

## Longdon Parish Council

**Minutes of Meeting of Longdon Parish Council held 7.00pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at WI Hall, Longdon.**

**Present:**        **Parish Councillors;** G Duckett (Chair), Cllrs. H Meere, J Watkins, C Webb, H Hulme, E Stevens, A Cliffe, B Butler.  
 LDC Councillor I Pritchard  
**Clerk;** G Duckett standing in  
**Public Attendees;**  
**Apologies:** SCC Cllr M Tittley – arrived as the meeting closed

Min No.	Item	Action
490 490.1	<b>Apologies &amp; Acceptance of Absence</b> Ann Fullwood, K Taylor which were accepted. No message from P Couchman	
491	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None	
492 492.1	<b>Chairman to close meeting for public session</b> No one in attendance	
493 493.1	<b>Minutes of Monthly Full Council Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017.</b> The minutes were read and approved. <b>Proposed: Cllr; C Webb Seconded: Cllr J Watkins</b> <b>It was resolved to approve and accept the minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017.</b>	
494 494.1	<b>Matters Arising</b> All matters had been dealt with or were on the agenda except for:  424.1 – Cllr Meere still chasing solicitors regarding the land purchase at Gentleshaw. Cllr Meere would ensure this was sorted before 9 <sup>th</sup> January.  446.5 – future mowing contracts needed to be discussed at H and OS next meeting along with responsibility of SCC/LDC in mowing the highway verges.  466.3 –Cllr Butler re the replacement speed gun advised the team were disbanding and therefore did not require a replacement gun.  470.1 –Cllr Stevens and Meere had not been to the bank to authorise their signatures.	  Cllr Meere  H and OS Committee  Supplier to be advised  Cllrs to do
495	<b>Planning Applications</b>  It was discussed at great length that the Parish Council did not agree with LDC suggestion that the planning application at Redhill be allowed and had not withdrawn their objection. LDC were “minded” to allow a temporary three year approval to be reviewed in 2020, Longdon could not understand how something that was allowable now, even on a temporary basis, would be removed after three years, either it was inappropriate or it was not.	
496 496.1	<b>Highways and Open Spaces Committee</b>  <b>Gateway signs</b> No details were available regarding the location or cost of the signs and were therefore put aside until costs etc were obtained. Mary Lee said that SCC would waive the charge for the licence to erect as agreed with T Hemmingley and Cllr Pritchard advised that there would be no requirement for planning permission from LDC as the gates were not tall enough.	  H & OS committee

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<p>496.2</p> <p><b>Hedges along the A51</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the hedges be cut via Neil at a cost of £100 to the Council and a letter be sent to the residents explaining their responsibility to cut the hedges for the future.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Duckett seconded Cllr Meere</b></p> <p>496.3</p> <p><b>Flower Tubs</b></p> <p>Flower tubs had been purchased and given to those who had asked for them. Thanks were given to Mark Fullwood for his efforts on the Councils behalf.</p>		<p>Cllr Meere to contact Neil</p>
<p>497</p> <p>497.1</p>	<p><b>Outside Body Representatives Feedback</b></p> <p>Although not in attendance Diane Howells had advised the Chair that some of the wire fencing that had been erected along the public footpaths by her family had been vandalised and cut through in places. The Council expressed their disappointment and agreed to spread the word for Parishioners to keep their eyes open and report any damage they see taking place to the proper authorities.</p>	
<p>498</p> <p>498.1</p> <p>498.2</p> <p>498.3</p>	<p><b>Communications by the Parish Council</b></p> <p>The October newsletter, Finance and GP committee minutes and Highways minutes were on the Parish website and so was the Winter edition of Longdon life.</p> <p>It was discussed at great length the need to find someone/more than one person to deliver the Longdon Life to all areas of the Parish before the next edition is due out in March 2018.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Norman Stanfield, Cllrs K Taylor, Duckett, Watkins and Fullwood for the delivery of the last edition but it was accepted that it was not the responsibility of Councillors to deliver the newsletter and someone should be paid to do it.</p> <p>Replacement of the Parish Clerk was discussed and the Chair reported that although 4 applications for the post had been requested none had been returned. The post was being advertised on the Parish website, in the SPCA newsletter and on Parish Council noticeboards with a closing date 5.12.2017. It was agreed to continue advertising until the end of January when the situation could be reviewed again.</p> <p>Alan Toplis, the internal auditor had suggested a locum Clerk whilst the situation was being sorted out and it was agreed that Christine Heelis who was an experienced retired Clerk and recommended by Alan, be asked to act as Locum at £25 per hour.</p> <p><b>Voted for unanimously.</b></p> <p>The annual Christmas dinner was organised by Cllrs Meere &amp; Cliffe for 12.12.17 at the Windmill Gentleshaw, all expenses were that of the Councillors and the December meeting would be forsaken.</p>	<p>All Councillors to spread the word</p> <p>Chair to contact Christine</p>
<p>499</p> <p>499.1</p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>A letter of complaint regarding a business in Longdon had been received by the Chair but as it was anonymous and therefore unacceptable to the Parish Council it had been discarded.</p>	
<p>500</p> <p>500.1</p>	<p><b>Budget</b></p> <p>Consider the precept for 2017/18</p> <p>It was agreed that the Finance committee should construct a budget for discussion at full Council in January 2018.</p>	<p>Finance committee to consider</p>

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<b>501</b> 501.1	<b>Accounts for Payment</b> The following payments were agreed and approved: <table border="1" data-bbox="288 197 1307 629"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Cheque</th> <th>Net</th> <th>Vat</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>H Goodreid salary to 5.11.2017</td> <td>2178</td> <td>691.73</td> <td>-</td> <td>691.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Fullwood – BKV pots &amp; compost</td> <td>2179</td> <td>568.92</td> <td>113.78</td> <td>682.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G Beveridge printer ink LL</td> <td>2180</td> <td>33.33</td> <td>6.66</td> <td>39.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CW&amp;G Village Hall hire</td> <td>2181</td> <td>60.00</td> <td>-</td> <td>60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WCAVA – payroll fees for October &amp; November</td> <td>2182</td> <td>11.00</td> <td>2.20</td> <td>13.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GC McCulloch – mowing 30<sup>th</sup> September</td> <td>2183</td> <td>390.00</td> <td>-</td> <td>390.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Staffs College-LL print</td> <td>2184</td> <td>505.64</td> <td>-</td> <td>505.64</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Proposed; Cllr; Butler Seconded; Cllr Stevens</b>  <b>It was agreed to approve the payments.</b></p>	Payee	Cheque	Net	Vat	Total	H Goodreid salary to 5.11.2017	2178	691.73	-	691.73	A Fullwood – BKV pots & compost	2179	568.92	113.78	682.70	G Beveridge printer ink LL	2180	33.33	6.66	39.99	CW&G Village Hall hire	2181	60.00	-	60.00	WCAVA – payroll fees for October & November	2182	11.00	2.20	13.20	GC McCulloch – mowing 30 <sup>th</sup> September	2183	390.00	-	390.00	South Staffs College-LL print	2184	505.64	-	505.64	
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<b>502</b> 502.1	<b>Councillors Reports</b> None given																																									
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**The meeting ended at 8.pm**

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