

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
1930 MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Sophie Walters (SW) - Chairman
Cllr David Burnfield (DB)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF)
Cllr John Eastwood (JE)
In attendance: Clerk Mark Flewitt (MF)

1. **Apologies:** Andrew Gibson (HCC Councillor) and Colin McIntyre, Leckford Estate
2. **Minutes of Meeting of 16th December.**
The minutes were unanimously agreed for adoption and signed.
3. **Matters Arising:**
Highways & Traffic.
 - **LOYO Holes** - At the bottom of the drive to the old dairy now LOYO. **ACTION:** CM - in hand within the Leckford Estate work schedule
 - **Recreation Ground car park** – Leckford Estate to start work in Spring 2020. HCC Archaeological Dept must be advised in advance when work starts. **ACTION:** CM and MF
 - **21457516** – Empty grit bin at Longstock Park/Garage Cottages reported and registered. Hantsweb shows job completed. Further chaser required. **ACTION:** MF
 - **21472450** – Potholes outside 20 Roman Rd. Registered on Hantsweb. To be followed up. **ACTION:** MF
 - **HCC Additional £500 Grant** – Pending application. **ACTION:** SW/MF
 - **Henry Smith update** – Lunch set for 11th Feb, and drinks and caterers booked. Invitation to be included in next newsletter. **ACTION:** SW
4. **Planning Applications.**
 - Longstock Park Nursery – New toilet and additional storage facilities – PC SUPPORT. **ACTION:** MF
5. **Finance.**
 - 2020/21 Precept – as agreed at the previous meeting, MF advised that the new Precept request has been sent to TVBC at £8k, at the same level as 2019/20. This represents £36.87 for each of the 217 Band D equivalent properties in Longstock
 - The quarterly bank account reconciliation was reviewed and signed by AF, showing a reconciled bank balance as at 31.12.19 of £3,795.49

6. **Neighbourhood Plan (NP).**
- AF had already tabled in advance of the meeting an update on the NP Steering Group's (SG) activities.
 - Councillors discussed the first draft of the NP Visions and Objectives document. AF confirmed this is a work-in-progress, designed to highlight the community's aspirations and challenges, and subject to ongoing revision. **ACTION:** AF
 - AF advised that SG field trips are planned to review key issues such as the Leckford Estate/Longstock Park farm shop, and parking at the Peat Spade.
 - SW advised she will again speak to Andrew Hoad at Leckford Estate about possible additional parking space for pub staff on the Bunny Rd, with rent to be paid by the pub. **ACTION:** SW
 - AF advised of plans for two community "face-to-face" sessions to be held late March/early April, to allow the SG to explain the NP process to residents. To allow for working residents' other commitments, prospective dates and times are Thursday 26th March or 2nd April in the evening, and Sunday 29th March or 5th April in the afternoon. SW and AF urged Parish Councillors to attend these meetings once confirmed to show support. **ACTION:** AF and All
 - AF proposed that Sarah Hughes of TVBC might also be asked to attend the March/April sessions once they are fixed. **ACTION:** SW
 - AF advised that the NP funding request for the current financial year should be submitted by 30th Jan. **ACTION:** MF
7. **Longstock Village Website.**
- JE advised that the new website has an "ssl certificate" via Cloudflare, which is equivalent to the "https" designation.
 - Re GDPR – JE advised that the website would be covered by Hugo Fox's generic policy. After discussion, it was agreed that the "Contact Us" function on the website would simply provide the Parish Clerk's email address, so that any contacts would be done "outside" the website environment. **ACTION:** JE
 - MF confirmed that the up-loading of the Parish Council's statutory information (Agendas, Minutes, Accounts etc) is ongoing, and that MF and JE will continue to work on this. **ACTION:** MF/JE
 - SM asked that the Model Publication Scheme information, currently shown under the Council Finances section, should be put in a separate section. **ACTION:** JE/MF
 - Re OS maps – extensive discussion about different ways of getting clear OS map information onto the website to show footpaths etc. Alternatives with OS may include a Geographical Information System (GIS) which allows data to be manipulated
 - SW will contact Sarah Hughes of TVBC to seek advice on the OS map issue. Longstock obtained OS's authorisation to use their map for the designation of the whole parish as a Neighbourhood Area at the beginning of the NP process. **ACTION:** SW
 - MF is asked to consult with the Newsletter co-editors to find whether past issues are available in PDF format to be up-loaded on to the website. **ACTION:** MF
 - As the new parish council website is now up and running, SW asked all present to review the content and provide feedback to JE by 31st Jan.

ACTION: All

- Once the new website is formally “launched”, JE will identify how to use the Cloudflare platform to optimise the capabilities to ensure that it rises up the search rankings. **ACTION:** JE

8. **Councillors’ Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). NTR from DB

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG).

- IG reported that the larger pond in the allotment wildlife area has been installed
- MF advised that the village Lengthsman has indicated to the Allotment Chairman an interest in taking over one of the available allotment plots. Councillors agreed that it was better for all the plots to be occupied and used. MF will feedback to Gareth Evans. **ACTION:** MF
- IG also advised that trees throughout the village are now standing in very soft ground, with increased risk of falling
- IG mentioned that 3 seats in the cemetery should be included in the Lengthsman’s work schedule. **ACTION:** CG

c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG).

- CG reported that footpaths are generally in a very muddy state
- The Lengthsman’s next jobs will include clearing the drains/grips between Bottom Lane and the Mill. **ACTION:** CG

d. Test Valley School. (AF).

- NTR from AF.

e. Environment and Website. (JE).

- SM advised of a local “Greening Villages” initiative from Chilbolton and Wherwell. Councillors agreed to support. SM will forward details to Councillors and respond. **ACTION:** SM
- SM had also received an approach from 2 residents asking for the PC’s support for a Community Woodland project. Councillors advised that the PC does not own any land to be able to join in. SM will respond. **ACTION:** SM

f. Village Hall and Street Lights. (SM).

- SM will continue to deal with SSE on electricity consumption of the new lamps in order to reduce the bills. **ACTION:** SM
- MF is still liaising with Insurers to confirm that the new lights are covered for insurance. **ACTION:** MF
- Feedback on the new Heritage lights continues to be very positive, but AF advised that 1 resident has commented on the excessive brightness of the new light in Houghton Rd.
- SM will liaise with suppliers to get a price for the remaining lights to be replaced in Roman Rd. **ACTION:** SM
- SW advised that Stockbridge have asked permission to connect to Longstock’s light for next year’s Xmas lights at the bridge. Councillors agreed this is OK

provided all related costs are covered by Stockbridge. **ACTION:** SW

- Nothing to report on the Village Hall

g. Playground and Henry Smith Charity (SW)

- On Henry Smith SW advised that following the approval of the PC Safeguarding Policy, the extra £2k donation has been released.
- £350 has been donated to 6 families via Stockbridge Primary School, and a further £39 via Test Valley School for a Health and Safety review of a work experience opportunity
- The Henry Smith lunch has been arranged for 11th Feb.
- On the Recreation Ground – SW proposed a working party to clean up to coincide with the closure for the work on the new parking spaces in the Spring. **ACTION:** SW
- A new Basketball board will also be installed. **ACTION:** DB/SW

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). NTR in CM's absence

9. **Correspondence**

a) MF advised that he had attended a briefing on the HCC Vision for Hampshire 2050. A major emphasis on climate change and environmental issues, with support available for green initiatives, including electricity generation. SM advised that TVBC Conservation Officer had blocked a previous attempt to install solar panels on the village hall roof, insisting that trees blocking sun should remain. MF will seek further information via HCC on current policies. **ACTION:** MF

b) TVBC Mayor has invited all Parish Councillors to a Murder Mystery event in Romsey on 8th Feb. Price £22 per person, with any surplus going to local charities.

c) MF advised of the death of Vendy Treagust of HALC.

d) Councillors expressed deep sadness and shock at the death of Garry Hedley, who had made such an enormous positive contribution to the life of the village and the church in recent years.

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

a) Concern expressed at the vehicles parked outside the Grange and jutting into the road. To be reviewed once the current roadworks are completed

b) AF and SW mentioned the foul smell emanating from a manure pile on Houghton Road, although this has now been covered.

c) JE mentioned that Daniel Busk's large-scale planning applications had not progressed, but Councillors confirmed that extreme vigilance is still necessary.

d) DB reminded that the light in the phone box still needs to be fixed. **ACTION:** DB

11. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 10th February.

Cheques Signed:

1122 SSE re Electricity

£34.73

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20.