

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
1930 MONDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Sophie Walters (SW) – chairman
Cllr David Burnfield (DB)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Rebecca Griffiths (RG)
Cllr John Milne (JM)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)

Clerk John Musters, Mr Andrew Ferguson (Leckford Estate) and no members of the public.

1. **Apologies.** Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG) and Mr Colin McIntyre (CM) (Leckford Estate).

2. **Minutes of Meeting of 8th October.** Adopted and signed.

3. **Matters Arising:**

a. **Highways.** (1) The wooden posts in the verge at Long Barn had been removed. (2) Lengthsman would clear drainage grips in verges in the next week and contact CG about replacing finger posts on paths 3 and 7. (3) DB asked whether Highways had a programme to refill grit bins, as he knew of some that need topping up for winter. The one by Terstan needed righting. (4) With money promised in last week's Budget for pothole repairs, chairman hoped The Bunny surface could be tackled. Clerk would enquire.

ACTION: Cllr Grieve, Clerk

b. **Henry Smith Charity.** Clerk had passed draft 'governance' statements to councillors ahead of the following day's meeting between chairman, clerk and Laura Williams of CW Consultancy. The annual return would reflect the outcome of those discussions.

ACTION: Clerk

c. **Armistice Centenary Commemoration.** (1) In absence this year of active service representation it was hoped that Colin McIntyre, as a retired soldier, would lay the parish council wreath. (2) Thirteen large poppies with accompanying individual '*in memoriam*' of each Longstock man who died in WW1 had been attached to thirteen telegraph poles through the village. (3) Clerk said that the minibus would operate a shuttle service from St Peter's church up to Stockbridge Down from 1730 on Armistice Day for the centenary beacon. (4) Descendants of John Scivier who was killed in October 1918 hoped to attend our commemoration.

ACTION: Clerk

d. **Newsletter.** Chairman had secured a second hand laptop on which to load a suitable programme (probably Publisher) to enable the newsletter to continue production, but that was taking time. Meanwhile Issue 238 was six weeks overdue and SM had undertaken to load what material had already been provided to the

temporary editor into the newsletter format that she had in order to get something out this month.

ACTION: Cllr Musters

e. **Street Lighting.** Progress was still two steps forward and one backwards, despite SM's great labours.

ACTION: Cllr Musters

4. **Planning Applications.** **Old Cart Shed** (convert to create separate dwelling) – TVBC permission. **Test Lodge** (form courtyard and two-storey rear extension) – with TVBC for decision. **Carbery House** (replace roof tiles – listed building application) – with TVBC for decision. **Lillie Cottage** (fell apple tree) – TVBC no objection. **Land opposite Heron Cottages** (remove overhanging bough) – TVBC no objection. **Overstock House** (demolish existing house and replace) – PC no objection on planning grounds following site meeting, but with comments to be finalized.

ACTION: Clerk

5. **Finance.** (a) The mid-year internal audit had been completed. (b) Councillors agreed to renew the contract with John Standfield to continue using the curtilage of the bus shelter under the same terms as agreed on 3rd December 2017 for the peppercorn rent of £1 per year. (c) Regarding paying for replacement street lights, the rate quoted for the five 'heritage' style lights would only apply if bought as a 'job lot' and they would be more expensive bought piecemeal. He said there was only enough at present to pay for three such lights, but that he hoped the village hall committee might put up the money for a fourth and he would contact our county councillor to see if his delegated funds could finance the fifth.

ACTION: Clerk

6. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). NTR.

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). In his absence he said he hoped to cut the cemetery and recreation ground grass as soon as it was dry again.

ACTION: Cllr Gibson

c. Footpaths. (CG). NTR.

d. Test Valley School. (RG). NTR.

e. Environment. (JM). NTR.

f. Village Hall and Street Lights. (SM). (1) Hall – The Leckford Estate was thanked for cutting back overhanging trees on the north side of the hall car park. (2) Street Lights – covered at 3e above.

g. Playground and Website. (SW). She had fixed a problem reported on the net of the A-frame climbing wall. The rope missing from the barrier had somehow been tied high up in the trees for use as a swing. The Estate agreed to try and get it

down as it's on their land.

ACTION: Mr McIntyre

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). Andrew Ferguson said the Estate would be working with Historic England in December to thin trees in the 'Danish Dock' to allow grazing, and to repair some fencing. As to starting work on the car park extension, he suggested and it was agreed that it would be sensible to wait until after the winter when the ground might be drier. Clerk reminded the meeting that the county archaeologist would need to be informed before work started on the car park, as he had to be involved during the excavation.

ACTION: Mr McIntyre

7. **2019 Meeting Dates.** Councillors agreed to meet on the second Monday each month except August. The dates in 2019 would therefore be: 14th January, 11th February, 11th March, 8th April, 13th May, 10th June, 8th July, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November, 9th December.

8. **Correspondence.** In addition to regular e-updates from HALC, there had been: (a) TVBC's Landscape Character Assessment briefing session at Stockbridge town hall 13th November, passed to all; (b) Hampshire Constabulary's Community Policing Priorities survey for Oct – Dec period; (c) NALC's weekly CE's Bulletin, passed to all; (d) NALC's DIS and funding bulletin, passed to all; (e) Police and Crime Commissioner's 'The Community Remedy' survey, passed to all (clerk had done the survey on their behalf); (f) TVBC's note re Planning Enforcement Workshops; (g) HALC's reminder of Local General Powers (S137 and General Power of Competence), passed to all; (h) TVAPTC's agenda for 22nd November meeting, passed to DB, IG and chairman.

9. **Any Other Business/public comment.** (a) CG suggested that we needed a method of recognizing and rewarding exceptional work by individuals in the village; a 'Longstocking of The Year' would be an agenda item for next time; (b) DB would not be able to attend the 22nd November TVAPTC meeting.

10. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 3rd December at 1930.

Cheques Signed:

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The Chairman closed the meeting at 2115.