

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
1930 MONDAY 10th JULY 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Sophie Walters (SW)
Cllr David Burnfield (DB)
Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Rebecca Griffiths (RG)
Cllr John Eastwood (JE)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)

In attendance: Clerk Mark Flewitt (MF)

1. **Apologies.** Andrew Gibson, County Councillor; Tony Ward, TVBC Councillor; Colin McIntyre, Leckford Estate.

2. **Minutes of Meeting of 10th June.** Agreed for adoption and signed.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Highways & Traffic.

- **21412799** – Bottom Road potholes: grass turfs have been laid, but additional scalplings will always be added and then covered by astroturf to see if that provides a more durable solution. **ACTION:** DB
- **21414966** – blocked drain at Mary Saunders' house. Following further review it has become clear that there is no drain at this point, so the water accumulation is due to a hole at the bottom of the drive to the old dairy. This should be repaired by Leckford Estate **ACTION:** CM
- **Recreation Ground car park** – CM has reviewed the approved plans and Leckford Estate intend to start work in the Autumn. HCC Archaeological Dept must be advised in advance when work starts **ACTION:** CM and MF
- **Fullerton Road** – councillors agreed to express to Wherwell Parish Council their serious concern about the recurring problem of deep potholes on the Fullerton Road **ACTION:** MF

4. **Planning Applications.**

- Test Lodge: Variations to approved plans. Councillors agreed to SUPPORT this minor change
- Willow View: new side and rear extension to provide annexe. Councillors reviewed the plans which arrived on the day of the meeting. Cllr Gibson left the room while the remaining councillors discussed the application. Decision to SUPPORT.

5. **Finance.**

- The clerk reported that the appropriate Certificate of Exemption for external audit has been submitted, and Longstock Parish Council's exempt status has been duly logged

- The Annual Governance and Accountability Return documents have been prepared and are now displayed on the notice boards as required
- The quarterly bank reconciliation was reviewed and signed by Cllr Griffiths

6. **Neighbourhood Plan (NP).** SW reported that the first meeting of the initial working group will take place on 4th July. Liz Bourne has agreed to provide guidance, and the group will include Cllrs Walters and Burnfield, and David Brown amongst others. Further information will be available at the next PC meeting **ACTION:** SW

7. **Longstock Village Website.** SW reported that Jan Greep will no longer maintain the village website. A quote has been received from Will Jones to set up and maintain a new simple Longstock Parish Council website for an initial £500 plus £100 pa. This would cover the PC's statutory obligations. The current site has 1500 visits per month, and Councillors asked whether it would be possible to take over the existing web domain in order not to lose the valuable historical information. SW will speak to Jan Greep. Finance had been available in the past for website purposes, but no longer. **ACTION:** SW

8. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). NTR from DB, although CM has previously indicated that there might be some progress to report at Leckford Estate in due course

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). Everything in order

c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG). CG reported that Shane the Lengthsman has carried out a number of tasks to good effect: footpath and byway signs, benches and seats, notice boards etc. It was mentioned that the kerb at the bus bay at Roman Road is overgrown, and needs to be mechanically cut. IG and CG will visit. The footpath to Meon Farm is also overgrown, and CG will call the landowner Daniel Busk. The hedges on footpath 6 are also overgrown, and IG will speak to Peter Read. **ACTION:** CG and IG

d. Test Valley School. (RG). GCSEs are over, and local Primary school pupils will be visiting for their "taster" day.

Councillors also discussed the reaction of the Head to the PC's comments about pre- and post-school groups of pupils congregating in local farm buildings. SW reported that although her initial reaction on this issue had been "defensive", the Head has raised the matter at the school senior management team and is now proactive and positive in visiting the site daily before and after school, and will continue to monitor the situation until the end of term. SW also advised that the Police have logged the issue as a "suspicious incident", and that they have no access to the land without the landowner's permission.

Cllr Griffiths also announced her intention to stand down from the PC after 9 years' service. RG will confirm this formally in writing in due course. SW will begin the search for a co-opted replacement.

ACTION: SW

e. Environment. (JE). JE advised that his research into alternative electricity

suppliers has confirmed that staying with Eon is the most economical option. Councillors agreed to renew the electricity supply agreement with Eon **ACTION: MF**

f. Village Hall and Street Lights. (SM). Supplier DW Windsor is now finally ready to move forward. The current quote for £7,086 + VAT would cover 4 lights including 1 modern model. DWW have requested 100% up-front payment (incl VAT) before beginning manufacture, which appears totally unreasonable. SW will call. SM will review the file to double-check details before the order is confirmed. £707 from TVBC already received. Further £1,500 from HCC, and additional amounts from the Village Hall and an anonymous donor are pending. **ACTION: SM and SW**

g. Playground and Website. (SW). SW and DB are working together on the replacement of the basketball board and net. **ACTION: SW and DB**

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). No news

9. **Correspondence.** In addition to regular e-updates from HALC:

a) Councillors agreed that a Dial-a-Ride flyer be displayed on the PC notice boards **ACTION: MF**

b) MF advised that he has received an updated Electoral Register

c) It is understood that the new fibre-optic Broadband in the village should be available in the next few weeks for connection to properties free of charge

d) MF advised of an “Ashes Burial Request” for a Mr Ian Douglas Reid, whose widow lived in Longstock as a Miss Hine at 30 Longstock. Councillors confirm that the basic position is that 12 years’ residence in Longstock allows for burial in the cemetery. MF will revert to the Funeral Director **ACTION: MF**

10. **Any Other Business/public comment.**

a) IG advised that the burial maps at the cemetery have deteriorated and become illegible. Replacements should be professionally printed **ACTION: MF**

b) CG proposed thanks for the efforts of RG over the years – unanimously supported by all

11. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 2nd September

Cheques Signed

1100	Playsafety Limited	£111.60
1098	SSE	£126.39

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30.