

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF LONGDON HELD
IN THE CANNOCK WOOD AND GENTLESHAW VILLAGE HALL,
BUDS ROAD, CANNOCK WOOD, ON TUESDAY, JULY 14TH, 2009

Present: Cllr. R. C. Hemmingsley (Chairman); Cllr. N. J. Bird; Cllr. A. J. Juxon;
Cllr. Mrs. H. A. Meere; and Cllr. N. Stanfield.

Also present were the Clerk and one parishioner – Mr. Richard Clarke,
of Brook End, Longdon.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. The Rev. J. R. Andrews; Cllr. B. J. Butler; Cllr. Mrs. G. D. Duckett;
Cllr. S. K. Welch; Cllr. Neil Roberts, of Lichfield District Council;
and County Councillor F. W. Lewis, MBE.

*The Chairman reported that, in addition to the above apologies,
Cllr. Mrs. Jane Russell had informed him in writing that, because of family
commitments, she was resigning with immediate effect as a member of the
Council.*

*It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mrs. Russell, thanking her for
her services to the Council.*

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting, held in the W. I. Hall. Longdon, on Tuesday,
June 9th, 2009, were, on a motion proposed by Cllr. Juxon and seconded by
Cllr. Mrs. Meere, approved and signed.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No issues or problems were raised by the parishioner present.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) Provision of Play Area

Cllr. Stanfield reported that Cllr. Mrs. Duckett was still actively pursuing this
matter.

(ii) Village Lengthsman Agreement

It was agreed, on a motion proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Meere and seconded by
Cllr. Bird, that the Clerk should make a claim for payment of the first half of this
grant forthwith.

5. PLANNING

(i) For Consideration

09/00106/FULM (Full Application (Major)): Andrew Moore: Formation of new
farmstead comprising 2 no. livestock buildings, silage/forage store, manure store
and machinery/feed store: Benbrook Farm, Stonywell Lane, Longdon

Cllr. Stanfield explained that an amended plan showed that the temporary dwelling had been removed and the area reduced to take account of the presence of Great Crested Newts, a protected species.

In addition, the size of the manure store had also been reduced.

However, the proposal was still for 16000 square metres of buildings, which would significantly affect the openness of the Green Belt and would be conspicuous from nearby footpaths.

Cllr. Stanfield felt that the planning officers were focussing on the feasibility of the enterprise and not giving sufficient weight to the need to protect the openness of the Green Belt.

Because of the limited time available to respond to an amended plan, he and Cllr. Hemmingsley had exercised their powers under Standing Orders as Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Planning Committee to respond on behalf of the Council and had informed the District Council that the Parish Council's original objection to the proposal still stood.

Councillors were given the opportunity to comment on the response.

Councillors unanimously agreed with the response as submitted.

09/00474/FUL (Amended): Mr. and Mrs. Ray Archer: Proposed underground dining cellar to rear of existing dwelling: Tithe Barn, Tithe Barn Lane, Gentleshaw

The Council had no objection to this application provided that the development was judged to be appropriate development within the Green Belt.

09/00690/FUL: Mr. and Mrs. Phillips: Two-storey rear extension to form kitchen, dining-room and bedroom with ensuite: The Grand Lodge, Horsey Lane, Upper Longdon

It was agreed that a meeting of the Planning Committee should be convened to consider this application, which had been received only that day.

09/00709/FUL: Mr. Mark Lewis: Demolish existing garage and construct new two-storey side extension forming new double garage and bedroom:
2, The Grange, Upper Longdon
The Council had no objection to the application.

(ii) Approved by Lichfield District Council

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

09/00487/FUL: Mr. Graham Green: Replacement Porch: Old Holly Bank, Stockings Lane, Upper Longdon

(iii) 09/00417: Certificate of Lawful Use or Development

The Clerk reported that Lichfield District Council had issued a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development in relation to the use of an existing annexe as ancillary residential accommodation in association with an existing dwelling house, Stable Barns, Broomy Fields, Hay Lane, Longdon Green, signed by Bal Nahal, Authorised Officer, and dated 10th June 2009.

(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 in relation to the parish of Longdon.

(v) Other Planning Matters

(a) The Grand Lodge, Horsey Lane, Upper Longdon

The Clerk reported that he had received from Debbie Boffin, Conservation Officer, Conservation and Urban Design, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council, a letter dated 16th June 2009, confirming that the metal fence erected at the above site did not have the benefit of planning approval and that the agent had been made aware that an application needed to be submitted for its retention.

In relation to the signage, the contractor had been made aware of the regulations and would be acting to ensure that they were met.

The Clerk added that the number of signs had now been reduced from sixteen to eight, all of which were attached to the two panels which formed the gates.

(b) Appeal Decision

The Clerk reported that he had received a copy of the appeal decision relating to the refusal of Lichfield District Council to grant planning permission to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Beasley for the construction of a bungalow with roof rooms and garage in the rear garden of "Meadow View", Bardy Lane, Upper Longdon.

The appeal had been dismissed on the grounds that the development would conflict with PPG2 and Policy E.4 of the Lichfield District Local Plan of 1998; the proposed dwelling would intrude incongruously into an attractive open rural area; it would have a significant and harmful impact on the rural character of the Cannock Chase AONB; and there were no special circumstances sufficient to outweigh the harm that would be caused by reason of inappropriateness in the Green Belt and the harm that would be caused to the rural character of the AONB by the proposed development if it was allowed to proceed.

6. REPORTS OF MEETINGS

No reports were presented.

7. NOTICE OF MEETINGS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Clerk reported that he had received notice of the following meetings and forthcoming events:

- (i) Longdon Village Hall Management Committee – Extraordinary General Meeting: Thursday, July 16th, 2009. at Longdon Village Hall, Brook End, Longdon, commencing at 7. 30 p.m.
- (ii) SPCA Chairmanship Skills Training Programme – 2009:
 - Module 1 – Chairing a Meeting: Wednesday, July 22nd, in Room 4, Peel Building, St. Chad's Place, Stafford;
 - Module 2 – Professional Conduct: Wednesday, July 29th, in The White Room,

County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford;
Module 3 – The Public and Media: Wednesday, August 5th, in Room 4,
Peel Building, St. Chad's Place, Stafford;
Module 4 – Contentious Issues: Thursday, August 13th, in Room 4,
Peel Building, St. Chad's Place, Stafford;
Module 5 – Visionary Leadership: Thursday, August 20th, in Room 4,
Peel Building, St. Chad's Place, Stafford;
Module 6 – Chairing a Challenging Meeting: Thursday, August 27th,
in The White Room, County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford.
All seminars would commence at 7. 00 p.m. and end at 9. 00 p.m.
Cost: £20. 00 first delegate; £15. 00 second delegate; £10. 00 for each additional
delegate from the same Council.

- (iii) Staffordshire Third Sector Network – Country Wide; Safe, Strong Cohesive
Communities Reference Group: Monday, July 27th, 2009, at the Rising Brook
Baptist Church, Barton Square, Stafford, from 10. 00 a.m. to 12 noon
(with lunch);
- (iv) “Fresh and Exercise – Common Land, Village Greens, Rights of Way and Open
Spaces”: Monday, July 27th, 2009, at The Best Western Stoke-on-Trent Moat
House, Stoke-on-Trent, from 10. 00 a.m. to 4. 00 p.m.
Cost: £65. 00 (plus VAT).
The course was designed for Clerks and Chairman of rural parish and town
councils to allow them to deal effectively with the management of common
land, village greens and rights of way. It would explain the historical
background, legislation, duties and procedures involved with the management
of these open space areas.

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Meere and seconded by Cllr. Stanfield,
it was agreed that the Council should send a councillor to this conference and
that the cost of his or her participation should be met by the Council.
First choice would be offered to Cllr. Welch as Chairman of the Greens and
Open Spaces Committee, but, in the event of his not being free on that date,
Cllr. Juxon expressed an interest in attending.

- (v) Best Kept Village Competition – Announcement of Results: Monday,
August 3rd, 2009, in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Martin Street,
Stafford, commencing at 7. 30 p.m.
- (vi) SPCA Clerks' Day: Thursday, September 24th, 2009, at Birmingham North
Ramada Hotel Complex, Bridge Street, Cannock.
Cost: £40. 00, including lunch.
Agenda: Problem solving (The SARA model explained); Professional Paperwork;
Minute Taking; Listening Skills; The Clerking Movement Abroad.

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Meere and seconded by Cllr. Stanfield, it was
agreed that the Council would meet the cost of the Clerk's attendance at this
meeting.

8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

(i) Report on meeting of Highways and Footpaths Committee

Cllr. Stanfield presented a written report on a meeting of the Highways and Footpaths Committee which had taken place in the W. I. Hall, Longdon, on Monday, July 6th, 2009 (*Appendix A*).

Cllr. Stanfield highlighted the problem of a raised grid in Borough Lane to which he had drawn the attention of the Highways Authority's help-line, only to be told that, at that point, the highway boundary was demarcated.

It was agreed that, since, in its present exposed state, the grid was presenting a serious hazard to passing vehicles, a formal written request should be sent to the Highways Authority demanding immediate action.

The Chairman suggested that the Council might, when reviewing its mowing contract, undertake more work. Some of the more hazardous road junctions had been cut by the County Council the previous week, but Councillors might consider that they needed cutting more regularly.

Cllr. Mrs. Meere added that Chapel Lane was currently in a dangerous state.

(ii) "Unsuitable for Heavy Good Vehicles" Signs in Borough Lane and Horsey Lane

The Clerk reported that he had received from Tim Buxton, Traffic Management Technician, Lichfield Highways Office, Development Services Directorate, Staffordshire County Council, a letter dated 23rd June 2009, informing the Council that he would be ordering the above signs and arrange for the necessary works to be carried out.

(iii) Survey of Parish Footpaths – FP. 34 and FP. 43

The Clerk reported that he had received from Dawn Green, Rights of Way Assistant, two letters, both dated 6th June 2009, informing the Council that complaints concerning the above footpaths had been addressed.

In the case of the first, a finger-post had been installed and the path made clear through the crop, while, in the case of the second, the land-owner had been informed of his responsibilities regarding ploughing and the path way-marked.

(iv) Temporary Road Traffic Regulation Order – Thorleys Hill and Horsey Lane

The Clerk reported that he had received from John Tradewell, Director of Law and Governance, Staffordshire County Council, a copy of the above Order giving notice that Staffordshire County Council intended, not less than seven days from the date of the Notice (9th July 2009), to make an Order the effect of which would be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Thorleys Hill and Horsey Lane, Upper Longdon, for a distance of approximately two hundred metres in both directions from their junction with Dark Lane unless the vehicle was being used in connection with the works.

Limited access would be available from either end of the site to premises on the length of the road.

The Order would come into operation on 27th July 2009, and the said works, that is, the laying of new water mains and re-surfacing, would commence on or as near as practicable to that date.

It was anticipated that the works would be completed by 7th August 2009.

(v) Fir Tree Cottage, Tithe Barn

The Clerk reported that he had received from Lynn Oakley, Highways Activities Co-ordinator, Network Management Unit, Development Services Directorate, Staffordshire County Council, a letter dated 18th June 2009, enclosing a copy of a letter dated the same day which she had written to the owner of Fir Tree Cottage, requesting that he now ceased to use the temporary access adjoining his property and remove it, as previously agreed.

Mrs. Oakley had also noted in her letter that the owner was claiming to possess documentation suggesting that the property had had an access at this location in the past and had required him to send her a copy for her records, but had insisted that, in the meantime, he ceased the use of the access with immediate effect.

The Clerk added that he had written to Mrs. Oakley asking that the Council be provided with a copy of any documentation submitted, though no Councillor could recall such an earlier access.

(vi) Public Footpath between 31 and 33 Church Way, Longdon

The Clerk reported that he had received from Jayne Walker, writing on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance, Staffordshire County Council, a letter dated 26th June 2009, informing the Council that a Notice of Confirmation of the making of a Public Path Creation Order in connection with the above public footpath would be advertised in "The Lichfield Mercury" of 1st July 2009.

It was noted that this footpath had recently been re-surfaced.

(vii) Visit of Community Gang

The Clerk reported that a Community Gang had visited the parish on June 19th and would paying further visits on October 13th, 2009, and February 19th, 2010.

9. GREENS AND OPEN SPACES

(i) Gentleshaw Common – Management of Grassed Area opposite Gentleshaw School

The Clerk reported that he had received from John Brown, Land and Property Manager, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council, a letter dated 18th June 2009, confirming that the terms set out by the Clerk in a letter dated 26th May 2009 were acceptable and expressing the hope that the site would be managed for the benefit of all concerned.

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Stanfield and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Meere, it was agreed that the Council would accept full responsibility for the management of the green.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Allianz asking for its inclusion on the Council's insurance schedule.

It was agreed that the Greens and Open Spaces Committee should be invited to draw up a scheme of management.

(ii) Mowing Contract

(a) The Clerk reported that he had received from Richard Rayson, Divisional Highway Manager, Development Services Directorate, Staffordshire County Council, a letter dated 15th June 2009, thanking him for updating him on the 2009 mowing contract.

(b) The Clerk reported that he had received from Graham McCulloch, the Council's mowing contractor, a letter dated 28th June 2009, in which he reported that he had encountered no problems during the latest cut and that the moles had been less active.

(iii) Open Space, Sport and Recreation Assessment

The Clerk reported that he had received from Samantha Barlow, of the Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council, a letter dated 10th June 2009 requesting feedback from the Parish Council on evidence which would be used to inform the District Council's policies within the emerging Core Strategy up to 2021.

Enclosed with the letter were plans and aerial photographs of Longdon and Upper Longdon and a DVD.

Unfortunately, the deadline of 30th June had already passed, but it was agreed nonetheless that the documents should be passed on to Cllr. Mrs. Duckett for comment.

10. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

(i) Vacancies in the Office of Councillors in Longdon Ward

The Clerk reported that the required notice advertising the vacancy caused by the disqualification of Cllr. Parsons had been posted on all five of the principal parish notice-boards, but no request for a poll had been received.

The Council should now proceed to filling the vacancy by co-option.

It was agreed that an item should be included in the next issue of "Longdon Life", due out at the end of the month, inviting any interested parishioner to write to the Clerk making his or her interest known and outlining the strengths which he or she would bring to the role.

The Clerk confirmed that the vacancy caused by the resignation of Cllr. Mrs. Russell would have to be advertised.

(ii) Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Country Fayre

Councillors discussed the possibility of sharing a stall with Cannock Wood Parish Council at the Fayre, but concluded that insufficient time remained to put together the necessary publicity in a presentable form.

However, Cllr. Mrs. Meere said that she would be going to the Fayre and was willing to represent the Parish Council while she was there.

11. LAW AND ORDER

(i) Public Consultation by PC Andy Brown

The Clerk reported that PC Andy Brown, the local Community Beat Officer, had held a public consultation in Longdon Village Hall on Saturday, July 11th, 2009, from 9.00 a.m. to 10.15 a.m., at which he and Cllr. Mrs. Duckett had also been present.

Two parishioners had consulted PC Brown on security at Longdon Memorial Hall.

(ii) Meeting of the Joint Operations Group

The Clerk reported that he had received a summary of the main points discussed at a meeting of the Joint Operations Group which had taken place on 18th June 2009.

Amongst the items discussed had been the gating of Burntwood Park in an attempt to reduce vandalism, but no item had had direct relevance to Longdon Parish.

He had earlier received a summary of the main points discussed at a meeting of the Group which had taken place on June 4th, together with notes on a Class A drug called "Ketamine".

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS(i) Accounts for Payment

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Juxon and seconded by Cllr. Stanfield, payment of the following accounts, received since the last meeting, was approved:

*≠ Mrs. Ann Anson	Plants	£ 24. 99
G. C. McCulloch	Mowing – June 25 th	£ 225. 00
Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall Management Committee	Hire of Room – July 16th	£ 16. 00
Longdon W. I.	Hire of Hall – July 6 th	£ 12. 00
Lichfield District Council	Emptying Dog Waste Bins	£717. 60
W. B. Sullivan	Digital Dictation Machine (<i>re-imburement</i>)	£ 29. 99

(*confirmation ≠payment under Section 137)

(ii) Payments Received

The Clerk reported that, since the last meeting, the following payments had been received:

"The Swan with Two Necks"	Advertisement: "Longdon Life"	£ 7. 00
C. T. Marshall	Advertisements: "Longdon Life"	£ 10. 00

(iii) Current Balances

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

NatWest c/a:	£590. 92	The Halifax s/a: £19216. 21
<u>less uncleared cheques</u>		
	1470: £ 60. 00	
	1475: £ 12. 00	
	<u>1479: £ 24. 99</u>	

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£493.93

(iv) Appeals for Grant Aid

The Clerk reported that he had received from Val Heseltine, Secretary of the Longdon Produce and Flower Show Committee, a completed Grant Application Form in support of a request that the Parish Council meet the cost of hiring the Village Hall and the W. I. Hall for the weekend of the Produce and Flower Show in September.

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Bird and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Meere, it was agreed that the Council should meet the cost in full.

(v) Independent Internal Audit

The Clerk reported that Alan Toplis would be carrying out the second and final independent internal audit of the Parish Council's accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2009 the following morning, July 15th.

13. CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING

(i) The Clerk reported that he had received from Keith Cartwright, HM Revenue and Customs, Hanley, a letter dated 22nd May 2009, requesting information which would enable him to decide whether the Council should in future make company tax returns.

He had reminded Mr. Cartwright that Parish Councils were not, in law, allowed to trade and, consequently, were not liable for company tax.

(ii) The Clerk reported that he had received from C. Kendrick Jones, of Bluebird Care (Tamworth and Lichfield), Plantation Lane, Tamworth, a letter dated 17th June 2009, enclosing a leaflet outlining some of his company's services.

He added that the company worked with Social Services to provide care in rural areas to improve the independence of people and invited anyone seeking further advice on arranging appointments to contact the company's Care Manager, Ellen Phillips .

(iii) The Clerk reported that he had received from Antony Lancaster, Planning Project Manager, Cannock Chase District Council, a letter dated 10th July 2009, giving details of the Rugeley Town Centre Area Action Plan and inviting the Council's response by August 24th, 2009.

Cllr. Stanfield agreed to study the plan and make any response he deemed necessary on behalf of the Parish Council.

14. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 21st June 2009;

Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 5th July 2009;

Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 19th July 2009;

Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 19th July 2009 (revised);

Forward Plan – Version 1 – Issued 16. 06. 2009 – Effective for Period
01. 07. 2009;

Forward Plan – Version 2 – Issued 16. 06. 2009 – Effective for Period
01. 07. 2009.

- (ii) From Jenny Moore. Personal Assistant – Strategic Director, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council:

Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 5th July 2009 (updated).

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

Licensing Act Applications registered during week ending 05. 06. 09;
Licensing Act Applications registered during week ending 12. 06. 09;
Licensing Act Applications registered during week ending 19. 06. 09;
Licensing Act Applications registered during weeks ending 26. 06. 09
and 03. 07. 09.

- (iv) From The Electoral Registration Officer. Lichfield District Council:

Register of Electors – Monthly Applications for 28th May 2009;
Register of Electors – Monthly Applications for 1st July 2009.

- (v) From Stephanie Cartwright, S3SN Admin Assistant, Lichfield & District CVS:

E Bulletin – Issue No. 84. 4th June 2009;
E Bulletin – Issue No. 85, 1th June 2009;
E Bulletin – Issue No. 86, 18th June 2009;
E Bulletin – Issue No. 87, 25th June 2009;
E Bulletin – Issue No. 88, 2nd July 2009.

- (vi) From Julie Harris, Development Officer, Lichfield & District Community and Voluntary Sector Support (via email from SPCA):

Opportunities for Voluntary and Community Groups in Lichfield
(information on funding and training for staff and volunteers from
community and voluntary organisations).

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

- Newsletter – June 2009 (12 copies);
- Flier – Child Safety Week (22-28 June 2009);
- Lottery Funding – SOS;
- Weekly Update (12 June):
 - consultation on proposed minor amendments to the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 – consultation documents can be viewed on DEFRA's website:
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/conservation-habitats/index.htm>
(responses to be received by 3rd August 2009);
 - NALC Legal Briefing L17-07: Good Race Relations – Gypsies and Irish Travellers;
 - NALC Policy Committee – Agenda Item 11: Unregistered Bodies – Report of Meeting with Unit of Expertise, Policy and others at HM Revenue & Customs – March 2009;
 - Royal Town Planning Institute (West Midlands Region): Summer Reception, Monday, 6th July 2009, at Erasmus Darwin House, Beacon Street, Lichfield, from 6. 00 p.m. Cost: £16. 00 (Students and Licentiatees £11. 00);

- Weekly Update (18 June):
Web Design: “What we do” (Government Office for the West Midlands);
Charity Fundraising – message from Paula Smith, Clerk at Endon, who wishes to support a Stoke-on-Trent children’s hospice which is suffering from lack of funds;
- Notice of seminar on organising a parish plan and how to obtain quality status: Wednesday, 15th July 2009, in Room 1, Peel Buildings, St. Chad’s Place, Stafford, from 7. 00 p.m. to 9. 00 p.m.
Cost: £20. 00 for first delegate, £15. 00 for second delegate, £10. 00 for additional delegate from same council;
- NALC Local Council Awards 2009: Council of the Year; Clerk of the Year; Councillor of the Year; Much Improved Council for the Year; Nomination Forms (closing date 30th November 2009);
- Opportunities for Lichfield (email from Julia Harris, Development Officer, Lichfield & District Community and Voluntary Sector Support);
- New Directory of Mobile Phone Numbers (“It takes less than five minutes to go ex-directory on your mobile” – Ray Smythe, Clerk, Heath Hayes Parish Council);
- Poster – Library Promotion (by email);
- Request from Clerk from Kinver Parish Council for information about parking attendants.

(viii) From The National Association of Local Councils:

“LCR”: Summer 2009 – Volume 61, No. 1.

(ix) From The Development Services Department (Integrated Transport and Planning):

Staffordshire Public Transport Map.

(x) From Staffordshire Police

“saferstaffs” (Trent Valley Edition): Summer 2009.

(xi) From The Society of Local Council Clerks:

Notice of full-day course on Common Land, Village Greens, Rights of Way and Open Spaces (details recorded under minute 7(iv)).

(xii) From The Secretary, CPRE (Staffordshire Branch):

Trips and Visits 2009: Walsall Leather Museum, 22nd July;
Melbourne Hall, 6th August; Beaudesert Park Farm, 23rd September;
Sandon Hall, 28th October.

(xiii) From SMP Playgrounds, Egham, Surrey:

Playbuilder funding: “Here’s three playscapes we’ve designed and installed recently” (promotional letter).

15. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS
(AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN)

No matters were raised.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 8th, 2009, in the W. I. Hall, Longdon, commencing at 7. 30 p.m.