**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Wednesday 22 May 2019 at 8.15pm, WI Hut, Loversall**

**In Attendance:** Councillors: Nicola Harris, Spencer Morris, Nigel Tomlinson, Keith Wilson,

DMBC Councillors Nigel Cannings, Martin Greenhalgh

**Members of the public:** None attended

**Clerk to the Council:** Lindsay Wilson

**Apologies:** None received

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2018**, previously circulated to councillors and made public on the Parish Council Website ([www.loversallpc.org.uk](http://www.loversallpc.org.uk)) were accepted as a true record of that meeting (Matters arising to be included within the Chairman’s Report).

**Proposed:** Cllr N Harris **Seconded:** Cllr S Morris

1. **Chairman’s Report**
2. **Iport Developments**

The Parish Council has expressed concerns to DMBC about the future management of land adjacent to the Iport, which is within the parish boundary and now termed the “Ecology Area”. The concerns are twofold. Firstly, the use of new access routes to the area by off-road vehicles causing nuisance: The developers have created paths around the site which are lit at night and link to Hallbalk Lane, Rakes Lane, Carr Lane (to Wadworth) and to West Bessacarr/Rossington. There have already been incidents of nuisance particularly at Wadworth. Our Ward Councillors have instigated meetings with the developers Verdion, along with Loversall and Wadworth parish councils. Action has been taken to create barriers to prevent access to the area but it is an ongoing situation which needs to be monitored.

Secondly, the long-term management of the “Ecology Area”: During the planning application process for the development of the Iport, the Parish Council, along with environmental groups, opposed the destruction of the landscape which it felt would result from the Iport development. Assurances were given at DMBC planning meetings that the spoiling of the landscape and its impact on wildlife would be mitigated. Since that time the council has been concerned about the nature of the mitigation intended – specifically concerns that the area would be turned into a recreation area rather than ecological site. If this were to happen then one of the unwanted consequences could be parking and additional traffic along Bubup Hill and Rakes lane. The Parish Council has well established relationships with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust reserve at Potteric Carr. The contract to manage the site will be put out to tender in the next few weeks. The parish council has expressed strong support, to DMBC and the developers, for management of the ecology area to be undertaken by Potteric Carr.

1. **GDPR**

The Council’s policy relating to GDPR (data security and privacy), was implemented during the year, including the necessary steps to be taken with regard to the Parish Council website and email system. There have been no requests from the public relating to these developments during the year.

1. **The Barn -licenced premises**

During the year the Parish Council became aware of an application made by Unique Occasions for a permanent licence to supply alcohol from The Barn premises at Loversall Farm. The Council firmly opposed the application and was represented at the hearing held at Doncaster Council Offices. The Licencing Committee, whilst sympathising with the case made by the Parish Council and residents, could find no grounds, based on the factual evidence before it, to refuse the application. This being the case the Parish Council has determined to maintain a dialogue with the applicants in order to deal with any specific concerns as they arise.

1. **DMBC Local Plan**

DMBC have proposed that 28 villages, of which Loversall is one, will be covered by ‘Green Belt’. Although the area around Loversall village is covered by the Green Belt parts of the village are not. By proposing to make the village part of the Green Belt, DMBC is in essence making it more difficult to develop within it, as land in the Green Belt is subject to a higher level of protection. This has implications for building and extensions within the village. The Parish Council was consulted on these proposals and whilst supporting them in principle, expressed a need for judgement to be used on individual cases where to disallow a development could lead to a more negative impact on the village than allowing it.

1. **Planning Applications**

The Council was consulted on an application to build three detached houses on land opposite Skipwith Close and adjacent to Pear Tree Farm. The Council opposed the application, which was subsequently turned down by DMBC, appealed by the applicant and turned down on appeal.

1. **Other matters**
2. **Waste bins:** The Parish Council has previously succeeded in its request to DMBC to have an adequate waste bin placed at the Doncaster end of the village. A suggestion by a parishioner to have a bin at the Wadworth end of the village has been put to DMBC and we await its installation
3. **Repair to the bus shelter:** The bus shelter on Bubup Hill, although no longer in service use, nonetheless needs to be maintained to prevent it becoming an eyesore. Repairs have recently been carried out.
4. **Pot Holes:** Following complaints from the Parish Council to DMBC about pot holes on Bubup Hill, most were filled. The work was unsatisfactory and the holes have reappeared. Further action has been requested.
5. **Listed Buildings:** There are two listed buildings in the vicinity of St Katherines Lodge, namely, Loversall Hall and The Dovecote. A portion of wall between Loversall Hall and Howard House has been identified as being unlisted. The Parish Council has referred the matter to the DMBC Conservation Officer to investigate with a view to ensuring that the wall is explicitly listed.
6. **Financial Report 2018/ 19**
7. The Annual Financial return 2017/18 was subject to internal audit and met the conditions for exemption from external audit
8. The Annual Financial Return for 2018/19 has yet to be completed and will be available for inspection during July 2019
9. The Loversall parish precept for 2019/20 has been increased by £122.
10. The budget for 2019/20 was set at £1340 with a reserve carried forward of £653 (net of commitments) set against a number of potential small improvements in the village, yet to be decided upon.
11. The Doncaster MBC Band D Tax in 2019/ 20 is set at £1619. In a group of seven Doncaster parishes with a population of less than 250, the average band D tax charged in 2019/20 is £1642. Loversall’s Band D Tax charge is 18% less than the average for these small parishes.

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| **Receipts & Payments** |  |
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| **BROUGHT FORWARD from 2017/18** | 1073 |
| **Receipts** | 1224 |
| **Total** | 2297 |
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| **Payments** | 1291 |
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| **BALANCE C/F** | 1006 |
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1. **Clerk’s Report –** The proposed list of dates for 2019/2020 (subject to availability of the premises) was given to the meeting

**All meetings will be held at the WI Hut and commence at 7.30pm**

**Wednesday 19 June 2019**

**Wednesday 23 October 2019**

**Wednesday 8 January 2020**

**Wednesday 18 March 2020**

**Wednesday 20 May 2020\* to include the Annual Meeting\***

There being no further items, the meeting closed at 20.50hrs.

Signed ………………………………………………………. (Chair) Date …………………………………..