

## Longdon Parish Council

**Minutes of Meeting of Longdon Parish Council held 7.00pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at WI Hall Longdon.**

**Present:** **Parish Councillors;** K Morgan (Chair), N Stanfield, C Webb, K Taylor, P Couchman, J Watkins-Smythe, H Meere, B Butler, A Fullwood, LDC/SCC Cllr Tittley  
**Parish Councillor Apologies;** G Duckett,  
**Parish Councillor Absences:** C Kemp  
**Other Apologies:** LDC Cllr I Pritchard  
**Clerk;** H Goodreid  
**Public Attendees;** Mrs D Howells

Min No.	Item	Action				
328 328.1	<b>Apologies &amp; Acceptance of Apologies</b> Cllr Duckett's apologies were accepted.					
329 329.1	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None were recorded					
330 330.1	<b>Chairman to close meeting for public session</b> Mrs Howells presented an article to Councillors regarding the link of dog faeces in fields to bovine miscarriages. This was passed on to Cllr Stanfield.					
331 331.1	<b>Minutes of Monthly Full Council Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016.</b> The minutes were read and agreed. <b>Proposed: Cllr Butler; Seconded: Cllr Taylor</b>					
332 332.1	<b>Matters Arising</b> 312.1 - N Stanfield met the owner of Red Hill Cottage and discussed the issues. The matter was left with the owner.  312.2 - An officer of the County Council has visited the site and has verbally indicated that in his opinion the fence that has been erected to contain the footpath, is not in the correct position. He has written to the landowner advising him of his findings and it was agreed to wait for the land owner response before further consideration is given to this matter.  312.3 - Clerk to contact Martyn Tittley re lack of drains in front of 78 Upper Way, Upper Longdon.  312.4 - Hedge debris has been cleared at Dark Lane, Upper Longdon.  315 - It was noted that posters had been placed on the local notice boards re the Club and Institute inviting bookings etc.  318.3 - The Christmas Singalong event had been well attended. Land ownership - LDC do not own the land and Cllr Stanfield checking with SCC.  321.1 - because the council as a whole had approved the Code of Conduct, it was not necessary for Councillors to individually sign.	Clerk to action				
333 333.1	<b>Planning Applications</b> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">16/01462/PND</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Barn at Cherry Orchard Farm, Church Hill, Longdon Green</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Prior Notification: Change of Use from agricultural building to form a 2-bedroom dwelling</td> <td style="width: 25%;">No Objection but concerns over the condition of the access road to the site.</td> </tr> </table>	16/01462/PND	Barn at Cherry Orchard Farm, Church Hill, Longdon Green	Prior Notification: Change of Use from agricultural building to form a 2-bedroom dwelling	No Objection but concerns over the condition of the access road to the site.	
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	16/01423/FUL	1 The Grange, Upper Longdon, Rugeley WS15 1PG	Conversion of bungalow into a two- storey dwelling with a single storey extension to the kitchen and garage block – Amendment to application 16/01134/FUL	No Objection to the creation of the balcony	
	16/01374/FUL	Land At Lichfield Road Armitage Rugeley Staffordshire	Retention of water storage tank for agricultural purposes.	No Objection	
	16/00951/LBC	5 Old Barnhouse Mews Hill Top Rugeley Staffordshire WS15 4QA	Works to listed building to enable the replacement of all external windows and doors.	Approved 6 Jan 2017	
	16/01277/FUL	Holly Farm, Chorley, Lichfield, WS13 8DQ	Single and two storey extensions and alterations to form kitchen, breakfast area, lounge, store/utility, and two bedrooms with en suite.	No Objection	
	16/01329/FUL	15a Brook End, Longdon, Rugeley, WS15 4PB	Formation of a new detached garage and conversion of existing triple garage to form lounge.	No Objection	
<b>334</b> 334.1	<b>Outside Body Representatives Feedback</b> No meetings had been attended by Councillors.				
<b>335</b> 335.1	<b>Communications by the Parish Council</b> Cllr Duckett had met with Glenys re the next edition of Longdon Life – the next edition deadline is 1 February 2017.				
335.2	No articles had gone to the Lichfield Mercury.				
<b>336</b> 336.1	<b>Highways and Open Spaces</b> It had been mentioned that with regards to the land opposite Gentleshaw School – impression that the District Council want to pass the land to the Parish Council.				
336.2	Cllr Webb continued to press for a sign on Longdon Green identifying it as a Site of Biological Interest. Clerk to use wording from Staffs Wildlife Trust and add the No Parking and No ball games. These would be makeshift signs pending photos and more detailed information boards.				Clerk to make signs
<b>337</b> 337.1	<b>Finance and General Purposes Committee</b> 1. It was agreed to recommend to full council that £650 be vired from Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to cover Salaries. This would leave £407 in the NPWG budget. <b>Proposed: Cllr Stanfield Seconded: Cllr Taylor</b>				

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337.2	2. It was agreed to recommend to full council that £100 be spent on improvements to the website by creation of a flat background texture, updating the local walks and creating an extra tab for Most Used Documents. <b>Proposed: Cllr Butler    Seconded: Cllr Taylor</b>	Clerk to submit the Precept.																																							
337.3	3. It was agreed to recommend to full council that £130 be spent on the fees associated with the work to the website. <b>Proposed: Cllr Taylor    Seconded: Cllr Morgan</b>																																								
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337.5	5. It was agreed to recommend to full council that the attached budget be considered as the Precept application to Lichfield District Council (see paper at end of agenda). Cllrs agreed a precept of £25,280 be submitted to Lichfield District Council. <b>Proposed: Cllr Couchman    Seconded: Cllr Butler</b>																																								
<b>338</b> 338.1	<b>Internal Audit</b> The report had been received from Alan Toplis and some minor improvements were noted. These had all been dealt with by council since the report was written.																																								
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<b>340</b> 340.1	<b>Budget</b> It was agreed to write new cheques to Gina and Niall as the original cheques had not been presented.																																								
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	<i>Direct Debit</i>					
	Gina Duckett – replaces cheque 2096	2116	25	5	30	
	<b>Proposed; Cllr Morgan    Seconded; Cllr Webb</b>					
<b>342</b> 342.1	<b>Councillors Reports</b> Cllr Tittley mentioned that the District Council settlement from government was £450k less than expected. This will affect the amount of support grant coming to the parish council.					
<b>343</b> 343.1	<b>Date of Next Council Meeting</b> Finance & General Purposes Committee – 11am 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2017 in WI Hall, Longdon  Longdon Parish Council Meeting – 7pm 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 in WI Hall, Longdon					

**The meeting closed at 8:05pm**

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