

## Longdon Parish Council

**Minutes of Meeting of Longdon Parish Council held 7.00pm on Tuesday, 10 July 2018 at WI Hall, Longdon**

**Present:**        **Parish Councillors:** G Duckett, P Couchman, H Hulme, A. Cliffe, J Watkins-Smythe, K Taylor, A Fullwood, B Butler and H Meere.

**Other Councillors:** Councillors M Tittley, LDC and SCC, I Pritchard LDC

**Clerk:** Mrs E. Bird.

**Public Attendees:** 1

**Apologies:** Cllr C Webb

Min No.	Item	Action
032 032.1	<p><b>Apologies &amp; Acceptance of Absence</b></p> <p>Councillor C Webb submitted apologies for absence.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	
033 033.1	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
034 034.1	<p><b>Chairman to close meeting for public session</b></p> <p>A local resident addressed the Parish Council regarding her concerns about large local housing developments in the Lichfield area, HS2 and power cables.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that the issues raised were of concern. The Chair reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was in the final stages of implementation. She reminded everyone that the Neighbourhood Plan had been written based on consultation with Parishioners. A referendum on the final document would be voted on by parishioners later this year.</p> <p>Councillors Tittley and Pritchard provided background information regarding local efforts to defend the area against the negative impacts of HS2, the proposed power lines and large-scale housing development.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>	
035 035.1	<p><b>Minutes of Monthly Full Council Meeting held on 12 June 2018.</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved as a correct record.</p> <p>Proposed: Councillor H Meere. Seconded: Councillor K Taylor.</p> <p><b>It was resolved to approve and accept the minutes of the full Parish Council meeting held on 20 June 2018.</b></p>	
036	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	

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036 .1	All matters had been dealt with or were on the agenda except for:	
036.2	021.2 Land Purchase, Gentleshaw It was noted that the paperwork for this had gone missing. <b>Resolved to</b> <b>a) Agree the draft terms circulated at the meeting, and:</b> <b>b) ask the Clerk to send the agreed document to John Smith at LDC.</b>	EB
<b>037</b>	<b>Outside body representatives feedback</b>	
037.1	Councillor Taylor reported he had attended the local school sports day in a private capacity. <b>Noted</b>	
<b>038</b>	<b>Councillor Vacancy</b>	
038.1	It was noted that one application had been received.	
038.2	Councillors discussed the vacancy and considered whether it was necessary to co-opt to the Council at this time. They felt that things were currently running smoothly and therefore would advise the applicant to stand in May 2019 when full Parish Council Elections were due. <b>Resolved to ask the clerk to write to the applicant to inform them their application had been unsuccessful.</b>	EB
<b>039</b>	<b>Communications by the Parish Council</b>	
039.1	The latest issue of Longdon Life had now been published. The invoice for printing had originally been submitted without discount and it was noted this was circa £900. Councillors recognised they had been lucky to secure a substantial discount but that for future editions this might not be the case and quotes would be required to secure best value for future publications.	
039.2	Councillors were extremely grateful for the dedication and hard work of Glenys Beveridge who had donated her time and skills to producing Longdon Life. Thanks were also extended to her assistant Scarlet. <b>Resolved to obtain 3 comparable quotes for future publications of Longdon Life.</b>	
<b>040</b>	<b>Update on current projects</b>	
040.1	<u>Glebe Field</u> It was noted that the field had been cut and basic maintenance work had been completed on the path so this now complied with the duties the land owner had to maintain the path. Councillors noted the work that had been quoted for on the path had not been done so deferred consideration of the payment of an invoice for quoted works until this had been completed. <b>Noted</b>	
040.2	<u>Gateway Features</u>	

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040.3	<p>The newly installed Gateway Features were welcomed by the Council. It was noted that a hedge required trimming on the A51 as it was obstructing site of the Gateway. Councillor Tittley recommended that the central reservation on the A51 be raised to act as an additional traffic calming measure.</p> <p>Councillor Watkins-Smythe suggested that the Council might wish to consider putting something on the back of the gateways in future.</p> <p><b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to write to Tim Hemmingsley at SCC/Cllr Tittley to discuss options for the A51.</b></p> <p><u>Information Boards</u></p> <p>It was noted that Walk 9 was in the final stages of publication. Councillor Hulme was still trying to contact Staffordshire Wildlife Trust regarding the site of special scientific interest.</p> <p>It was hoped the maps, including walk 9 would be available for publication shortly and following this the information boards could be completed.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>	EB
<p><b>041</b></p> <p>041.1</p>	<p><b>Correspondence Report</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported she had circulated the following correspondence to Councillors since the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPACE Scheme <b>Noted</b></li> <li>• Request from LDC re shelters in case of emergency <b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to forward the document to local community halls.</b></li> <li>• Website administrator relocation <b>Resolved to continue working with the website administrator following his relocation.</b></li> <li>• Cannock Chase Local Plan <b>Noted</b></li> <li>• Community Council Staffordshire <b>Noted</b></li> <li>• Footpath 73 to be reinstated as a Bridleway <b>Noted</b></li> <li>• Responses to query regarding Sunny Corner <b>Noted</b></li> <li>• SPCA response regarding Councillors role on outside bodies <b>Resolved to note that where Councillors have a statutory duty to attend Committee Meetings for outside bodies they should do so but where invited to join they should attend when practicable but offer contact details for the Council at all other times.</b></li> <li>• Speed camera request <b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to write again to request the speed camera park on the Church Carpark.</b></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parishioners email regarding grit bin/speeding <b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to update the Parishioner.</b></li> <li>• Traffic Calming response Staffordshire County Council <b>Noted</b></li> </ul>	<p>EB</p> <p>EB</p> <p>EB</p>
042	<b>Accounts for Payment</b>	

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042.1

The Parish Council were asked to approve the following accounts for payment:

Payee	Invoice No	Cheque Number	Net	VAT	Total
Glasdon UK Ltd (Gateways)	753254	002225	4265.80	853.16	5118.96
Staffordshire Parish Council Association (Training)	18/221	002226	20	-	20
G.C.McCulloch (Grass Cutting)	33	002227	360	-	360
Clerk's Wages June	-	002228	552.30	-	552.30
Clerk's Expenses June	-	002229	40.25	-	40.25
Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action	2019085	002230	145.90	2.42	148.32
M A F Gardening Services (M. A. Fullwood)		002231	135	-	135
Mrs K. A. Abbots (Longdon Life delivery)	-	002232	25	-	25
J. Alford	-	002233	25	-	25
Cllr B Butler (Noticeboard Fix)	-	002234	11.70	-	11.70
Glenys Beveridge – Longdon Life Expenses	-	002235	109.38	-	109.38
The Benhill Press Ltd (Walks Invoice 24/04/18)	12427	002236	562	-	562
Clerk's Wages July	-	002237	477.14	-	477.14
Clerk's Wages August	-	002238	477.14	-	477.14
Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action	2019092	002239	120.50	1.10	121.60

An additional cheque for £553.42 was written to South Staffordshire College for the printing of Longdon Life.

042.2

Income Received

- The Grant from Cllr Tittley SCC for the Gateways for £2500 was received 08.06.18
- Grass cutting payment from SCC for £717 was received 28.06.18

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Proposed: Councillor John Watkins-Smythe Seconded: Councillor B Butler

**Resolved to**

- Approve the accounts for payment detailed above including the payment to South Staffordshire College for £553.42**
- Note the income received.**

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<p><b>043</b></p> <p>043.1</p>	<p><b>Dark Lane</b></p> <p>Councillor Cliffe had requested an update on the progress with the closure of Dark Lane.</p> <p>Councillor Tittley reported that the closure had been budgeted for in the current financial year and that officers were progressing the closure.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>	
<p><b>044</b></p> <p>044.1</p>	<p><b>Gypsy/Travellers Longdon Green</b></p> <p>It was noted that travellers had recently taken up residence on Longdon Green, as they did every year. They had stayed longer than they previously do as the heat prevented the horses from pulling the wagons.</p> <p>Councillors noted an adverse possession order could be obtained which would give the Parish greater powers to request the removal of travellers in future if necessary.</p> <p>Councillors discussed what measures could be put around the green to prevent access.</p> <p><b>Resolved to consider a feasibility study, costs and any future risk at the Environment Committee on 4 September 2018.</b></p>	
<p><b>045</b></p> <p>045.1</p> <p>045.2</p> <p>045.3</p> <p>045.4</p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>18/00863/FUL – The Swan with two necks</p> <p>The Council had no comments.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p> <p>18/00515/FUL – Amended Plans Land between 81-93 Upper Way</p> <p>Councillors discussed the difficulty in understanding how plans had been altered.</p> <p>No comments were submitted on the amendments.</p> <p><b>Resolved to ask Councillor Pritchard to request that LDC make it easier to identify amendments to plans.</b></p> <p>18/00979/FUL 1 The Grange Upper Longdon</p> <p>Councillors objected to this retrospective application.</p> <p><b>Resolved to ask the Chair to write an objection on behalf of the Council.</b></p> <p>18/00959/FUL Tithe Barn Bungalow, Gentleshaw</p> <p>Councillors had no comments on the application.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	<p>Cllr Duckett</p>
<p><b>046</b></p> <p>046.1</p>	<p><b>Items for future meetings</b></p> <p>There were none.</p>	

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	<b>Resolved for Councillors to contact the Clerk with future agenda items.</b>	
<b>047</b>	<b>Dates of future meetings</b>	
047.1	<p><b>The following meeting dates were agreed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 September 2018 Environment Committee – WI Hall, Longdon</li> <li>• 11 September 2018 Longdon Parish Council – Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall</li> <li>• 9 October 2018 Longdon Parish Council – WI Hall, Longdon</li> <li>• 13 November 2018 (at 6,30pm) Administration Committee – WI Hall, Longdon</li> <li>• 13 November 2018 (at 7pm) Longdon Parish Council, WI Hall, Longdon</li> </ul>	

**The meeting ended at 21.15pm**

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