

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF LONGDON HELD
IN THE W. I. HALL, FORD LANE, LONGDON, ON TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 11TH, 2012

Present: Cllr. A. J. Juxon (Chairman); Cllr. B. J. Butler; Cllr. C. D. Cherry;
Cllr. R. A. G. Clarke; Cllr. P. M. Couchman; Cllr. K. R. Morgan;
Cllr. M. J. Nash; Cllr K. C. Taylor; and Cllr. S. K. Welch.

Also present were the Clerk and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. H. A. Meere; Cllr. C. J. Webb; Cllr. N. J. Roberts, of Lichfield District Council; and County Councillor F. W. Lewis, MBE.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a presentation was made by the Chairman to Mr. and Mrs. Brown as a token of Mr. Brown's many years of service to the community as Community Beat Officer.

The Chairman paid tribute to his dedication and his discretion and said that he would be greatly missed.

In accepting the gifts on behalf of himself and his wife, Mr. Brown said that it had been a pleasure to serve Longdon, which he described as 'a great village' and he thanked the Council for their support and for their appreciation of his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown then left the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Butler, the minutes of the previous meeting, held in the Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall, Buds Road, Cannock Wood, on Tuesday, November 13th, 2012, were approved and signed.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No member of the public was present.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) Computer Course

Cllr. Clarke said that the situation had remained unchanged since the last meeting.

The Community Wellbeing Fund would provide funding to enable laptops to be purchased, but would not provide the tuition.

Computer training *was* available at local libraries, but only in an open unit, whereas the course which he had been proposing to run would reach out to the less mobile and would provide them with a more intimate environment in which they would feel more at ease.

(ii) Speeding in Upper Way

Cllr. Butler reported that the speed indicator signs had now been removed from Upper Way in line with the County Highways Department's policy, the belief being that if these signs were in place for more than a few days they would become less effective as motorists grew familiar with them.

(iii) Street Cleansing

The Clerk reported that the next visit of a street cleansing team to the parish was scheduled for December 17th.

He had been promised that, if circumstances meant a change in the programme, he would be informed.

(iv) Footpath Leaflets

The Clerk reported that he had once again placed an order with POS Acrylics, of Hertford, pre-paid by credit card, and had in return received an invoice.

He had subsequently emailed the firm asking for a delivery date but, so far, had received no response.

He was not optimistic that the payment would be claimed or that the order would be delivered.

It was reported that Will Rose had already mapped out a Gentleshaw walk, which now needed testing.

(v) Adoption of Church Hollow

The Clerk reported that he had, as instructed, written to Richard Rayson, the Community Liaison Highway Manager, asking him if his Department would consider allowing the Parish Council to adopt and maintain Church Hollow, but had so far received no reply, no doubt because the recent extreme weather conditions were monopolising his attention.

(vi) Borough Lane

The Chairman reported that the drains at the entrance to the lane had been cleared recently, but the drains further along the lane still needed attention.

(vii) Mowing Contract

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Butler, it was agreed that Graham McCulloch should be offered a twelve-months extension to the mowing contract.

(viii) St. James School Banner at side of A51

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Tim Buxton informing him that St. James School was in the process of acquiring a roadside direction sign for erecting alongside the A51, and the banner might then be removed when it was in place.

He had subsequently forwarded the email to the Head Teacher.

He was concerned that, if left, the banner would encourage the appearance of other signs, and he questioned the value to the School of displaying an amended banner which advertised Open Days that had already been held, had been crumpled by the wind and had long since lost its initial impact.

5. PLANNING

(i) Report of Working Group

12/01199/FUL: Mr. A. Wright: Demolition of bungalow and outbuildings, renovation of mill and erection of dwelling with associated landscaping: Windmill Farm, Stockings Lane, Upper Longdon

It was reported that there had been very positive, though not unanimous, local support for these proposals following their display in Longdon Post Office.

Cllr. Butler and Cllr. Taylor had closely scrutinised the application, which had already been presented to the Council by Mr. Wright, and Councillors saw no reason why they should not add their support.

(ii) For Consideration

There were no further planning applications for consideration.

(iii) Approved by Lichfield District Council

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

(iv) Refusal of Planning Permission

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

12/01015/FU: Mr. N. Massey: Erection of a single-storey double garage with garden store: Hill Top, High Meadow, Longdon Green

REASON(S) FOR REFUSAL

1. "The development constitutes inappropriate development in the Green Belt which would detract from its openness and visual amenity. No special circumstances have been put forward to justify a departure from adopted Green Belt policies which would outweigh the harm to the Green Belt...."

6. REPORTS OF MEETINGS

(i) Cannock Chase AONB Parish Councils' Meeting

Cllr. Taylor reported on a meeting of the Cannock Chase AONB Parish Councils' Meeting, which had taken place in the Church Hall, Church of the Holy Spirit, Mount Road, Etchingill, Rugeley, on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2012.

He had found the meeting very informative and listed the items covered.

There was concern at the number of deer being killed by vehicles passing through the Chase, and steps were being made to reduce the toll.

Problems had been experienced with the website and were being addressed.

There was concern at the amount of litter being deposited in the old Milford Quarry, and the Chief Ranger would be investigating.

Nine new walks had been plotted and volunteers were now needed to test them.

A survey of all the trees on the Chase was being undertaken, with special interest being taken in any notable or veteran trees.

Health and Management work was being carried out at Shoal Hill, including building bird boxes.

The information hut on Milford Common would be used for showing maps and walks.

A rights-of-way audit was to be carried out, but needed volunteers.

Grants were available from OFFGEN for putting unsightly roadside cables underground, a project which Longdon Parish Council might look at as a possible project.

Other items discussed included supporting young carers with visits; funding for a Beaudesert Activity Barn; the introduction of Dexter cattle on reclaimed land at Chasewater; funding for a pine marten survey, of whose presence on the Chase there was thought to be some evidence; and the putting together of a grant from DEFRA to combat ash dieback, though, at this moment, none had been recorded on the Chase.

Cllr. Taylor concluded his report by saying that he had told the meeting of the work being carried out at Windmill Farm. This had aroused much interest, and he had been asked whether he thought that a visit might be arranged.

(ii) Other Meetings

Reporting briefly on other meetings which he had attended, Cllr. Taylor said that, together with Cllr. Butler and the Clerk, he had been present at the launch of Longdon Pre-School's Plant-and-Play Scheme, and that he had attended two meetings at St. James School, the one a meeting of the Finance Committee, the other with the member of staff responsible for special training needs.

Finally, he had attended the Christmas Party of the Longdon Over Sixties Club, of which Mrs. Taylor was the Secretary.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Taylor for attending and reporting on these meetings.

7. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Clerk reported that, since the last meeting, he had received notice of the following meetings:

(i) Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall Management Committee: Monday, November 26th, 2012, at the Village Hall, Buds Road, Cannock Wood, at 7. 30 p.m.

Cllr. Taylor said that, unfortunately, he had been away at the time of this meeting.

(ii) Stafford & Cannock Chase Hospitals' Question Time: Tuesday, December 4th, 2012, in The Ballroom, Civic Suite, Cannock Chase Council, Beecroft Road, Cannock, from 6. 45 p.m. to 9. 00 p.m., *and* Monday, December 10th, 2012, at The Kingston Centre, Fairway, Stafford, also from 6. 45 p.m. to 9. 00 p.m.

(iii) Parish Councils and the Implementation of Real Time Information: Tuesday, January 15th, 2012, 2013, in Room 3, The Peel Building, 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 and £10. 00 for subsequent delegates from the same council.

(iv) HM Revenue & Customs (Business Education & Support Team) - Business & Employer Event: Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013, in the Staffordshire Suite, Uttoxeter Racecourse, Wood Lane, Uttoxeter.

8. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

(i) Footpath 36

Cllr. Cherry reminded Councillors that Footpath 36 ran across the Glebe Field and through the churchyard.

A collapsed tree had undermined a wall built in Victorian times, or even earlier, revealing that it had not been standing on proper footings, and it was intended to remove more trees, already marked with red crosses, and to re-build the wall.

This would affect the gate leading to the public footpath, and he suggested that this would present an opportunity to lower the level of the footpath in the churchyard to a level more accommodating to wheel chairs, prams and push chairs.

Though the maintenance of footpaths was the responsibility of the County Council, Cllr. Cherry thought that there was little likelihood that they would fund this improvement, and he suggested that it was something that the Parish Council might like to undertake.

It was agreed that the Highways and Open Spaces Committee should consider this suggestion at its next meeting.

(ii) Community Focus for Ice Busters

The Clerk reported that he had received from Cllr. Mike Maryon, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Staffordshire County Council, a letter dated 29th November 2012, inviting the Council to sign up to the County Council's Ice Busters Scheme for Community Action on Footways through which parish councils were supplied with grit, together with an action plan, so that they could make sure that local footpaths and routes remained as safe as possible for people.

He had sent a copy of this letter, together with the leaflet accompanying it, to each Councillor prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that volunteers were needed to cover dangerous spots and that parishioners should be encouraged to keep an eye out for elderly neighbours.

No legal liability was incurred by a display of good neighbourliness.

The Clerk said that he would check to see that each grit bin was full; Cllr. Taylor said that he had already checked the grit bins in Upper Longdon, all of which were full.

Unfortunately, there were already incidents of householders helping themselves to grit to spread on their own driveways, which should be discouraged, since this was technically theft, and it also reduced the stock available for spreading on icy roads.

It was thought the County Highways Department no longer gritted all the bus routes in the parish, and the Clerk was instructed to ask for a schedule of treated roads.

(iii) Other Highway Matters

(a) Accident at Junction of Grange Hill and Lower Way

The Clerk reported that in the early hours of the previous Friday morning, December 7th, a gritting lorry had crossed the grass triangle the bottom of Grange Hill, causing extensive damage.

He had emailed Richard Rayson, the Community Highway Liaison Manager, asking if there was any action which the Parish Council should take; Mr. Rayson had replied that he had not been aware of the accident and would send one of his highway inspectors to investigate.

(b) Litter Bin in Berkeley Way

The Clerk reported that he had emailed Glen Ogden, Street Cleansing Supervisor, Operational Services, Lichfield District Council, asking him if he would remove the bin on the lamppost outside No. 1, Berkeley Way, to which Mr. Ogden had replied that the bin did not belong to the District Council and, consequently, he had no interest in it.

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Butler, it was agreed that the bin should be removed forthwith.

(c) Flooding in Stoneywell Lane

The Clerk reported that, following the last downpour, he had received a phone call from Mr. Matthew Hammersley reporting that there was severe flooding at the bottom of Stoneywell Lane.

He had immediately visited the site and found an extensive area of flooding to which a stream flowing from an adjacent field was contributing.

He had then emailed Kevin Wawzrynczyk, the Community Highway Liaison Officer, asking to arrange an early inspection.

He had driven down Stoneywell Lane earlier in the day and noticed a large pot hole which stretched towards the centre of the road and would be contacting the Highways Department again to warn of the danger it presented.

(d) Burst Water Pipe at Bradley Lakes

Cllr. Couchman reported that, on Wednesday last, December 5th, a water pipe had burst at Bradley Lakes causing flooding on the A51.

He had telephoned South Staffordshire Water at 9. 00 a.m. that same day and, by 11. 00 a.m., one side of the road had been closed, traffic lights had been set up and work had begun on repairing the pipe.

The work had been completed in only three days and normal traffic flow restored.

It was agreed that it was greatly to the credit of the company that it had responded so promptly to the emergency and completed the work so expeditiously.

9. GREENS AND OPEN SPACES

(i) Grounds Maintenance

The Clerk reported that the Council had received two approaches from grounds maintenance concerns, offering their services.

The one, from the Business Manager of the County Council's Grounds Maintenance team, was offering any type of grounds maintenance, either on a contract or one-off basis, while the other, from Perennial Ground Maintenance, of Yoxall, was offering a range of soft and hard landscaping services such as cutting lawns and hedge, weed control and general maintenance.

It was agreed that, while there was no present need to employ either of these, their details should be kept on file.

10. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

(i) Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman invited each Councillor in turn to express a view on whether the Council should proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan.

Opinion was divided and a variety of views was expressed.

In favour of a Neighbourhood Plan, it was argued that it would protect the parish from unwelcome development and give security over the control of parish affairs.

Moreover, once it was approved, it would, unlike Parish Plans, have legal standing.

Against a Neighbourhood Plan, it was argued that it would be an immense task, in need of careful organisation and dependent on the support of a number of volunteers, and the fear was that it would end up with just a few individuals doing the work with little to show for it at the end.

At the end of a prolonged discussion, a vote was taken, the result of which was that seven Councillors voted in favour of a Neighbourhood Plan and two abstained.

A Steering Committee was then set up, its membership consisting of Cllr. Clarke (leader), Cllr. Nash, Cllr. Morgan and Cllr. Webb.

11. LAW AND ORDER

(i) Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr. Taylor said that he had not recently been receiving reports from the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and would be seeking to re-establish contact.

The Chairman said that a Neighbourhood Team had recently been set up in Borough Lane with Russell Fox as administrator. Both he and Cllr. Morgan had joined the Team.

(ii) Election of Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire

The Clerk reported that he had received from Damon Taylor, Chief Executive, Staffordshire Police Authority, a letter dated 16th November 2012, informing the Council that the successful candidate and new PCC for Staffordshire was Matthew Ellis, who would be taking up his role with effect from 22nd November 2012.

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) Accounts for Payment

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

*Instaprint (Rugeley) Ltd.	Printing 750 newsletter and 600 inserts	£603. 29
*Hazel Crosbie	Delivering "Longdon Life"	£ 45. 00
*A. J. Juxon	Editor's Expenses	£ 15. 00

Longdon W. I.	Hire of Hall – December 11 th	£ 12. 00
Alan Toplis Associates	Professional services in connection with Independent Internal Examination of Annual Return for fiscal year 2011/12: Net Amount: £88. 75 VAT: £17. 75	£106. 50
W. B. Sullivan	Clerk's Salary	£280. 00
HM Customs & Excise	Employers Tax	£ 70. 00

(This is paid through Longdon Post Office)

W. B. Sullivan	<u>Clerk's Expenses</u> Photocopying: £138. 98 Postage: £ 40. 20	£179. 18
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(*confirmation #payment under Section 137)

(ii) Payments Received

The Clerk reported that no payments had been received since the last meeting.

(iii) Current Balances

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

NatWest c/a:	£1376. 38	The Halifax s/a: £3189. 33
<u>less uncleared cheques</u>		
	1748: £ 24. 00	
	1752: £ 603. 25	
	1753: £ 45. 00	
	<u>1754: £ 15. 00</u>	
	£ 689. 13	

(iv) Requests for Grant Aid

The Clerk reported that he had received from Kate Ashbrook, General Secretary, The Open Spaces Society, a letter dated 23rd November 2012 asking the Council for a contribution to the Society's "We Fight Back" Appeal in support of the Society's campaign against Clause 13 of the Government's Growth and Infrastructure Bill designed to prevent local people from applying to register land as a green once it had been marked down for development.

However, Councillors agreed that the appeal lacked sufficient local relevance to justify a donation.

(v) Report of Independent Internal Examiner

The Clerk reported that he had now received the report of the Independent Internal Examiner following his visit on November 19th, a copy of which he had sent to every Councillor prior to the meeting

Mr. Toplis's report contained a number of observations: invoices should not be sent to suppliers with payment but kept as a record; VAT could only be recovered if the invoice bore the name of the Council, so receipts should always carry the Council's name; reserves should be restored; and the Council should be alert to the significant changes in the way PAYE and NI should be collected.

The Chairman expressed surprise at Mr. Toplis's request to be shown the draft precept calculations before they went to Council for approval, questioning whether this was within his remit, but the Clerk said that he had always found Mr. Toplis sympathetic and supportive.

13. CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING

(i) The Clerk reported that he had received from Kate Sadler, Southern Staffordshire Community Energy Ltd., a letter dated 21st November 2012, expressing a wish to contact individuals in the Longdon area who might be interested in getting involved in her company's Community Energy Project.

Initially, this involved training people in the use of thermal imaging cameras; they could then carry out a local survey recording avoidable heat loss from houses. The householders could then be offered advice on reducing it.

Cllr. Clarke said Lichfield District Council was supporting the project and Longdon had been named as one of the three trial areas. He had attended the first training session and was willing to attend the second.

Cllr. Clarke added that a free audit was available to all village halls.

Cllr. Nash said that he had looked at the Community Oil Buying Scheme and calculated that, on 1000 litres bought in November, £30. 00 could have been saved, though against this would have to be paid the annual fee of £20. 00.

However, the scheme held promise, though an area co-ordinator would be needed.

(ii) The Clerk reported that he had received from Neil Cox, Planning Policy Manager, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council, a letter dated 28th November 2012, informing the Council that Lichfield District Council had published an updated Sustainability Appraisal that encompassed the results of further Sustainability Appraisal work undertaken since the receipt of representations at the publication stage, and the Council was now being invited to make representations on this document.

The document could be downloaded from www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/localplan or viewed at a number of locations, including the libraries at Brereton, Rugeley and Lichfield.

Comments should be received no later than 5. 15 p.m. on Thursday, 17th January 2013.

A copy of Mr. Cox's letter, together with a form on which to record comments, had been sent to every Councillor prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that any Councillor wished to make were sent to the Clerk before the next meeting so as to give him time to collate them..

(iii) The Clerk reported that he had received from Alison Millard, Housing Needs Manager, Trent and Dove Housing, an email dated 29th November 2012, informing the Council that she oversaw her organisation's customer contact service and the allocation of properties in Burton-on-Trent and was seeking to enhance service delivery by extending the distribution of information of properties available to let by contacting local agencies.

She had attached an advertisement listing properties in Burton-on-Trent, Wrinehill, Stapenhill, Hanury, Uttoxeter, Mayfield, Abbots Bromley and Rolleston-on-Dove to display on notice-boards in the parish, but these had seemed too remote from Longdon. to justify displaying on Longdon notice-boards.

(iv) The Clerk reported that he had received from Sue Venables. Head of Communications and Marketing, Staffordshire Commissioning Support Services, a letter dated November 2012, enclosing a ' Choose Well' poster which had been developed to help people go to the right place if they were feeling unwell over the winter period.

One of these posters had been posted on each of the parish notice-boards.

(v) The Clerk reported that he had received from Liz Sanderson, Office Manager, The Community Council of Staffordshire, an email informing the Council that, as from December 10th, the Community Council's address would be 1A/1B The Whitehouse, Chapel Street, Stafford ST16 2BX.

The telephone and fax numbers and the email addresses would remain unchanged.

14. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

Full Register of Electors – 2012/2013.

(ii) From Heather Gibbons/Dawn Everitt, Democratic Officer, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council:

Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 28th November 2012;
Revised Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 28th November 2012;
Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 2nd December 2012;
Forward Plan - Version 1 - Issued 22. 11. 2012 - Effective for the Period 01.12. 2012 - 31. 03. 2013.

(iii) From Michaela Plant, Licensing Assistant, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council:

Licensing Act Applications registered during w/e 9th November 2012;

Licensing Act Applications registered during w/e 16th November 2012;
Licensing Act Applications registered during w/e 22nd November 2012;
Licensing Act Applications registered during w/e 29th November 2012.

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

S3SN – E Bulletin – Issue No. 40/12 – 8th November 2012;
S3SN – E Bulletin – Issue No. 41/12 – 15th November 2012;
S3SN – E Bulletin – Issue No. 42/12 – 22nd November 2012;
S3SN – E Bulletin – Issue No. 43/12 – 29th November 2012.

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

Weekly Update (2nd November 2012);
Weekly Update (28th November 2012);
Brief Guide to Precept Setting for 2013.

- (vi) From Andy Goode, Environment Group Leader, Staffordshire County Council:

Heritage Update 244.

- (vii) From The Staffordshire Wildlife Trust:

“Staffordshire Wildlife”: Number 116, Autumn/Winter 2012;
What's On – January to April 2013;
Leaflet: “A Lasting Gift”;
Bookmark: “A living gift”;
“Wild Bird Food Direct from our Farm” (Autumn/Winter Catalogue from Vine House farm, Spalding, Lincolnshire).

- (viii) From The Rural Services Network, Tavistock, Devon:

Weekly Email News Digest - 19th November 2012;
Weekly Email News Digest - 26th November 2012;
Weekly Email News Digest – 3rd December 2012;
Rural Opportunities Bulletin – December 2012.

- (ix) From Getmapping, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire:

Parish Online News – December Edition.

- (x) From The Secretary, Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall Management Committee:

Minutes of meeting held on 29th October 2012;
Agenda for meeting to be held on 26th November 2012.

(xi) From Sue Hope, Marketing Director, Lightman & Co. Ltd.,
Wath-upon-Deerne, Rotherham:

Community Shelter Offer.

(xii) From SMP Playgrounds Ltd.:

News from HAGS SMP.

(xiii) From Stephanie Chambers, Safe & Sound Playgrounds, Westcott, Bucks.:

Designer Playgrounds.

(xiv) From Sutcliffe Play, Pontefract:

Welcome to our new Play-Back e-zine!

(xv) From Clare Cox, S.G. Baker Ltd.:

Sandbags for all Seasons.

(xvi) From GOPAK, Hythe, Kent:

Promotional Colour Card.

(xvii) From Wayne Ormrod, GoShelters Ltd., Southport:

Parish Bus Shelters.

(xviii) From Mary Cross, Project Manager, Autocross Euroshel Ltd., Rawtenstall,
Lancashire:

Bus Shelters.

(xix) From Notts Sport. Lutterworth, Leics.:

“Fed up with under-performing rubber grass mats?”

15. DOCUMENTS

The following documents were available for Councillors to consult:

(i) “An Easy Guide to Police and Crime Commissioners”, published by the Local Government Information Unit.

A copy of this document had been placed in the information rack in the foyer of Longdon Village Hall.

(ii) “Wind Farms – Distance from Housing” and “Consents for Wind Farms – Onshore”.

Both these documents were Commons Library Standard Notes dated 5th July 2012

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

(i) Cllr. Taylor reported that he had received a letter dated 9th December 2012 from a parishioner, Mr. Roger Burlison, of 66 Upper Way, Upper Longdon, requesting the removal of a dying tree in the verge outside his property and its replacement with a rowan, which was hardy and not as densely foliated.

This letter followed a conversation which Cllr. Taylor had had with Mr. Burlison the previous day.

It was agreed that the tree should be checked in the spring and that, in the meantime, the Clerk should write to Mr. Burlison assuring him that the Council would be attending to the matter in the Spring.

(ii) Cllr. Clarke congratulated the Chairman on the quality of the latest issue of “Longdon Life”, which he thought had been well spaced and easy to read.

However, he was concerned that there was little about Gentleshaw, and he had especially noted the absence of reports from the School and the Church. Nor was there a single Gentleshaw activity in the planner.

The Chairman said that he could only publish what he received and that, if organisations chose not to submit a report, then that was their choice.

Cllr. Clarke suggested that perhaps more pressure might be put on these organisations in future.

(iii) Cllr. Cherry reported that two people had made attempts to infiltrate the parish website, one of whom appeared from the spelling to be a child.

Eric Roy had now added extra filters to prevent a recurrence.

Cllr. Cherry added that Mr. Roy would be updating the list of Councillors.

17. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 8th, 2013, in the W. I. Hall, Ford Lane, Longdon, commencing at 7. 00 p.m. (Finance and General Purposes Committee);

Tuesday, January 15th, 2013, in the W. I. Hall, Ford Lane, Longdon, commencing at 7. 30 p.m. (Full Council);

Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013, in the W. I. Hall, Ford Lane, Longdon, commencing at 7. 00 p.m. (Highways and Open Spaces Committee).