

LONGDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** held in Longdon W I Hall, Ford Lane, Longdon on Tuesday 11th February 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Cllr. R. A. G. Clarke (Chairman); Cllr. B. J. Butler; Cllr. A. J. Juxon; Cllr. Mrs. H. A. Meere; Cllr. K. R. Morgan; Cllr. M. J. Nash; Cllr. K. C. Taylor; Cllr. C. J. Webb, Cllr. S. K. Welch, Cllr. P. Couchman

Clerk: Mrs C Dillow

2 members of the public present (including County Councillor Martin Tittley)

No.	Item	Action
1.	To receive apologies: Apologies were received from: Cllr C.D.Cherry	
2.	To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on 14th January 2014 The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.	
3.	Declaration of Personal & Prejudicial interest in any item on the agenda <i>(Note member should notify Monitoring officer within 28 days if not already)</i> None received.	
4.	To receive any requests for dispensation None received.	
5.	Public Participation: Members of the public are invited to address the Council on any issue over which it has a power. 1 member of the public in attendance was suggested to attend by Neil Roberts to express concerns of the issue of articulated lorries using Bardy Lane & Horsey Lane, they are bringing the banks down and the lane need to be cleaned, a sign has previously gone up but has been ignored, the surface at the bottom of the lane is breaking away and causing damage to vehicles. County Councillor Martin Tittley commented that he will look into the matter and see if a weight restriction can be applied and the lane cleaned.	
6.	Matters arising from the minutes of 14th January 2014 Regarding the issue with the layby on the A51 and the lorries, it was noted there are four lorries allowed per year per parking board. County Cllr Tittley commented that he will look into the matter and can issue an rto on either Bardy Lane or the Layby but it would not be possible to do both this year. Councillors all agreed the rto should be on Bardy lane and the issue with the layby to be addressed by other means if possible. Cllr Clarke informed the Council he had attended the Parish Forum meeting of 16 th January, it was noted a police survey is to be carried out, there will be more training for special constables and they will be trying to get young people involved.	
7.	Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation of agricultural vehicle storage area including creation of bunding and associated landscaping Land At Windmill Farm, Stockings Lane, Upper Longdon, Rugeley, Staffordshire Ref. No: 14/00010/FUL Resolved Clerk to write to the planning department to investigate the long term workings on the land before comments are made. If our comments are not met can the application be called in and a member of the Parish Council be allowed to attend the planning meeting to speak.	Clerk
8.	Reports of meetings – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H & OS meeting 4th February 2014 Councillor Clarke gave a short report of the meeting and this was noted. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• F & GP meeting 6th February 2014 Item covered under the next item of the agenda.	

9.	<p>Budget & Precept 2014 / 15 The budget was received and considered and it was resolved to approve the budget and precept recommendation made by the F & GP Committee.</p>	
10.	<p>General Administration –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive & consider new procedure for receiving planning applications A draft planning procedure was circulated to members and it was Resolved as the Clerk lives outside of the Parish to adopt the new procedure. To receive Longdon Life Newsletter procedure This was received and noted by the Clerk for future editions. 	
11.	<p>Community Energy Strategy No further action required.</p>	
12.	<p>Noticeboards –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade It was discussed at a previous last H & OS meeting that the noticeboards need to be more weather proof, Cllr Clarke has requested quotations for the 5 most important boards. Usage It was agreed the current usage is acceptable and Cllr Clarke commented that space would be required for Neighbourhood Planning information. 	
13.	<p>Councillor Reports (for information only / further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p> <p>Cllr Taylor gave an update as school governor, there has been a new lady appointed as deputy head, numbers are up and there is great ethos at the school.</p> <p>Cllr Juxon reported the leaflet for walk number 8 is being printed.</p>	
14.	<p>Correspondence and circulars received for information (Appendix A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review other items as listed for information and consider for next agenda Amendment to Register of Electors Invitation to Lichfield District Council's Chairman's Gala Dinner Cannock Chase AONB representation at Parish Council meeting of 23/06/14 <p>Consultations received (circulated by email) -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannock Chase AONB – Consultation of Management Plan Lichfield District Council Local Plan Strategy – Main modifications 2014 Extension to current consultation of Electoral review of Lichfield Employment Land Review Addendum Green Belt Review Supplementary Report County Council contracted bus services review <p>This was noted, Cllr Couchman will investigate the bus service review.</p>	
15.	<p>Clerks Update – (Appendix B) This was noted, no further action required.</p>	
16.	<p>Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the accounts for payment – (Appendix C) The accounts were noted as a true and accurate record and approved for payment. It was resolved to cancel the payment to E A Roy on this occasion as it is for the next financial year. 	
17.	<p>Grant Applications – To receive & consider any requests for funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longdon Womens Institute Resolved to support the application for £200.00 Beaudesert Toddle & Tumble Beaudesert Sports Field & Recreation Ground Resolved to consider the requests during the financial year 2014/15 	
18.	<p>A.O.B Clerk to add Annual assembly & AGM to next agenda for consideration.</p> <p>Cllr Clarke reported he had received a letter from Carol Felton regarding the memorial tree for M Piper and permission to plant from Staffordshire County Council. Clerk to write to County Council to seek permission.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Cllr Webb reported roads signs on the A51 to Longdon Green have disappeared. Clerk to inform Richard Rayson.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor reported the turning from Brereton Hill on to the A51 is very dangerous with speeding cars, it needs a slow down or warning sign. It was noted this is just outside of the Parish, Clerk to write to the Clerk of Armitage to inform them.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
19.	<p>Date and Venue of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th March at Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall 	

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.50pm