



# Longdon Parish Council News

**Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter, which summarises the two meetings held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 - the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the monthly parish council meeting.**

## The Annual Meeting of Longdon Parish Council

Let's start with a bit of background - parish councils don't have an AGM as such, instead they hold an annual meeting during the month of May. During this meeting the parish council elect the Chair, make other annual appointments and review insurance, risk management,

a wide ranging discussion on village issues. The Chairman thanked all those involved in making the assembly a success.

### **Council Grants**

An application had been received from St James's Church to help with the cutting of grass and care of the trees in the



churchyard. The Council supported the recommendations of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to allocate a small grant to the Church. The grant fell short of the full amount applied for but reflected the need for the Council to make the limited grant fund available to a range of organisations across the parish.

### **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group**

The group were organising the printing of the final draft which it was hoped to distribute to all households by the middle of June 2016. Come the end of July, the plan would be handed over to Lichfield District Council for them to pass to the inspector. As soon as dates are known for the Referendum, we will let you know. If you want an electronic copy of the plan, please go to the parish council



website [www.longdon-staffs.info/neighbourhood\\_plan](http://www.longdon-staffs.info/neighbourhood_plan)

agree standing orders etc. The main outcomes were:

- Kevin Morgan was re-elected as Chair
- It was decided to postpone the election of the Vice Chair
- The Annual Meeting approved the accounts for the last financial year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016
- Representatives on outside bodies were agreed.

## The Parish Council Meeting

### **The Annual Parish Assembly**

The Assembly had been held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April in Longdon Village Hall and it had been successful. Over 40 people had attended and in addition to the formal reports from the PC, more than 12 organisations presented reports. A particular feature of the meeting had been an open forum with a chance for

### **Best Kept Village**

Councillor Ann Fullwood will be co-ordinating the councils efforts in this competition. Look for posters on how to Adopt a Planter and other ways of getting involved.



### **Highways and Open Spaces Committee**

The items to be discussed by this committee tend to steer the majority of projects for the parish council. Projects for the forthcoming year will include replacing and/or repairing noticeboards, signposts, benches and bus stops.



### **Longdon Villages Community Group**

Unfortunately, the Village Ball had been cancelled but all eyes were now on the celebration of the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. There will be a village celebration for this event on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016** on the green in front of the Red Lion pub in Longdon Green and at the cricket club. There will be a BBQ, stalls, music and a range of activities for all ages. Please come along and enjoy your local community. It is lovely to live in a rural village but a village is not a community without the people that live there. For more information, call Joan on 07967 140 288.

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

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