

Longdon Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Highways and Open Space Committee held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 16th February 2016 at WI Hall, Longdon.

Parish Councillors; Cllrs K Morgan (Chair), K Taylor, P Couchman, H Meere.
Apologies; Cllr Cleaver (resigned), Steve Welch (co-opted); SCC Cllr Tittley
Clerk; H Goodreid
In Attendance; Cllr Duckett attended for item 7.

Min No.	Item	Action
1	Apologies for Absence The committee noted that Cllr Cleaver had resigned from the Parish Council. Cllrs thanked Cllr Cleaver for her work on the committee and asked that a letter of thanks be written.	Clerk
2	Declarations of Interest No items were declared.	
3	Public Participation No members of the public attended the meeting.	
4 4.1	Minutes A spelling amendment was made in the minutes 8.1 from the word speech to speak. The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 1 st December 2015 were then agreed. Proposed: Cllr Morgan; Seconded: Cllr Taylor	
5 5.1 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.5 5.6	Matters Arising on the Minutes Matters arising from the meeting would be dealt with on the agenda with the exception of: 4.2 – Best Kept Village – possible advert to go into Longdon Life. This would be considered at the next meeting. 7.1 – Parish Wide Road Safety Scheme – still outstanding. Clerk to progress 8.1 – Longdon Green - Cllr Morgan had met with Richard Meere and it was agreed that Richard Meere would do a Land Registry search. 8.2 – A response had come from Longdon Hall School (LHS) - Clerk to seek quote from McCulloch for the mowing and then feed this back to LHS. 9.1 – Cllr Duckett had spoken with Will Rose who said that if there were issues with footpaths and bridleways, the parish council could email him and he would walk them and clarify the situation. The issue over footpath 25 being blocked had been emailed to Will.	- S. Welch to complete previous action - Clerk to progress SCC. Clerk to seek description of work then secure quotes
6 6.1	Meeting Dates Following the meeting dates agreed at the last committee, it was agreed to change them in order that they not fall immediately prior to full council. For this reason the future dates of H&OS Committee would be on: Tuesday 17 th May 2016 Tuesday 19 th July 2016 Tuesday 18 th October 2016 Clerk would do the room bookings for the WI Hall, Longdon.	Clerk to book the room
7 7.1	Highways Matters <u>Upper Longdon Gateway Speed Reduction Scheme</u> - The parish council were not aware that Staffs County Council had undertaken a wider consultation on this. The parish council now understand that SCC have	

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	<p>already had a number of responses to the scheme and have continued to amend and adapt the scheme to accommodate the various responses e.g. Cannock Chase AONB have asked for alternative entry gates; the location of the start of the scheme has changed etc. Historically the parish council had agreed to put £2k in to the scheme that was originally being considered. The parish council understand that other bodies/groups are willing to put funding into the scheme in order to facilities their requested adaptations. Clerk to write to SCC to say:</p> <p>In light of the above, please can you let us know 1) what the final scheme is which is being considered, 2) the cost of that final scheme, 3) the contributions sought from other external parties, and 4) the amount requested from Longdon Parish Council.</p>	<p>Clerk to write to Prime Kular at SCC</p>
7.2	<p><u>Possible Taxi Service to Lichfield and Rugeley</u> – Cllr Duckett reported on this. Councillors agreed that before delivering the scheme, a survey needed to be undertaken and put in Longdon Life and on line.</p>	<p>Cllrs to work on survey</p>
7.3	<p><u>Parish Wide Road Safety Schemes</u> – Clerk to write to Tim Heminsley at SCC to mention concerns from local residents re accidents on Borough Lane and A51. The parish council needed clarity about the Speedwatch scheme for the parish – the scope of the monitoring and number of people currently involved. Clerk to clarify situation with Cllr Butler.</p>	<p>Clerk to write to SCC</p>
7.4	<p><u>Cast Iron Sign Posts</u> – Clerk to get Darrens quote from Steve Welch and using the tender, seek other quotes.</p>	<p>Clerk to write to Steve Welch re tender for sign posts.</p>
8.1	<p>Open Spaces <u>Notice Boards</u> – It was agreed that Cllr Couchman would take photos of all the notice boards in the parish and make a note of location, dimensions, type of fitting and condition. Once these had been received, Cllrs would take a judgement where to start with the refurbishment / replacement.</p>	<p>Cllr Couchman to provide information</p>
8.2	<p><u>Tubs</u> – Cllrs need an assessment of repair and state of the tubs and a list of people who maintain them. Longdon Life will carry an article about adopting a tub as part of the Best Kept Village initiative.</p>	
8.3	<p><u>Bus Shelters and Benches</u> – Both of these wooden assets need maintenance. Cllr Duckett had received details of companies willing to undertake the work. Clerk to batch up the work for these and the sign posts and take them out to tender.</p>	<p>Clerk to go out to tender.</p>
9	<p>Longdon Green</p>	
9.1	<p>Cllr Morgan and Richard Meere to find out who owns the green.</p>	
10	<p>Green Area in front of Longdon School</p>	
10.1	<p>Clerk to contact McCulloch for cost of detailed mowing. Tender to be obtained from Steve Welch.</p>	
11	<p>Footpaths and Bridleways</p>	
11.1	<p>This had been dealt with under matters arising.</p>	
12	<p>Councillors Reports</p>	
12.1	<p>Discussion took place about the wall on the corner of Mill Lane, by the village hall. The wall is cracking with the pressure of the tree and weathering and could begin to collapse onto the pavement. Clerk to report to SCC.</p>	<p>Clerk to report damage.</p>

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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