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Longdon Parish Council News



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This summary is a foresight.

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Welcome to the Eighth edition of the Longdon Parish Council News, this newsletter summarises the main points discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 21st April 2015

Alms Houses Borough lane

The Council considered a planning application for a change of use of the allotment gardens of the Alms Houses on Borough Lane. The Council was concerned that the new parking area has sufficient space for cars to turn so they can drive out forwards, rather than reversing, onto Borough Lane. Cllr Meere reported that the Trustees were considering this and were likely to create 6 new parking spaces and an additional 2 allotments to the rear of the houses. The Council supported these changes.

Chairman's report

Glebe Field, Longdon – The Chairman had received an approach from Fisher German in Stafford about the potential development of Church land around St James Church. The approach concerned a possible residential development plus amenities for play and recreation. The Chairman reported he had stressed that such matters could not be discussed until the draft Neighbourhood Plan had been considered by the Parish Council. At such time he recommended that an explorative meeting could be arranged with Fisher German.

Traffic Issues – The Chairman had received complaints from Parishioners about a range of traffic issues, the first one concerns nuisance and environmental damage and in particular Parishioners are concerned about traffic in Upper Way, Upper Longdon. The Chairman had communicated to Parishioners that Staffordshire County Council is now engaged in a survey of traffic on Upper Way and would be proposing a plan for traffic calming on which Parishioners would be able to comment. He stressed no action would be taken on traffic calming measures until a proper consultation had been carried out with the residents of Upper Way. A second issue concerning Parishioners is safety on certain roads in the Parish. In particular the junction of Borough Lane with Horsey Lane is considered a serious hazard. The Council agreed to write to Staffordshire County Council asking for a change in priorities to ensure that traffic from Horsey Lane gives way to traffic emerging from Borough Lane.

Highways & Open Spaces Committee – In the light of the above concerns the Chairman of the H&OS Committee agreed to produce a fully costed annual safety & maintenance plan to ensure an organised and consistent approach to the many traffic challenges the Parish faces.

Gypsies on Longdon Green – The Council expressed it's thanks to the various agencies that had helped with this situation.