



Longdon Parish Council News

Welcome to the March 2016 edition of our Newsletter, which summarises the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 8th March 2016.

Gentleshaw Common

Jeff Simm joined the meeting to explain his role as the Land Management Team Co-ordinator for Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. The Trust has taken over the management of Gentleshaw Common on a 99 year lease from Lichfield District Council.



The Councillors were

Queen's Birthday on Sunday 12th June to be held on Longdon Green and the cricket pitch.



Annual Parish Assembly

This annual event will take place on Wednesday 27th April at Longdon Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Council is keen that as many people as possible attend, and everyone will be welcome.

Longdon Club and Institute

A number of Parishioners had contacted Councillors, and some had also written letters to the Clerk expressing concern about the recent apparent closure of the Club. It was agreed

Longdon "Over 60's" Club

The Council was pleased to approve a grant to the Club, to enable them to buy cutlery for the many meals



they organise and serve for the senior citizens of the Parish.

Parish Precept

The precept has for many years, had minimal or no increase, but for 2016/2017 the Council has applied a more significant increase. This is to ensure sufficient funding to address two real challenges. The appearance of Parish assets



impressed with the plans for the Common, and welcomed the investment that the Trust would be making in this important local amenity.

Longdon Villages Community Group

The Chair of the Group, Joan Fox, led a delegation to bring the Council up-to-date with their activities and plans. She outlined how the Group had raised £2,500 for local charities through activities like the Summer Fayre and the Christmas Singalong. She alerted the Council to two forthcoming events, namely the Spring Ball on Saturday 23rd April at Longdon Village Hall and the Summer Festival and picnic to celebrate the

that the Parish Council, on behalf of Parishioners, should obtain clarity about the future of the Club and the relevant land and buildings. It was therefore resolved that the Parish Council Clerk should write to the Management Committee asking for the details of the Trustees.

Parish Councillor Vacancies

Ill health and personal circumstances have led to the recent resignations of three Councillors. The Council wishes to replace these **three vacancies** as soon as possible, and intend to publicise them widely. It is hoped that people will be keen to come forward to serve their local community.

assets have now deteriorated to a point that refurbishment or replacement is required - benches, notice boards, tubs, bus shelters, heritage finger posts. Also it is clear that both Lichfield District Council and Staffordshire County Council are reducing, and removing services: the PC may have to support these in the future. Further details on the precept and the spending profile of the Council are available on the website.



To see the full minutes, please go to our website.

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