2024	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI - June 2024	1,531.27
12/06/2024	Norfolk Pension Fund	Pension - June 24	1,523.40
12/06/2024	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Fees	15.82
12/06/2024	Loddon Garden & DIY	Grounds Maintenance	1,407.39
12/06/2024	AJB Autocare	Play-Area Repairs	312.00
12/06/2024	Tennis Able	Tennis Session & Hall Hire	205.00
12/06/2024	Jane Hale	Community Larder	488.19
12/06/2024	CJ International Services Ltd	Professional Fees	1,092.00
12/06/2024	D.M Bracey	Play Area Repairs	240.00
12/06/2024	Adept IT Solutions	IT	180.20
12/06/2024	Cozens UK Ltd	Street Lighting	36.00
12/06/2024	Redacted	Tea Towel Design	150.00

Appendix H – Planning Report

App Number	App Type	Address	Proposal	Application/Decision	Decision	Date of Decision
2024/0732	Householder	23 Drury Lane Loddon Norfolk NR14 6LB	Two storey rear extension with pitched roof	D	Approval with Conditions (Delegated)	10/05/2024
2024/1124	Full Planning Permission	Saxon House Kittens Lane Loddon Norfolk NR14 6JE	Internal and external alterations to create 9 no. additional supported housing units and ancillary facilities	A		
2024/0864	Full Planning Permission	Old Farmhouse Bush Farm Stubbs Green Loddon Norfolk NR14 6EA	Change of use from agricultural barn and meadow to equestrian stables and horse paddock	Application withdrawn 20/5/24		
2024/1403	Works to trees in Conservation Area	Fire Station 7 High Street Loddon Norfolk NR14 6ET	T1 Sapling- Crown lift of 3m	A LTC not consulted		
2024/1249	Works to trees in Conservation Area	7 Mill Road Loddon Norfolk NR14 6DR	Plum - prune to give 50-90cm clearance of wires, Rowen - prune to give 50-90cm clearance of wires, Larch - prune back to previous pruning by removing approx 50-100cm, Cherry - prune to give 50-90cm clearance of wires	D LTC not consulted	No objections (Delegated)	13/05/2024
2024/1475	Full Planning Permission	Unit O Little Money Road Loddon Norfolk NR14 6JD	Erection of side extension	A		
2024/1403	Works to trees in Conservation Area	Fire Station 7 High Street Loddon Norfolk NR14 6ET	T1 Sapling- Crown lift of 3m	D	No objections (Delegated)	30/05/2024

Appendix I - The Events Committee

Plans continue at pace. Raffle tickets should be ready this week and Loddon tea towels have been designed and ordered - fingers crossed they are delivered in time for the Fete.

As ever, we are grateful to our committed volunteers, but we will need further help with the sale of raffle tickets and support on the day of the Fete itself, so would appreciate commitment from councillors to support.

Cllr Liz Marsham

Appendix J - Loddon & Chedgrave Playing Field Committee

No meeting held since the last Town Council meeting so only a few points of interest to report.

1. Ball stop fencing which was damaged a couple of years ago during a storm has finally been replaced.
2. The Tennis Club has had to deal with fallout from the resignation of the previous coach. I am pleased to say alternative arrangements are now in place to cover most of the classes previously on offer. Those which are not covered at the moment will be available at the beginning of September.
3. We continue to discuss with the Jubilee Hall Trustees improvements which are required for vehicle and pedestrian access to the playing field.
4. The playing field will be used over the weekends of 15th/16th and 22nd/23rd June for the Loddon Football Clubs' annual 5-a-side tournaments.
I would encourage all Councillors who have not seen this event in previous years to come along, if they are able to do so, and see what a good advert it is for Loddon.

Cllr Colin Binfield

Appendix K – Chet Neighbourhood Plan

There is very little to advise at the moment, I am waiting to hear when the referendum will take place – I had thought the District Council would have it on the same day as the General Election as this would save money but we are still waiting to hear.

In relation to the ethos of the Neighbourhood Plan, I attended the launch of the **Net Zero for Norfolk** initiative as Loddon and Chedgrave have been chosen as the community in South Norfolk to take part in this initiative; each District in Norfolk has put forward one community to be involved. The initiative has employed Hubbub, an Environmental Charity which organises Disruptive Campaigns & Everyday Actions to promote Net Zero and help residents and groups to achieve the best environmental level they can.

The Neighbourhood Plan has a very strong environmental bent, aimed at improving the lives of those in Loddon and Chedgrave, ensuring that development keeps the robust nature of growing the villages without losing their identity. The initiative aims to help people to improve their environmental impact, help with grants, installation of solar panels etc, help in all areas – I am particularly keen to see if we can get some grant funding to provide solar panels on the Jubilee Hall for their heating and hot water, providing the lighting for the tennis courts and possibly feed back into the grid. A few of us have already met with Hubbub to set out how we would like to move this forward in both Loddon and Chedgrave and the initiative through the County leader of the project, Jonathan Ward, will be represented at the Fete on 6th July with information for all.

I will keep Council members informed of all progress/information received.

Cllr Jane Hale

Appendix L – Love Loddon Community Group

The town planters are looking good, and the watering rota is going well.

No new initiatives to report, as everyone has their own gardens to look after in the Summer and I'm currently focussed on helping with the upcoming Fete.

Big South Norfolk Litter Pick – Sunday 26th of May 2024

Despite the early morning heavy rain, about a dozen good folk turned out to pick litter and it turned out to be a pleasant morning. I'm pleased to report that Loddon is relatively clean and tidy! Thanks to Cllrs Colin and Andy for attending and Jo and Emily for organising and supporting.

Cllr Julie Appleby

Appendix M – Community Larder

You will all have seen my piece in Chet Contact this month – we are meeting with {redacted} (Kay kindly put us in touch with her) from the Norfolk Community Foundation to discuss the best way forward, particularly with the issue that has come to light recently that some people may be taking food and then selling it at car boot sales etc. This is currently unsubstantiated but would fit with some of the issues we have been experiencing. The larder is running low on funds and I would ask the RFO see if there are any grants we could apply for – I have applied to the Co Op for a grant and have been awarded £250 – I am not sure whether this will be in sterling or vouchers.

The volunteers are keen to see the larder continue and are more than willing to discuss changing the current model if we need to as there is obviously a need within Loddon and Chedgrave but we are also aware of some people travelling into Loddon, from Ashby St Mary to get food and take it to their mother – again, another issue that, if we knew who it was we could help with foodbank deliveries, support etc.

I will keep you appraised of the situation but hope the Town Council will continue to support the larder.

Cllr Jane Hale

Appendix N - Jubilee Hall Management Committee

Our accounts with Unity Trust have now been set up, and funds have (almost all) moved from Barclays, which represents a very positive step in the management and administration of the Jubilee Hall.

A meeting with hall users about the implementation of the new booking system and process gave some challenges, and there remains work to do in that area.

I wasn't able to attend the trustee meeting of 10th June, but hopefully Colin will be able to provide any updates from that.

Cllr Liz Marsham