



Longdon Parish Council News

Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter, which summarises the key points from the monthly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th June 2016.

Sunny Corner, Upper Way, Upper Longdon.

The public session consisted of a discussion about a planning application for the above property. Three residents of Upper Longdon attended the meeting to raise objections to the planned development. The objections centred on a belief that the site was being over-developed in general and, in particular it would create problems as follows:

- *The development would require significant parking spaces which were not allowed for in the application.*

- *The development was insensitive to the overall character of the village.*
- *There were concerns about utilities.*
- *Concerns re access off the bridleway and restricted visibility*
- *It was harmful to village amenities.*
- *It created a dangerous precedent which if replicated across the Parish would destroy the rural character of our environment.*

The Council's Chair of the Highways and Open Spaces Committee explained that not all of these objections were necessarily valid in a planning context and that national and regional priorities may override these local objections. However, on balance, the Council decided to object to the planning application and to communicate with Lichfield District Council to ensure the objections raised at the meeting were properly considered.

Longdon Show

The Council agreed to award a grant of £180 to the organising committee of the Longdon Show to support their



annual event to be held on the 11th September 2016 in Longdon Village Hall and the WI Hall.

Best Kept Village

Cllr Ann Fullwood, who is leading on the Best Kept Village competition this year, expressed her thanks for the help she had received from many sources in preparing for the competition. She was particularly grateful for the support of St James' School and the Pre-School Group for the opportunity to get children involved in the poster competition.

Bus Service

In response to its survey the Council had received 15 replies from people who would use a bus service. Councillor Tittley, representing Staffordshire County Council, said that he would explore the possibility of a "Ring and Ride" service for Longdon.



To see the full minutes, please go to our website. If you require a paper copy, please contact the parish clerk:
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