

**Longdon Parish Council  
Environment Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held at  
7.00pm on Tuesday 4 September 2018 at Longdon WI Hall, Longdon.**

**Parish Councillors;** A Cliffe, H Hulme, K Taylor, and Will Rose  
**Committee members;** -  
**Apologies;** Cllr. G Duckett, P Couchman and H Meere  
**Clerk;** Ellen Bird  
**Public;** -

<b>Min No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>014</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. G Duckett, P. Couchman and H Meere.	
<b>015</b> 015.1	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations to receive	
<b>016</b> 016.1	<b>Chairman to Close Meeting for Public Session</b> No Public in attendance.	
<b>017</b> 017.1	<b>Minutes from the Environment Committee 29 May 2018</b>  The minutes were read and approved.  <b>Resolved to approve the minutes of the Environment Committee 29 May 2018 as a correct record of the meeting.</b>	
<b>018</b> 018.1	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>  <u>060.1 Footpath alongside A51</u>  Will Rose reported he had raised a report with highways regarding the over growth of weeds/hedge on the pavement particularly around the traffic light on the pavement between High Street and Borough Lane. It was noted the references given by Highways were 4126477 and 4126393.  <b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to contact Highways in regarding the issues raised in the to the 2 reference numbers and report that the Environment Committee support Mr Rose's comments and ask that action be taken. Councillors felt that the footpaths on A51 could be a potential project for the forthcoming year.</b>	
<b>019</b> 019.1	<b>Risk Assessment Review</b>  Councillors reviewed the risk register and discussed all items scheduled for review. A few minor errors were reported.  <b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to update the risk register and put an updated version on the website.</b>	EB

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<p><b>020</b> 020.1</p>	<p><b>Transfer of Land</b> The Clerk reported that the paperwork had been resubmitted to LDC but that the relevant officers had been away on leave so there was no update.</p> <p><b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to Liaise with colleagues at LDC to secure the land transfer.</b></p>	
<p><b>021</b> 021.1</p>	<p><b>Best Kept Village</b></p> <p>Councillors noted that Longdon had secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place in both categories entered. A detailed report with feedback had been received and this could be used for planning work that was required for 2019.</p> <p>A quote for collecting the grass after the first cut had been received. The Clerk was in the process of confirming that the quote was for cut and collection.</p> <p>It was noted that some Councillors had attended the Best Kept Village presentation and Cllr Taylor requested his disappointment at not receiving an invitation to this be recorded.</p> <p><b>Resolved to:</b></p> <p><b>a) discuss BKV Planning at the November meeting focussing on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the launch of BKV 2019</li> <li>• action points from feedback report</li> <li>• first grass cut and grass tender</li> </ul> <p><b>b) send thank you letters to organisations who had contributed to this year's event.</b></p>	
<p><b>022</b> 022.1  022.2</p>	<p><b>Update on current projects</b></p> <p><u>Footpath – Glebe Field</u></p> <p>It was reported that the work on the footpath was now completed but that weeds were already forcing their way through the path. Mr Rose suggested that applying weed killer may be beneficial periodically. He knew that the man who maintained the Church graveyard did this at the Church.</p> <p><b>Resolved to ask Mr Rose to try to obtain a quote for this work.</b></p> <p><u>Gateways</u></p> <p>It was noted that there had been generally positive feedback regarding the gateway features and the Clerk reported that 3 other Parish Council's had been in touch to enquire about them.</p> <p>Some Parishioners in Bradley Lakes were disappointed that they were not included in the scheme but Councillors recognised this was out of their control as they had to go where the speed limit changed.</p> <p>Some local residents had asked whether any further signs could be added to the back of the Gateways however this was not possible as it would require the feature to be dug up in order for this to happen and to maintain the guarantee. This would incur a significant cost.</p> <p><b>Resolved to consider what could be done to smarten up the rear of the Gateways at a future meeting.</b></p>	<p>Mr Rose</p>

022.3	<p><u>information Boards</u></p> <p>Councillor Hulme reported that now Walk 9 had been completed and was with the publishers she was just waiting for the map so that this could be put on the relevant board.</p> <p><b>It was noted that Cllr Hulme required just one final piece of information regarding the history of Longdon Hall School</b></p>	All
<p><b>023</b></p> <p>023.1</p> <p>023.2</p> <p>024.3</p> <p>024.4</p> <p>024.5</p> <p>024.6</p> <p>024.7</p>	<p><b>Update on Footpaths and Bridleways</b></p> <p><u>Walk 9</u></p> <p><b>Walk 9 was now with Beamhill Press waiting for final approval</b></p> <p><u>Footpath 73</u></p> <p>Councillors queried whether there was any further update regarding footpath 73 with regard to upgrading part of the footpath to a Bridleway.</p> <p>It was noted that the concrete block would need removing and the gate altered when the conversion to Bridleway was completed.</p> <p><b>Resolved to ask the Clerk to enquire what was happening and establish next steps</b></p> <p><u>Beach Walk/Berkley Way</u></p> <p>It was noted that there had been widening/resurfacing work completed on this footpath but that dandelions were already pushing through. Mr Rose had reported this to Councillor Tittley in July but no action had been taken.</p> <p><b>Resolved to ask Mr Rose to chase this up.</b></p> <p><u>Footpath 66</u></p> <p><b>Noted that steps and a new style had been put in on this footpath.</b></p> <p><u>Footpath 29 - Hilltop to Hanch</u></p> <p><b>Noted that finger posts had been replaced and a new kissing gate installed.</b></p> <p><u>Footpath 47 - Giddywell to Borough</u></p> <p>Mr Rose reported that Mr McCulloch had done a good job tidying the entrance to this walk.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p> <p><u>Footpath 49</u></p> <p>Mr Rose reported he had cleared the area around the style between Borough Lane and the Stables.</p> <p><b>Noted with thanks</b></p>	EB

024.8	<u>Footpath 53 old Kennels to Windmill Farm</u>  <b>Noted that the style had been replaced at the kennel end and that a local resident had cleared some of the overgrowth.</b>	
024.9	<u>Timescales for Reinstating footpaths on farmers land</u>  A Councillor queried how long a farmer had to reinstate a footpath when crops had been planted on farmers land.  <b>Resolved to ask Mr Rose to establish how long a farmer had to reinstate a footpath following the planting of crops.</b>	
024.10	<u>Handyman/Maintenance</u>  Mr Rose queried whether the Council had anyone who could complete maintenance work eg on styles.  Councillors reported Mr Fullwood was working on an ad hoc basis for the Council but were not sure whether he had carpentry skills.  <b>Resolved to ask Mr Rose to send the Clerk previous agreements regarding fees for maintenance work and for the Clerk to contact Mr Fullwood to establish whether he was willing and able to complete such work.</b>	
<b>025</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
025.1	The Clerk reported receipt of the following correspondence not reported elsewhere in the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from SCC and South Staffs water regarding the Sunny Corner query raised at the last meeting.</li> <li>• Western Power information regarding trimming back of trees/hedges encroaching on power lines</li> </ul> <b>Noted</b>	
<b>026</b>	<b>Items for future Agendas</b>	
026.1	The following items to be discussed at future meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BKV Planning</li> <li>• Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A51 footpaths</li> <li>- Gateways Phase 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>027</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
027.1	The next meeting was scheduled for 6 November 2018 at 7pm	EB

**There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.**

Councillors are reminded of the National Association of Local Council's 3 Objectives for Parish Councils:

1. Representing their Community.
2. Delivering services to meet local needs.
3. Striving to improve the quality of life of people in their community.

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