

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF LONGDON HELD
IN THE W. I. HALL, LONGDON, ON TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2011

Present: Cllr. Mrs. G. D. Duckett (Chairman); Cllr. R. A. G. Clarke; Cllr. A. J. Juxon;
Cllr. H. A. Meere; Cllr. M. J. Nash; Cllr. K. C. Taylor; and Cllr. S. K. Welch.

Also present were The Clerk, Cllr. N. J. Roberts, of Lichfield District
Council and one parishioner – Mr. Kevin Morgan, of Borough Lane, Longdon.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. B. J. Butler; Cllr. C. D. Cherry; and County Councillor F. W. Lewis, MBE.

*Cllr. Juxon reported that Cllr. Cherry, whom he had visited in hospital at
Burton-on-Trent, was still quite poorly, but in good spirits.*

*The Clerk added that Mrs. Cherry had phoned to say that the card signed
by every other Councillor wishing him a speedy recovery had been greatly
appreciated.*

2. REVIEW OF CURRENT PRACTICES AGAINST RISK ASSESSMENT
REGISTER

The Chairman ruled that, in future, these would be evaluated as they arose during
the meeting.

3. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Meeting, held in the W. I. Hall, Longdon, on May 10th,
2011, were, on a motion proposed by Cllr. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Meere,
approved and signed.

4. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the W. I. Hall, Longdon,
on Tuesday. May 10th. 2011, immediately following the Annual Meeting, were,
on a motion proposed by Cllr. Nash and seconded by Cllr. Juxon, approved and
signed.

5. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday, May 17th, 2011, were, on a motion proposed by Cllr. Welch and seconded by Cllr. Taylor, approved and signed.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Morgan to the meeting and asked him if he wished to address the Council.

Mr. Morgan said that he had come to observe.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) Retaining Wall in Grange Hill

It was reported that work on building this wall was proceeding apace.

(ii) Community Paths Initiative Bid

The Chairman reported that, to date, no decision had been made on the Council's bid.

(iii) Deduction of Tax from Interest

The Chairman reported that she had visited the Lichfield office of The Halifax, but the Finance Manager had not been in the office.

She would now be writing to the bank, advising it that it had been wrong to deduct any tax from the interest paid on the Council's account..

(iv) Gentleshaw Green

The Clerk asked when planting the new triangular flower beds on Gentleshaw Green would be carried out.

He also pointed out that the two flower tubs appeared to have received no attention from the School this year.

Cllr. Clarke reported that he had emailed the Head Teacher asking when the School would be ready to take part in the planting, but had so far received no reply.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should erect a trellis in front of the breeze-block wall at the rear of the Green but probably not until September.

Willow was considered a possible choice of planting.

(v) Floodlights at Lichfield Cathedral School

The Clerk reported that he had visited the Cathedral School at Longdon Hall, where he had spoken to the Property Manager.

The Property Manager had pointed out that the security lights in the car park were needed for the safety of the staff and parents but had promised to look at the timing, which was still set to winter-time.

Cllr. Roberts said that a comprehensive tree survey had been carried out at the Hall, a copy of which he would email to the Clerk.

Cllr. Roberts added that the Chief Executive of the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Beauty would shortly be addressing a Parliamentary Committee on the importance of landscape values, and he would email a copy of the relevant documents to the Clerk.

(vi) Community Transport Scheme

Cllr. Roberts reminded the meeting of the Community Transport Scheme run by Lichfield District Council which was available to any group for public outings.

Any group wishing to use it should get in touch with Shahzad Iqbal, the Community Transport Scheme Manager.

(vii) Road Sign at side of A51

The meeting was reminded that the road sign at the side of the A51 between the two entrances to the village had still not been replaced after two months.

The Clerk was instructed to contact the Highways Department at Lichfield asking for it to be re-instated.

(viii) Visit to Beaudesert Park

The Clerk reported that he had received from Bob Marsh, Chief Executive of The Beaudesert Trust, a letter dated 23rd March 2011, thanking the Council for its contribution towards the work of the Trust and promising to keep the Council informed of its progress.

He had added that the Trust would welcome further planned visits to view other aspects of the historic environment at Beaudesert.

Following the rejection of the Trust's Lottery bid, the Trust was re-considering its plans and would no doubt continue to bid for external support for its work with young people.

8. PLANNING

(i) Report of Working Group

The Working Group had considered the following applications:

11/00455/LBC: Dr. J. Ellis: Works to listed building to enable the replacement of two sets of site entrance gates: Hanch Hall, Lysways Lane, Hanch

It was noted that the replacement gates were similar to, if not identical with, the existing gates, and consequently no objection was raised.

11/00494/FUL: Ms. S. Boston: Erection of a single-storey side extension (Extension of time for application 05/00441.OUT): 36 Brook End, Longdon

It was agreed that no additional comments needed to be added to those the Council had already made on Planning Application No. 08/00576/REM, which it regarded as still relevant.

11/00522/LBC: Dr. J. Ellis: Works to listed building to enable the replacement of the floor, plaster and guttering to chapel building set in the grounds of Hanch Hall: Hanch Hall, Lysways Lane, Hanch

While it was believed that the desire to restore this listed building was to be commended, it was feared that the historic integrity of the building might be compromised, particularly by the replacement rather than the re-use of the original tiles, and was of the opinion that English Heritage should be consulted before the final decision was taken.

(ii) For Consideration

Mrs. G. Drew: Single-storey side extension with pitched roof to form playroom: Cherry Trees, Lower Way, Upper Longdon

The Council had no problem with this proposed development, which, it believed, would improve the appearance of the property by removing the small area of flat roof.

(iii) Approved by Lichfield District Council

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

11/00277/FUL: Mr. A. Moore: Erection of an agricultural livestock building: Benbrook Farm, Stoneywell Lane, Longdon

The Clerk added that he had received from Claire Billings, Development Control Manager, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council, a letter dated 25th May 2011, in which she explained that it had been considered that the building was reasonably necessary in connection with the agricultural activities operating from the land and, as such, was an appropriate form of development in this location.

Furthermore, subject to conditions, it had been considered that the development would not unduly detract from the character or visual amenity of the rural landscape and the Green Belt, and that there would be no undue impact on the amenities of nearby occupiers or on the highway network.

The Council noted that Mrs. Billings had not addressed the specific concerns of the Parish Council, notably the need to confirm that the present buildings were being fully utilised, before granting permission for further development, and there was some incredulity, in view of the complaints that the Parish Council had already received, at her assertion that there would be no undue impact on the amenities of nearby occupiers or on highway network.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs. Billings making clear the Council's dissatisfaction at her response.

11/00317/FUL: Goldcycle Ltd.: Erection of a timber toilet and essential rest room facilities: Land at Brook End, Chorley

11/00407/FUL: Mr. & Mrs. Critchlow: Erection of a single-storey timber-framed glazed conservatory: Gunpowder Cottage, Lower Way, Upper Longdon

11/00408/LBC: Mr. & Mrs. Critchlow: Works to listed building to enable the erection of a single-storey timber-framed glazed conservatory: Gunpowder Cottage, Lower Way, Upper Longdon

(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) Byron Court, Upper Way

The Clerk reported that, before leaving for France, Cllr. Butler had asked him to raise with the Council the concerns of local residents over building works being carried out at No. 2, Byron Court, where it appeared that a billiard room was being converted to an alternative use and outside windows were being inserted.

Cllr. Taylor added that a trench approximately three feet deep had been dug for a main pipe with a number of extensions.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Chris. Hibbs, Lichfield District Council's Principal Enforcement Officer, asking her to investigate.

9. REPORTS OF MEETINGS

(i) Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr. Mrs. Meere reported that she had been unable to attend the meeting of the above Committee, which had taken place at the Village Hall on May 23rd, but had asked for a copy of the minutes to be sent to her.

(ii) Cannock Chase AONB Partnership

Cllr. Taylor said that this meeting, which had taken place at Tixall on May 18th, had been very informative.

It was intended to mount a membership drive, and there would also be an appeal for volunteers.

(iii) High Speed Rail – Public Consultation

Cllr. Roberts reported that he had attended on both days of the Public Consultation, which had taken place at the Guildhall, in Lichfield, on June 8th and June 9th.

There had been a very high number of objectors outside the building seeking the support of passers-by.

There would be a meeting of the District Council Cabinet on June 28th at which it would be stated that the HSR2 would be of no strong economic benefit to the district to justify the estimated cost of £51bn.

He believed that Staffordshire County Council would continue to object, but Stoke-on-Trent City Council and Newcastle Borough Council might support the proposal in what he thought was the mistaken belief that they would be provided with a railway station.

Perhaps surprisingly, Lichfield Civic Society were in favour of the new railway.

(iv) Other Meetings

Cllr. Taylor reported that he had recently attended a training day for school governors, at which it had been confirmed that the non-confidential business at governors' meetings could be discussed any time after the approval of the minutes of that meeting at the next one.

Unfortunately, these might not be approved until as long as six months after the meeting had taken place.

Cllr. Mrs. Duckett reported that she had, at its Annual General Meeting, resigned from the Management Committee of Longdon Village Hall.

Neil Vyse had been re-elected Chairman, and Karen Dawson, Mick Hewitt and Hugh Reynolds had once again been elected to the Committee.

10. NOTICE OF MEETINGS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Clerk reported that, since the last meeting, he had received notice of the following notices and other events:

(i) Historic Towns Forum – Seminar on the implications of the Decentralisation and Localism Bill: Friday, June 17th, 2011, at The Town Hall, Northgate, Chester, from 9. 00 a.m. to 1. 30 p.m. (followed by a free lunch and networking).

(ii) Beaudesert Sports Field and Recreation Ground Trust: Tuesday, June 21st, 2011, at The Park Gate Inn, Park Gate Road, Cannock Wood, commencing at 8. 00 p.m.

As this was the evening chosen for the presentation to The Rev. John Andrews, no Councillors would be able to attend.

(iii) Cannock Chase AONB Advisory Partnership: Thursday, June 30th, 2011, at Rugeley Quarry, from 10. 00 a.m. to 12. 00 p.m.

(iv) “The Big Society in Staffordshire – the reality behind the concept”: Friday, July 8th, 2011, at Yarnfield Park Training and Conference Centre, near Stone, from 9. 30 a.m. to 4. 00 p.m.

11. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

(i) Report on meeting of the Highways and Footpaths Committee

The meeting of the Highways and Footpaths Committee, due to take place on June 7th, had been inquorate and, consequently, it had been necessary to defer the business.

At the suggestion of the Chairman and on a motion proposed by Cllr. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Meere, it was agreed that the Committee should merge with the Greens and Open Spaces Committee and that the first meeting of the merged Committees should take place on June 28th, the date already chosen for the next meeting of the Greens and Open Spaces Committee.

(ii) Footpath Leaflets

There being some difficulty over the Council's preferred choice of colour, which the printer could not use, a final decision was deferred.

(iii) Ordnance Survey PSMA Membership

The Clerk reported that the Council's membership had now been confirmed. He had now received by email a copy of Issue No.1 of the PSMA Newsletter, dated June 2011.

(iv) Public Path Diversion Order – Footpath No. 30, Parish of Longdon

The Clerk reported that he had received from Dawn Everitt, Democratic and Legal Services Officer, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council, a letter dated 9th June 2011, enclosing for the Council's information a copy of a Public Footpath Order to be advertised in "The Lichfield Mercury" of Thursday, June 9th, 2011.

This related to Public Footpath No. 30 from Orchard Farm to Footpath No. 74.

It was noted that the Parish Council was already aware of the intention to approve a short diversion of the footpath at this point.

12. GREENS AND OPEN SPACES

(i) Mowing Contract

The Clerk reported that he had received from Graham McCulloch, the Council's mowing contractor, a report dated 31st May 2011, in which he explained that he had begun mowing the grass on May 18th, but a gear box failure had delayed completion until May 30th.

He expected the next cut to take place within the next fortnight.

13. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

(i) Co-option of Councillors

It was agreed that the procedure already laid down for the co-option of a Councillor should be followed in the case of the two vacancies – one in the Longdon Ward, the other in the Gentleshaw Ward – which remained following the elections in May.

This was to publish an advertisement on each of the parish notice-boards inviting applications accompanied by short curricula vitae.

If necessary, the vacancies could also be advertised in the next issue of “Longdon Life”.

(ii) Updating the Parish Website

It was agreed that any further action should be postponed during Cllr. Cherry’s convalescence.

Cllr. Clarke added that he had already advised Eric Roy of the circumstances.

(iii) Communication between Clerk and Councillors and Clerk by email

The Clerk said that he was receiving a growing number of emails, all of which he was listing on the monthly agenda.

He suggested that, now that every Councillor had an email address, he should, in future, forward selected emails, such as those he received from the Staffordshire Parish Councils’ Association, to Councillors for them to read on screen.

Others, such as any commercial advertisements, he would not forward but continue to list.

He added that the email address which he was at present using rsullivan@madasafish.com had limited storage capability, and he would like to set up a dedicated email address for parish council emails.

Both suggestions were approved by the Council.

(iv) Future Standard of Conduct of Members

It was agreed that this document should be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its meeting on July 5th.

(v) Provision of Identification Cards

The contents and layout of an identification card were considered.

It was agreed that the card should have a heading denoting the Parish Council, the name of the Councillor and a passport photograph, the dates of his or her term of office and the Clerk’s signature.

The card would be laminated and punched to allow the Councillor the option of wearing it on a ribbon.

Further enquiries would be made concerning its manufacture.

(vi) Nomination of School Governor – Gentleshaw Primary School

Cllr. Clarke informed the Council that Staffordshire County Council was proposing to make changes in the structure and composition of boards of governors which would reduce the number of L. E. A. representatives from two to one.

The County Council also hoped to recruit more governors from industry and commerce.

In view of this proposal, it was agreed to defer nominating a replacement for The Rev. John Andrews, whose term of office ended on August 30th.

Cllr. Roberts said that, in the meantime, he would seek confirmation of the County Council's intentions.

(vii) Cotton Almshouse Trust – Appointment of Trustee for Gentleshaw

After the Clerk had confirmed that the appointee did not have to reside in Gentleshaw, though the appointment could only be made by Councillors representing that Ward, both Cllr. Clarke and Cllr. Taylor indicated an interest in the role.

However, the Chairman suggested that, since the next meeting of the Trustees was not imminent, a decision be deferred until the next meeting to give Cllr. Clarke and Cllr. Taylor the opportunity to consider what they could contribute as a Trustee.

In the meantime, the Clerk would provide each with a copy of the Deed of Trust.

14. LAW AND ORDER

(i) Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr. Taylor reported that he had not been able to access the most recent report.

15. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

(i) Invitation to District and Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that he had received from Cllr. Mike Maryon, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Staffordshire County Council, a letter dated 27th May 2011, in visiting District, Borough and Parish Councillors to meet him at one of a series of meetings arranged to discuss transport issues with him and his officers.

One of those meetings would be taking place at District Council House, Frog Lane, Lichfield on Thursday, June 16th, between 2. 00 p.m. and 4. 00 p.m.

Cllr. Roberts said that he would be attending, and Cllr. Mrs. Duckett said that she hoped to be there as well.

16. BEST KEPT VILLAGE REPORT

(i) Progress Report

The Clerk reported that judges had paid a second visit to the villages the previous day.

Alan Johnson had completed the programme of refurbishing some of the street furniture, and Cllr. Butler had covered the surface of the new notice-board opposite Russell Bank with a sheet of plywood to make the posting of notices easier.

(ii) Pre-School Posters

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Nash, it was agreed that a donation of £50. 00 should be made to Longdon Pre-School, who had provided posters, in lieu of prizes.

(iii) Children's Poster Competition

The Clerk reported that he had received a reminder about two competitions for children's posters being running as part of the Competition.

The one should promote the BKV Competition and the ideas behind it, and the other, a new competition for young people between eleven and sixteen and sponsored on behalf of The National Memorial Arboretum, should be on the theme, "In Remembrance".

It was decided, however, not to engage in either of these competitions this year.

17. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) Accounts for Payment

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

Longdon W. I.	Hire of Hall - June 7 th : £12. 00	
	Hire of Hall - June 14 th : £12. 00	
		£ 24. 00

W. B. Sullivan	Clerk's Salary:	£350. 00	
	Photocopying:	£209. 37	
	Postage:	£ 34. 63	
	#W. H. Smith Tokens:	£ 60. 00	
	#Plants:	£ 29. 25	
			£683. 25

G. C. McCulloch	Mowing of greens	
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	and verges:	£270. 00	
	Mowing Gentleshaw Green:	£ 90. 00	
			£360. 00
Lichfield District Council	Emptying dog waste bins		
	Net Total Cost:	£686. 40	
	VAT:	£137. 28	
			£823. 68
Open Spaces Society	Subscription: "Open Spaces"		£ 40. 00
National Association of Local Councils:	Subscription: "LCR"		£ 15. 50
Aqua Jet Services	Re-felt roof to bus shelter; Replace timber apex; Repaint with Cuprinol inside and out; Refurbish three Notice-boards and four benches		
			£422. 00

(*confirmation #payment made under Section 137)

(ii) Payments Received

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

Lynn Marshall	3 advertisements in "Longdon Life"	£ 22. 50
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(iii) Requests for Grant Aid

The following applications for grant aid were considered:

(a) Beaudesert Sports Field & Recreation Ground Trust

This request for £200. 00, submitted by Mrs. Avril Green, acting as fund-raiser for the Trust, "towards essential items and works to keep the field in a safe and usable condition", had been received immediately prior to last month's meeting and, consequently, a decision had been deferred.

The Council concluded that the application had been phrased in too general terms, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs. Green asking her to give more details of the "essential items and works", and, at the same, explaining that it was the Council's policy to make grants towards the cost of capital projects but not towards running costs, which it felt should be covered by the Trustee's management plan.

(b) Longdon Produce and Flower Show Committee

The Clerk reported that he had received from Mrs. Valerie Heseltine, Secretary of the Longdon Produce and Flower Show Committee, a completed Grant Application Form submitted on behalf of her Committee in support of a request for a grant of £210. 00 to meet the cost of hiring Longdon Village Hall and Longdon W. I. Hall for the Annual Produce and Flower Show.

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Meere and seconded by Cllr. Juxon, it was agreed to meet this request in full.

(c) Open Spaces Society – “fighting sorrows’ Appeal

The Clerk reported that he had received from Tim Crowther, Chairman of The Open Spaces Society, a letter dated 6th May 2011, requesting a donation to a fund to enable the Society to monitor and, if necessary, oppose aspects of, the Government’s new green-space designation, which it was currently devising.

However, the Council felt unable to support so nebulous a campaign.

(iv) Current Balances

The Clerk reported that, currently, the Council’s balance stood on 31st May 2011 as follows:

NatWest c/a:	£2789. 56	The Halifax s/a: £11332. 70
<u>less uncleared cheques</u>		
	1617: £ 24. 00	
	1618: £ 865. 44	
	1624: £ 150. 00	
	<u>£1750. 12</u>	

(v) Final Report of Independent Internal Auditor

This report was not yet to hand.

18. CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING

(i) The Clerk reported that he had received from John Shand, writing on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of St. James Church, Longdon, an email dated 23rd May 2011, thanking the Parish Council for its donation of £800. 00 towards the cost of maintaining Longdon Churchyard.

(ii) The Clerk reported that he had received from Sara Green, Community Development Officer, Community Council of Staffordshire, a letter dated 13th June 2011 introducing the Staffordshire Self Help Project, which was about celebrating communities that pulled together at times of adversity and asking for stories about local people who have gone out of their way to help others at times of difficulty.

It was decided to postpone considering this request until the next meeting.

19. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 5th June 2011;
Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 19th June 2011;
Revised Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 19th June 2011;
Forward Plan – Version 1 – Issued 26th May 2011 – Effective for the Period 01. 06. 2011 – 30. 09. 2011;
Forward Plan – Version 2 – Issued 26th May 2011 – Effective for the Period 01. 06. 2011 – 30. 09 – 2011.

- (ii) From The Licensing Officer, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council:

Licensing Act Applications registered during w/e 13th May 2011;
Licensing Act Applications registered during w/e 20th May 2011;
Licensing Act Applications registered during w/e 27th May 2011;
Licensing Act Applications registered during w/e 3rd June 2011.

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

Register of Electors 2011 – Monthly Applications for May 2011.

- (iv) From Denice Deverall, Administration Assistant, Development Plans, Implementation and Countryside, Lichfield District Council:

Poster: Bat Walk.

- (v) From Jan. Wright, Administration Assistant, Lichfield Community and Voluntary Support Sector:

S3SN: NHS Consultation Live;
S3SN – E Bulletin – Issue No. 16/11 – 5th May 2011;
S3SN – E Bulletin – Issue No. 17/11 – 12th May 2011;
S3SN – E Bulletin – Issue No. 18/11 – 19th May 2011;
S3SN – E Bulletin – Issue No. 19/11 – 26th May 2011.

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

Weekly Update (11th May 2011);
Village Hall Broadband Roadshow – Fradley Village Hall, June 24th,
2. 00 p.m. – 9. 00 p.m.;
“Welcome New Councillors” Training Courses;
Chairmanship Skills Training Courses;
Weekly Update (16th May 2011);

NALC Update (20th May 2011);
Weekly Update (7th June 2011);

(vii) From The National Association of Local Councils:

“LCR”: Summer 2011, Volume 64, No. 1.

(viii) From Staffordshire Police:

Executive Briefing for Partners (10th May 2011): Force welcomes further
bureaucracy drive;
Executive Briefing for Partners (17th May 2011): Violence is down in
Staffordshire;
Executive Briefing for Partners (18th May 2011): Crime falls again in
Staffordshire;
Executive Briefing for Partners (23rd May 2011): Victims’ satisfaction
with police rises;
Executive briefing for Partners (25th May 2011): Staffordshire roads safer.

(ix) From The NSPCC:

Reminder: National Conference on Child maltreatment in the U. K.:
Tuesday, June 21st, 2011, at Central Hall Westminster.

(x) From Marie Hitchin, sustainablegov.uk:

Public Service Efficiency News (26th May 2011);
Public Service Efficiency News (June 1st, 2011).

(xi) From The Historic Towns Forum:

Update (26th May 2011).

(xii) From Deborah Holt, Association of Play Industries:

API Newsletter – May 2011.

(xiii) From Ben Jefferson, awards@parishmagprinters.co.uk:

National Parish Magazine Awards for 2011.

(xiv) From Navigus Planning, Manningtree, Essex:

“Journal of Local Planning”_ Issue 3, Summer 2011.

(xv) From Proludic, West Bridgford, Nottingham:

Proludic at Play – Outdoor Play and Sport Equipment.

(xvi) From Matta Products, Bedford:

“Matta Products are Fire Retardant”.

(xvii) From Russell Play, Lymington, Hants.:

Sustainable Design for Play;
Looking for Funding Help?
Intelligent Designs for Play.

(xviii) From David Pott, Two Saints Way Project:

News Update: June 2011,

(xix) From Cllr. Maureen Allen, Cannock Wood Parish Council:

Strokes – a new indicator (an email for circulation).

20. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

(i) Cllr. Taylor reported that the Chairman of Governors of St. James School had asked him to ask the Council to request County Highways Department to erect a roadside sign on the A51 indicating the direction of the school.

However, it was felt that the request should be made direct to the Highways Department by the Governors themselves.

(ii) Cllr. Clarke reported that it seemed unlikely that the computer course for older residents would now take place in spite of the initial support it attracted.

The difficulty in arranging the course centred on the choice of day, and as a result it seemed unlikely that not enough people would be available on any one day.

The Chairman suggested that Cllr. Clarke should himself decide the day and then notify all the original applicants of his choice.

It was felt that, once the course was started, others would be attracted.

(iii) Cllr. Clarke suggested that it was not too early to start thinking about arrangements for celebrating the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, adding that Longdon Club and Institute would like to be involved in arranging the celebrations, but was not prepared to do it on their own.

It was agreed that the first step would be to agree a budget.

(iv) Cllr. Welch reported that trees along the verge in Brereton Hill Lane were causing an obstruction to pedestrians.

The Clerk was instructed to report the problem to the Community Highway Liaison Manager.

The Chairman said that the trees in the spinney at the side of Stockings Lane remained in need of cutting back and asked that this be reported to Mr. Rayson at the same time.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 12th, 2011, in the Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall,
Buds Road, Cannock Wood, commencing at 7. 30 p.m.