

LONGDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** held in W I Hall, Ford Lane, Longdon, on Tuesday 12th August 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

Clerk: Mrs C Dillow
3 members of the public.

No.	Item	Action
1.	To receive apologies: Apologies were received from: Cllr. B.J. Butler and Cllr. S. K. Welch	
2.	To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on 8th July 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. Two members of the public in attendance updated the council regarding tree planting in remembrance of Mrs M Piper, they confirmed that the land they wished to plant on is owned by Bromford Housing Association and providing the association have assurance that the tree (weeping ash) is maintained for its life they are happy to grant permission for it to be planted on their land. It was noted that a weeping ash requires little maintenance and its life expectancy is around 35 years. A proposal was made and seconded for the Parish Council to take on the responsibility of the maintenance of the tree. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council will maintain the tree for its life. 1 member in attendance raised concerns with the number and speed of traffic including lorries along Upper Way, it is being used a rat run and residents are having to walk in the road from Sunny Corner to North Lodge as there is no footway. As a resident he is worried and respectfully asks that the council gives traffic calming measures in this area strong consideration. The parishioner referred to the minutes of June where this matter was also discussed and pointed out that although traffic calming measures had previously been put in place some years ago it was not a chicane. Cllr Taylor agreed to speak to Cllr Butler to obtain the evidence recorded of speeding in Upper Way, so this can be forwarded to County Councillor M Tittley.	KT
6.	Matters arising from the minutes of 8th July 2014 The clerk tabled copies of the communications page (Longdon News) issue 1 to all Councillors for information. There were no further matters arising.	
7.	Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:- 14/00670/FUL: Cleaver, 57 Brook End. Single storey side and rear extension to form kitchen, cloaks and lounge. RESOLVED to raise no objection to the application 14/00543/FUL; Mr and Mrs R Attridge, The Cottage, Dark Lane, Longdon. Replacement 4 bedroom dwelling and outbuilding	

	<p>RESOLVED to make no comment on this application at present and to re-inforce the agreed planning checklist before a decision is made.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED Cllr Cherry to circulate the checklist to all Cllr's and this procedure to be applied to all planning applications.</p>	CC
8.	<p>Reports of Meetings –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longdon neighbourhood plan update Cllr Clarke reported there had been a small AGM and Mr Neil Vyse had been appointed as Editor and Chief. To ensure the plan is sustained in a viable way the plan needs to be evidence based, the remainder of the grant needs to be spent by the end of December and a representative is required to act on behalf of Gentleshaw. Cllr Taylor added he along with Cllr Webb and Cllr Clarke had met with a lady to discuss European Social Funding which may be able to be used in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Plan. • Meetings of other organisations attended / to be attended by Councillors Cllr Taylor reported on St James School Governors meeting, the new head teacher is Mrs Clare Shaw and a discussion took place on the transition from Mrs Slymn to Mrs Shaw. A leaver's party was held for Mrs Slymn with a good send off. Cllr Taylor had attended a meeting of Gentleshaw Village Hall Committee, it was noted booking are up. Cllr Clarke reported on the Lichfield Parish Forum meeting he had attended (see attached notes). Cllr Cherry reported the next Longdon Village Hall Committee meeting is to be held on 18th September 2014. 	
9.	<p>To receive update on Red Lion Inn – Cllr R Clarke Cllr Clarke reported Brunning & Price had complied with all the Parish Council's requests and the pub is all set for the re-opening on 15th August 2014.</p>	
10.	<p>Highways & Open Spaces –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive email from resident re traffic calming in Upper Longdon & June Minutes This item was included under public participation. • Hedge / Tree cutting in the parish (various) The clerk reported she had received a number of complaints about overgrown hedges in various locations within the parish, it was noted it is the responsibility of the land owner to cut their hedges. Cllr Taylor is to contact Mr McCulloch for a quotation for hedge cutting in Lower Way and it was RESOLVED the Clerk to write to Highways in the first instance to request they cut back the other overgrown hedges in the parish. • Finger posts Church Hollow / Commonsides - to receive quotations Cllr Cherry reported he is currently sourcing quotations; it was RESOLVED to defer the item to the H&OS meeting for discussion when further information will be available. 	Clerk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highways Summary <p>The Clerk confirmed the summary had been circulated to all Councillors including the County Councillor. It was RESOLVED Clerk to chase Cllr Tittley for an update re the Bio-met lorries parking in the lay-by on the A51. It was also reported to the meeting that both signs on Huntsman's Hill / Thorley's Hill had been smashed by an HGV.</p>	Clerk
11.	<p>General Administration –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventory / Asset Register <p>It was RESOLVED to defer this item to the next agenda.</p>	
12.	<p>Councillor Reports (for information only / further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p> <p>Cllr Taylor reported he had received a complaint from a resident regarding a problem with 2 dogs on Studd Farm, Bardy Lane who are blocking the road for walkers.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor also reported a second complaint from a resident that walkers are her boundary instead of the public right of way taking a detour through the field owned by the owner of the Windmill. The resident is concerned this may encourage burglars. The Chairman advised Cllr Taylor to ask the resident to contact her local PCSO to report the issues as it a police matter.</p> <p>Cllr Clarke attended sports day at Gentleshaw School and a great day was had by all, there was also a concert organised by the school on 11th July as a final farewell for Mrs Swinson, it was very pleasant.</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; the clerk tabled the Best kept Village competition results being Longdon and Longdon Green winning second place in the large village category and Upper Longdon being highly commended in the small village category.</p> <p>The clerk reported she had received a request from Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council asking if Longdon Parish Council would be willing to co-operate with them preparing their Neighbourhood plan. It was RESOLVED the parish council would be happy to offer its support.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to renew Staffordshire Wildlife Trust membership for 2014 / 15 for £42.00</p>	
14.	<p>Clerks Update – (Appendix B)</p> <p>This was noted; Cllr Morgan added that the recording and status of resolutions needs to be clarified for the next meeting as this item ties in with matters arising from the minutes. It was RESOLVED the clerk and Cllr Morgan to work on an appropriate document that can be presented to each meeting for information.</p>	KM Clerk
15.	<p>Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the accounts for payment – (Appendix C) <p>The accounts were noted as a true record and approved for payment. Cheque number 001911 was cancelled as the invoice had not been received in time for the meeting.</p>	
16.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>Cllr Clarke reported Whittington Parish Council had been in contact to seek advice with their Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
17.	<p>Communications</p> <p>This was discussed and the items of interest agreed for issue 2 are as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M Piper Memorial Tree (public participation) Upper Way traffic issues (public participation) Neighbourhood plan update Best Kept Village Competition Results (clerks correspondence) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadband roll out information (clerks correspondence) 	
18.	<p>Date and Venue of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd September W I Hall, Longdon – H & OS 9th September W I Hall, Longdon – Full Council 7th October W I Hall, Longdon – F & GP 	

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.40pm