

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF
LONGDON HELD IN THE W. I. HALL, LONGDON, ON TUESDAY,
MAY 13TH, 2008

Present: Cllr. R. C. Hemmingsley (Chairman); Cllr. The Rev. J. R. Andrews;
Cllr. N. J. Bird; Cllr. G. D. Duckett; Cllr. A. J. Juxon;
Cllr. M. A. W. Parsons; Cllr. N. Stanfield; and Cllr. S. K. Welch.

Also present was the Clerk.

*Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Councillors observed
a minute's silence out of respect to the late Charles Cliffe, a former
member and Chairman of the Council.*

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. B. J. Butler; Cllr. Mrs. H. A. Meere; Cllr. J. A. Russell; Cllr. N. J. Roberts,
Lichfield District Council; and County Councillor F. W. Lewis, MBE.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Andrews nominated Cllr. Hemmingsley as Chairman of the Council,
and his nomination was seconded by Cllr. Juxon.

There being no other nominations, Cllr. Hemmingsley was declared elected as
Chairman of the Council for the next twelve months.

*(For this part of the meeting, the chair was taken by Cllr. Stanfield, retiring
Vice-Chairman).*

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Hemmingsley nominated Cllr. Stanfield as Vice-Chairman of the
Council, and his nomination was seconded by Cllr. Andrews.

There being no other nominations, Cllr. Stanfield was declared elected as
Vice-Chairman of the Council for the next twelve months.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Membership of the Council's Working Groups and Committees was agreed as
follows:

Finance and General Purposes Committee: The Chairman, The Vice-Chairman;
Cllr. Andrews; Cllr. Juxon; Cllr. Mrs. Meere (*to be confirmed upon her return from
holiday*); and Cllr. Welch.

Planning Working Group

Cllr. Butler; Cllr. Hemmingsley; Cllr. Parsons; Cllr. Stanfield (who would continue
to act as convenor) and Cllr. Welch.

Highways and Footpaths Committee

Cllr. Bird; Cllr. Butler; Cllr. Mrs. Duckett; Cllr. Mrs. Meere (*to be confirmed upon her return from holiday*); and Cllr. Stanfield.

Mr. Will Rose would be invited to continue as a co-opted member.

Greens and Open Spaces Committee

Cllr. Mrs. Duckett; Cllr. Juxon; Cllr. Mrs. Russell; and Cllr. Welch

5. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Representation on outside bodies was confirmed as follows:

Management Committee, Longdon Village Hall

Cllr. Bird

Management Committee, Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall

Cllr. Hemmingsley

Management Committee, Beau Desert Sports Field and Recreation Ground Trust

Deferred

Board of Trustees, Cotton Almshouses

Mrs. Ann Juxon (Longdon); Cllr. Andrews (Gentleshaw)

Lichfield District Parish Forum

Cllr. Hemmingsley; Cllr. Stanfield

Lichfield District Area Committee, SPCA

Cllr. Andrews; The Clerk.

Cannock Chase AONB Partnership

Cllr. Welch

6. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Welch and seconded by Cllr. Bird, it was agreed that the Chairman's Allowance for 2008/2009 should be £300.00.

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Also present was the Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES

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Lichfield District Council; and County Councillor F. W. Lewis, MBE.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting, held in the W. I. Hall, Longdon, on Tuesday, April 8th, 2008, were, on a motion proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Duckett and seconded by Cllr. Stanfield, approved and signed.

3. PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

No parishioners were present.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) Moles on Longdon Green

The Chairman reported that the work to eliminate the moles on Longdon Green by use of a repellent substance was still in progress.

(ii) Footpath between Nos. 31 and 33 Church Way

The Clerk reported that he had been advised by Cllr. Lewis that the Secretary of State had approved the County Council's application to have this footpath adopted.

(iii) Planning Observations

The Clerk reported that he had, as instructed, written to the Development Control Manager at Lichfield listing a number of planning applications concerning which it had been felt that insufficient attention had been given by planning officers to the Parish Council's observations.

He had sent a copy of this letter to Cllr. Roberts, who had agreed that the situation was not satisfactory and had promised to pursue the matter on the Parish Council's behalf.

5. PLANNING

Cllr. Stanfield reported that, since the last meeting, the Planning Working Group had considered the following planning applications:

(i) Report of Working Group

08/00349/FUL: Mr. and Mrs. W. Robinson: Conservatory: 52 Upper Way, Upper Longdon

No reason had been seen to object to this application.

08/00362/FUL: Mr. and Mrs. C. Turbill: Demolition of existing extension and erection of single-storey garden room: Thatched Cottage, Hill Top, Longdon Green

While not objecting in principle to this application, it was considered that the proposal did not enhance the character of the central building.

08/00390/COU: William Tyler Developments: Retention of equestrian use including storage container and field shelter: Land adjacent "The Giddies", Hay Lane, Longdon Green

An objection had been lodged against this development, which was regarded as inappropriate to the Green Belt and contrary to the District Council's policy in relation to stables.

(ii) For Consideration

No further plans were presented for the consideration of the Council.

(iii) Approved by Lichfield District Council

The Clerk reported that, since the last meeting, Lichfield District Council had issued the following Notices of Approval of Planning Permission:

07/01289/FUL: Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies: Erection of stable block consisting of three stables and tack room/store: Greensleeves, Lower Way, Upper Way

08/00229/FUL: Mr. A. Silvester: Single- and two-storey rear extension to form kitchen, sitting-room and bedroom: Anglesey Cottage, Lower Way, Upper Longdon

08/00133/FUL: Mr. and Mrs. V. Taylor: Various internal and external alterations, including new pitched roof to upper building: Broad Hazels, Beaudesert Park.

(iv) Refused by Lichfield District Council

The Clerk reported that, since the last meeting, Lichfield District Council had issued no Notices of Refusal of Planning Permission relating to the parish of Longdon.

(v) Other Planning Matters

(a) Withdrawal of Application

The Clerk reported that he had received notice that the following planning application had been withdrawn on 8th April 2008:

08.00168/FUL: Mr. P. Boston: Erection of roof over existing cattle corral: Hawcroft Grange Farm, Hood Lane, Longdon

He further reported that he had received from Mr. Boston a letter dated April 2008 in which he had expressed disappointment at the Parish Council's comments regarding his application.

He stressed that he really did need to fit a roof over the cattle corral and said that he would do all he could to minimise the visual impact.

He added that he had received planning permission from the District Council for the storage of caravans on 8th November 1999.

In replying to Mr. Boston's letter, a copy of which had been distributed to every Councillor prior to the meeting, the Clerk was instructed to say that, while not unsympathetic to his wish to diversify following the foot-and-mouth outbreak, the Council had been concerned over the extent of the buildings which would result from enclosing the corral.

The Council regretted the need to request information from the District Council over when planning permission for the storage of caravans was given – particularly if the enquiry was thought to convey any implication -, but this information was not available from its own records.

Regarding Mr. Boston's offer made in the letter to clear out the heavily-silted section of the Shropshire Brook by the ford, it was agreed that the Parish Council was not the body to authorise this, and Mr. Boston should instead contact the Environment Agency.

(b) Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – Lichfield District

The Clerk reported that he had received from Matthew Bowers, Senior Planning Officer, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council, a letter dated 17th April 2008, informing the Parish Council that Lichfield District Council had prepared a draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment which identified potential housing sites in Lichfield District and considered the deliverability of each site and an estimate of the potential quantity of housing that could be delivered on each site.

This document, which was available for comment from Friday, 18th April, to Friday, 30th May, could be viewed by calling up the website <http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/newldf> and then clicking on 'evidence base' and the 'Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment'.

It was observed, however, that the document revealed that there were no proposed sites in Longdon.

(c) Local Listed Building Survey

The Clerk reported that he had received from Kristina Williamson, Conservation Officer, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council,

a letter dated 24th April 2008, informing the Council that Lichfield District Council was drawing up a list of local buildings that were of architectural merit and/or historic interest and therefore made a contribution to the local scene.

Since local communities were often the best informed sources, she was inviting suggestions as to which local buildings should be considered for inclusion on the list.

It was agreed that Councillors should prepare a list of such suggestions at the next meeting.

(d) Cannock Chase Local Development Scheme

The Clerk reported that he had received from Antony Lancaster, Planning Policy Manager, Cannock Chase District Council, a letter dated 9th April 2008, in which he informed the Council that Cannock Chase District Council had brought into effect its Local Development Scheme First Revision.

A copy could be inspected at the District Council's principal office at Cannock and at area offices at Hednesford and Rugeley and libraries in the District, as well as on the District Council's website at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk.

6. REPORTS OF MEETINGS

(i) Annual General Meeting, Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall Management Committee: April 30th

The Chairman gave a short report on the Annual General Meeting of the Management Committee of the Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall, which had taken place at the Hall on Wednesday, April 30th, 2008.

There had been better news over bookings, which had increased by 200 per cent, but the Committee faced substantial expenditure over the roof, the car park, the toilets and the stage, and the Chairman expected an application for a grant to be submitted to the Council in the near future.

7. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Clerk reported that he had received notice of the following meeting:

Campaign for the Protection of Rural England – Skills Seminar: “New Planning System and Responding to Planning Applications”: Saturday, 14th June 2008, in the County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford, from 10. 00 a.m. to 4. 30 p.m..

Cost: £30. 00 for the first attendee from a Parish or Town Council, and £20. 00 for subsequent attendees.

8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

(i) Debris in Shaw Lane

The Clerk reported that he had received from Kevin Wawrznczyk, Local Highway Officer, Development Services Department, Staffordshire County Council, a letter dated 15th April 2008, informing the Council that he had again inspected Shaw Lane and found that the surface debris was minimal and did not constitute a dangerous surface hazard.

He reminded the Council that Staffordshire County Council was not the highway cleansing authority, street cleansing being a function of Lichfield District Council, to whom future requests should be directed.

(ii) Village Nameplates

The Clerk reported that he had received from John Roobottom, Technical Assistant, Operational Services, Lichfield District Council, an email dated 22nd April 2008, informing the Council that Lichfield District Council could not fund any further provision of village nameplates.

He suggested that, in future, they would have to be sourced by the Parish Council or the County Council.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that one cause of the delay in progressing this project was uncertainty over whether there would be a change of design, which was no longer being mentioned.

That the sign at the junction of Commonside and Chorley Road was being vandalised was at least in part due to its design.

The Clerk would pursue the matter further with Mr. Roobottom.

(iii) Village Lengthsman Agreement

The Clerk reported that he received from Ken Owen, Divisional Highway Manager, Development Services Directorate, Staffordshire County Council, a letter dated 23rd April 2008, enclosing official orders for the Lengthsman Agreement and the Grass Cutting Agreement, both of which would commence on 1st April 2008.

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Stanfield and seconded by Cllr. Welch, it was unanimously agreed to continue with both Agreements.

(iv) Street Lighting – Brook End

The Clerk reported that he had received from Mrs. Maureen Piper, of Brookend House, Longdon, a letter dated 6th May 2008, in which she questioned the need to improve the street lighting in Brook End.

It was thought, however, that the new lighting, which had been upgraded in accordance with British Standards, was at a comparatively low level and not likely to caused discomfort.

9. GREENS AND OPEN SPACES

(i) Report of meeting of Greens and Open Spaces Committee

Cllr. Stanfield presented a written report on a meeting of the Greens and Open Spaces Committee which had taken place in the W. I. Hall, Longdon, on Thursday, March 20th, 2008 (*Appendix A*).

After establishing its terms of reference, the Committee received a report from Mr. Will Rose on the progress of the Footpath Survey.

The Committee then considered two estimates which the Parish Council had received for surfacing the footpath running from Church Way across the Glebe Field to Longdon Churchyard; it preferred the quotation from D. McCarthy Brothers (Lichfield) Ltd., which was thought less costly and offered a natural finish more in keeping with a footpath across a field.

Cllr. Stanfield had accepted the task of the preparing the Parish Council's bid for funding under the Community Paths Initiative, though he had warned that the maximum grant would be £1000, well below the full cost of the project.

Two sites of concern were identified by the Committee – overgrown roadside hedgerows in Briertey Hill Lane at Coldwell, and flooding in parts of Lysways Lane, about which a parishioner had written expressing her concern.

It had been agreed that, in the first instance, Cllr. Stanfield should contact a local contractor for a quotation for the work and, in the second, the Clerk should send a copy of the parishioner's letter to the Assistant Divisional Highway Manager, asking for action.

The Committee was also proposing that a rolling programme for both the Highways and Footpaths Committee and the Greens and Open Spaces Committee should be posted on the parish website and parishioners encouraged to add their own suggestions.

(ii) Longdon Green – Contractor's Report

The Clerk said that Mr. McCulloch had reported no problems while carrying out the first cut of the season but had noted further mole activity on Longdon Green.

(iii) AONB Signing – Longdon Parish

The Clerk reported that he had received from Mark Keeling, Local Traffic Management Officer, Gailey Highway Office, Development Services Directorate, Staffordshire County Council, a letter dated 23rd April 2008, offering to provide and erect the three signs suggested by the Parish Council using the existing poles.

The quoted cost from the contractor to supply and erect these signs was £388. 08, including VAT, and was valid for three months.

Mr. Keeling asked the Council to indicate its wish to proceed with the work by signing one of the agreement forms enclosed with his letter and returning it to him.

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Stanfield and seconded by Cllr. Welch, it was agreed that the Council should go ahead with the project.

10. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

(i) Children's Poster Competition

The Clerk reported that St. James School had produced a substantial number of posters which Cllr. Mrs. Duckett and Cllr. Mrs. Russell had now judged.

The winning posters were now on display in a window of Longdon Post Office.

They were recommending two prizes of £5. 00 W. H. Smith gift vouchers for each of the four age-groups, totalling £40. 00, a further donation of £60. 00 to be made to the School in appreciation of the work of both pupils and members of staff in providing the posters.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that Longdon Pre-School had also produced posters for the Competition, though the Council had previously decided that the children were too young for their work to be judged and had instead made a donation of £50. 00 to the Pre-School's funds.

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Juxon and seconded by Cllr. Welch it was agreed that:

- (a) the Clerk should purchase eight W. H. Smith's gift vouchers for awarding as prizes to the winning pupils at St. James School, the prizes to be presented on behalf of the Council by Cllr. Mrs. Duckett;
- (b) that a donation of £60. 00 should be made to the School in appreciation of the work involved in producing all the posters;
- (c) that a donation of £50. 00 should be made to Longdon Pre-School in appreciation of the work involved in producing posters for the Competition.

(ii) Calor Village of the Year 2008 – Staffordshire

The Clerk reported that he had received from Charlotte Green, Community Development Officer, Community Council of Staffordshire, a letter dated 7th May 2008 reminding the Council that entries for the above competition should be submitted to the Community Council by 2nd June 2008 and offering to meet the Council to tell Councillors about the competition.

However, the Council had no wish to take part.

11. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

(i) Arrangements for the Annual Assembly

It was confirmed that the Annual Assembly would be taking place in the School Hall at St. James School on Thursday, May 15th, beginning at 7. 30 p.m.

Refreshments would be served by members of Longdon W. I.

The Clerk reported that he had already received a number of reports and a number of apologies.

(ii) Standards Committee – New Legislation

The Clerk reported that he had received from Beth Harris, Monitoring Officer, Lichfield District Council, an email dated 8th May 2008, informing the Council that, from that date, Lichfield District Council's Standards Committee would consider any complaints that a Lichfield District Councillor or a Councillor from one of the District's parish or town councils might have breached the Code of Conduct.

Previously, such matters had been dealt with initially by the Standards Board, but, owing to a change in the legislation, this would now be dealt with at a more local level.

12. LAW AND ORDER

(i) Caravan at Cleat Hill

The Clerk reported that he had received copies of an exchange of emails between Nathan Rowley, Customer Services Advisor, Lichfield Connects, Lichfield District Council, and Roy Ohren, Private Sector Housing Officer, Lichfield District Council, concerning the presence of a white caravan in the layby at Cleat Hill which Cllr. Butler had reported as being used for immoral purposes.

However, Cllr. Butler advised the Council that this caravan had now been removed.

(ii) Joint Operations Group Update

The Clerk reported that he had received from Bob Haynes, Community Safety Officer, Lichfield District Council, an updated report from the Joint Operations Group following its recent meeting.

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) Accounts for Payment

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Stanfield and seconded by Cllr. Welch, payment of the following accounts was approved:

*G. C. McCulloch	Mowing – April	£215. 00
Longdon W. I.	Hire of Hall – April 28 th : £12. 00 Hire of Hall – April 29 th : £12. 00 Hire of Hall – May 13 th : £12. 00	£ 36. 00
N. Baker Agricultural Services, Chorley	Clearing bushes in Briertey Hill Lane opposite Coldwell Cottage	£176. 25
G. E. Collis & Sons Ltd.	Three notice-boards	£203. 54
Allianz	Insurance Premium	£660. 32

(Prior to approving this last account, the Council had reviewed its current Schedule and concluded that it was adequate)

(*confirmation)

(ii) Payments Received

Lichfield District Council Precept 2008/2009	£13650. 00
Olwyn Bennett	Advertisement: “Longdon Life” £ 8. 00
Will Rose	Advertisement: “Longdon Life” £ 8. 00
Tracy Johnson	Advertisement: “Longdon Life” £ 7. 00

(iii) Current Balances

The Clerk reported that, currently, the Council’s balances stood as follows:

NatWest c/a: £3662. 47 The Halifax s/a: £24320. 23

(iv) Appeals for Grant Aid

(a) Longdon Produce and Flower Show Committee

The Clerk reported that he had received from Mrs. Val. Heseltine, Secretary of the Longdon Produce and Flower Show Committee, a letter dated 5th May 2008 asking if the Parish Council would once again meet the cost of hiring the Village Hall and the W. I. Hall for this year’s Produce and Flower Show, the total amount being £160. 00

Her letter had been accompanied by a completed Grant Application Form.

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Juxon and seconded by Cllr. Butler, it was agreed that the Council should meet this cost in full.

(b) The Open Spaces Society

The Clerk reported that he had received from Richard Mabey, Vice-President, The Open Spaces Society, a letter dated April 2008 informing the Council that the Society was launching a campaign, Green Alert!, to raise awareness of common land by asking local planning offices whether land affected by a planning application was registered common, and, if so, to ensure that the fact was taken into account when considering the submission; and he was inviting the Parish Council to make a donation towards the cost which would be incurred by the Society in carrying out this campaign.

However, it was agreed not to make a donation to this, the Society's latest campaign.

(v) Report of meeting of Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee

The Chairman presented a written report on a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee which had taken place in the W. I. Hall, Longdon, on Monday, April 28th, 2008 (*Appendix B*).

The Clerk had presented a detailed financial statement for the financial year ending 31st March 2008 which had been received without amendment.

It was agreed that the Council should be recommended to allocate a budget of £3500 to the Highways and Footpaths Committee and a budget of £4500 to the Greens and Open Spaces Committee.

The Chairman had circulated a draft three-page Order Form which could be used when orders were placed with suppliers. It had been agreed that the Council should be recommended the future use of these forms.

A similar Form for seeking quotations was also being recommended by the Committee.

The Council would also be recommended that the practice of issuing supplements to the agenda on the evening of the meeting should be discontinued.

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Andrews and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Duckett, the report was accepted and all its recommendations adopted.

Following the adoption of Order and Quotation Form, a book of each of these Forms was accepted by the Chairmen of the Highways & Footpaths and Greens & Open Spaces Committees.

It was emphasised that the Council's Financial Regulations must be adhered to in all transactions.

(vi) External Audit – Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2008

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Welch and seconded by Cllr. Andrews, the Chairman was authorised to complete and sign Section 1 (Statement of Accounts) and Section 2 (Annual Governance Statement) of the Annual Return, a copy of the former having been distributed to each Councillor prior to the meeting.

14. CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING

(i) The Clerk reported that he had received from Margaret Woollard, Secretary, Longdon Branch, Royal British Legion, a letter dated 16th April 2008, informing the Council that, at the last meeting of the above organisation, it had been suggested that a short outdoor Service of Remembrance might be held in Longdon

at 11. 00 a.m. on November 11th.

A possible site might be the grassed area at the end of Swan Close, where a small cross might be erected around which poppies might be planted and left for about ten days.

It was pointed out, however, that the Parish Council could not give permission, as the land belonged to the County Council, to whom Mrs. Woollard should write.

(ii) The Clerk reported that he had received from Bernice Bailey, Marketing Administrator, Warmer Homes, Greener District and Central Midlands Energy Efficiency Advice Centre, a letter dated 25th April 2008, enclosing information about the Grant Eligibility Criteria for circulation and display.

(iii) The Clerk reported that he had received from Helen Riley, Deputy Corporate Director (Policy and Performance), Staffordshire County Council, dated April 2008, enclosing a copy of Staffordshire County Council's Strategic Plan 2008–2011.

15. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk reported that, in addition to the above correspondence, he had received the following communications:

- (i) From Heather Gibbons, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council:

Forward Plan – Version 1 – issued 16. 04. 08 – effective for period 01. 05. 08 – 31. 08. 08;
Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 27th April 2008;
Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 11th May 2008.

- (ii) From Sally Duckett, Licensing Assistant, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council:

Licensing Act Applications registered during week ending 11th April 2008;
Licensing Act Applications registered during week ending 18th April 2008.

- (iii) From The Electoral Registration Officer, Lichfield District Council:

Register of Electors 2008 – Monthly Applications for 1st May 2008.

- (iv) From The Research, Consultation and Marketing Officer, Organisational Development, Lichfield District Council:

Survey Forms: Care and Support for Older People on Our Parishes.

- (v) From Cannock Chase AONB:

AONB News – Spring 2008;
Annual Action Plan 2008-09.

- (vi) From The Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association:

Staffordshire Training Strategy for Parish and Town Councils;
“Speaking Out”: April 2008.

(vii) From The National Association of Local Councils:

“LCR”: Volume 60, No. 1 – May 2008.

(viii) From The Campaign to Protect Rural England:

Spring Newsletter/Annual Report 2008.

(ix) From GOPAK, Hythe, Kent:

Card: staging systems, folding tables and other furniture.

16. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

(i) Cllr. Parsons reported that the hedge at the side of Stockings Lane, outside “The Kennels”, was in need of cutting back and suggested that a letter be written to the occupier, either by the Clerk or the Highways Authority.

(ii) Cllr. Parsons further reported that presence of a heap of solidifying lime in Brereton Hill Lane which was spilling onto the road and he suggested that the problem be referred to the appropriate authority.

(iii) There was concern that a building was being erected at Trout Lodge, Beadesert Park, for which the Council had received no notice of previous planning consent. It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the Planning Authorities.

(iv) A newly-parked horse-box and container had been observed in a field at the side of Commonsides. It was agreed that the Clerk should refer the matter to the Planning Authorities.

(v) It had been observed that, from time to time, coal delivery lorries were still being parked on that part of Gentleshaw Common to one side of “Hollows Lodge” in spite of earlier assurances given to planning officers.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 10th, 2008, in the W. I. Hall, Longdon, commencing at 7. 30 p.m.