

LONGDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** held in Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall, Longdon, on Tuesday 8th July 2014

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

Clerk: Mrs C Dillow

No.	Item	Action
1.	To receive apologies: None received.	
2.	To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on 10th June 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. There were no public in attendance.	
6.	Matters arising from the minutes of 10th June 2014 There were no matters arising.	
7.	Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14/00530/FUL – Mr A Baskerville – Field at Lysways Lane – Extension to existing agricultural building for the storage of machinery and produce. RESOLVED to object to the application – Cllr Cherry has submitted comments on behalf of the council.	
8.	Reports of Meetings – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longdon neighbourhood plan update Cllr Clarke reported the questionnaires had been resent to Gentleshaw residents with a 25% response, the issues coincided with the whole of Longdon, the largest problem being with the volume & speed of traffic. There are 2 further open meetings during July in Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall and Longdon W I Hall. • Meetings of other organisations attended / to be attended by Councillors Cllr Cherry reported on the Longdon Village Committee meeting, they are trying to set up a youth club in the parish and are looking for someone to run it. Sewage was the main topic of the meeting, upto 3 inches of raw sewage has leaked onto the play area and car park, Severn Trent have been out and they are dealing with the matter. Cllr Taylor had attended the Cannock Chase AONB walk, it started informal and there was a fantastic buffet. Laura Cooper gave a talk on Western Power and Emma Beaman gave a presentation on sustainable developments. They are trying to promote new volunteers, overall it was a very informative evening. 	

	<p>Cllr Taylor reported on St James School Governors meeting, the new headteacher will be starting in September, money has been set aside to purchase 14 new computers. Cllr Taylor had also attended the schools sports day, a great day was had by all.</p> <p>Cllr Clarke reported on Gentleshaw School, applications for a new headteacher are currently being processed with the appointment starting in January 2015. A temporary headteacher will be in place when the school term resumes in September.</p>	
9.	<p>To receive update on Red Lion Inn – Cllr R Clarke Cllr Clarke reported Brunning & Price had taken on board the Council's comments regarding the access road and they are adding limestone to the tarmac which will give a similar appearance to the current surface to the Cricket Ground.</p>	
10.	<p>Highways & Open Spaces -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive resignation from Will Rose H& OS Committee – Cllr S Welch This was noted, Mr Rose did a very good job and will be sadly missed, it was suggested an advert be placed in the next edition of Longdon Life for a volunteer to be co-opted onto the H&OS sub committee. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Welch write a letter of appreciation and purchase a voucher of his choice to the value of £60.00 to present to Mr Rose. Direction Signs Church Hollow – Cllr C Cherry Cllr Cherry reported the signs to Church Hollow are unclear and there have been reports of visitors asking for directions. It was RESOLVED that a finger post style sign (Brook End to Church Hollow) be put in place, Cllr Cherry to investigate if there are any implications with the sign being erected. Clerk to check if it can be done under the Lengthmans Scheme. <p>The agenda and minutes of the sub-committee meetings were discussed and it was RESOLVED to circulate papers to all members of the council, rather than just the committee members.</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>CC Clerk</p>
11.	<p>General Administration –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventory / Asset Register This was discussed and it was RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Clerk will review the register and report back to full council. Renewal of membership to SLCC RESOLVED not to renew the membership for 2014/15 <p>Although it was not on the agenda, it was noted that a date needed to be agreed for the next F & GP meeting, It was RESOLVED the next meeting should be held on 7th October 2014.</p>	RC Clerk
12.	<p>Councillor Reports (for information only / further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p> <p>Cllr Cherry reported he had received a request from a Builder outside of the Parish asking if he could advertise his business on the Council's website? It was agreed only established businesses within the Parish should be allowed to advertise on the website.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor reported the hedge on the bend of Lower Way needs cutting back as it is overhanging the road. It was RESOLVED to suspend standing order 73, Appendix A (f) and instruct Mr G McCulloch to cut back the hedge as it is in a dangerous condition.</p>	
13.	<p>Correspondence and circulars received for information (Appendix A) -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive any other correspondence for information <p>This was noted, It was agreed Cllr Cherry to complete the Rural Housing Policy Questionnaire.</p>	
14.	<p>Clerks Update – (Appendix B) This was noted, no further action required.</p>	

15.	Accounts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the accounts for payment – (Appendix C) The accounts were noted as a true record and approved for payment.	
16.	A.O.B. The clerk reported she had received an email from a resident concerned about the growth of Himalayan Balsam in the parish, it was noted there is already a section on Longdon Website about Himalayan Balsam, clerk to put up extra notices on the boards. Cllr Butler reported the battery in the speed gun needs replacing, Cllr Butler to investigate the cost to replace the battery. Cllr Juxon commented that the next edition of Longdon Life is due, clerk to send out letters for replies to be in by Friday 25 th July. Cllr Clarke reported a new letter from HS2 had been received and he will place this in the library for viewing. Cllr Webb reported the footpath along Church Hill by the school is very overgrown by trees and the gutters are unhygienic with blocked drains. It was RESOLVED Cllr Webb to prepare a short report to be presented at the next Highways & opens spaces committee meeting outlining the issues.	Clerk BB Clerk RC CW
17.	Communications This was discussed and it was agreed the communications should be called Longdon Parish Council News and summarised on a 1 page A4 sheet. Cllr Webb will devise the wording and the Clerk will edit the news page for final approval by the Chairman. The news page will be placed in the places of interest along with the council minutes, the items of interest agreed are as follows – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighbourhood plan update Red Lion update Local Schools update Resignation of Mr Rose from H & OS Committee HS2 Update 	
18.	Date and Venue of Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12th August W I Hall, Longdon – Full Council 2nd September W I Hall, Longdon – H & OS 7th October W I Hall, Longdon – F & GP 	

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.05pm