

**LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL**  
**1900 MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 – VIRTUAL MEETING BY ZOOM**

**Present:** Cllr Sophie Walters (SW) - Chairman  
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)  
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)  
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF)  
Cllr David Burnfield (DB)  
Cllr John Eastwood (JE)  
Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG)  
In attendance: Clerk Mark Flewitt (MF), Andrew Gibson (AG) HCC  
Councillor (for first hour),

1. **Apologies:** Colin McIntyre (CM), and Tony Ward (TW) TVBC Councillor
2. **Minutes of Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> June.**  
SM requested that the minutes be amended to reflect the fact that the offer of a £10 donation from the Newsletter editors towards the cost of printing the last issue was not accepted. SW made the changes, and on this basis 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 – still in hand with Leckford Estate
  - **Recreation Ground car park** – SW proposed that the additional car parking expansion be shelved as Leckford Estate will not be able to undertake the work before Spring 2021 (outside the Dec 2020 time limit for the planning approval). The local neighbour whose objections initially set off the planning request has now moved away, and the new residents are happy with the current situation. MF was asked to check whether the planning permission time limit could be extended, (further comments on re-opening the Recreation Ground in Section 7 below). **ACTION:** MF
  - **Empty grit bin** at Longstock Park/Garage Cottages reported. HCC work is scheduled for Autumn. **ACTION:** MF to monitor
  - **21489579** - potholes outside Windover Farm, now done **ACTION:** Closed
  - **21503360** – potholes at Southside Cottages registered with HCC. MF to monitor. **ACTION:** MF
  - **Bottle Bank at Roman Road** – It has now been clarified that TVBC approved the transfer of the bins. AF advised of exchanges with TVBC about the noise disturbance for local residents and recent confrontations about misuse. TVBC had wanted to review the situation in September, but they have now agreed to remove the bottle bank by end-July. TVBC will look at alternatives on Trafalgar Way, next to the White Hart, or in the parking spaces outside Stockbridge. **ACTION:** AF/MF to monitor removal end-July.

- **Dog Walkers** – post-Covid-19 the TVBC dog warden will re-engage on this. **ACTION:** SW
- **HCC Mowing Damage** – DB and IG advised that the dual-carriageway wild flowers have been mowed down again. AG to contact HCC Highways to try to get the message to the contractors about this issue. **ACTION:** AG
- **BT Pole Objection** – MF confirmed on 19<sup>th</sup> June he sent a formal written objection on behalf of the PC about the 15 poles at Hazel Down. No response or acknowledgement received yet. MF to monitor and follow up. **ACTION:** MF

#### 4. **Coronavirus Update**

- SW advised that the food reserve in the village hall still has ample stock, and that a final decision on how to use it can be taken once the arrangements for the fete have been decided. **ACTION:** SW
- SW advised that a number of shops in Stockbridge will be closing down in the coming months as a result of the Covid-19 crisis
- SW advised that the general compliance with face mask rules has been high in the 40/65 year age group, but less so with younger people. The more elderly have also found them uncomfortable in the warm weather
- The local MP Caroline Nokes has visited local businesses to offer support
- AG advised that HCC have briefed councillors that a new Covid-19 is to be expected in due course.

#### 5. **Planning Applications.**

- Fullwood House – Councillors have already confirmed their support for the application, with observations about some of the building materials proposed. **ACTION:** MF to confirm PC SUPPORT with comments

#### 6. **Finance.**

- MF advised that 2019/20 AGAR Audit Certificate of Exemption has been received and approved
- For 2020 the publication of the required PC financial information on the website and on notice boards must be started by 1<sup>st</sup> September. MF will coordinate with JE for the website publication, and will display the information on the notice boards by 31<sup>st</sup> July. **ACTION:** MF and JE
- MF advised that the £500 HCC grant for the repairs to the telephone box has been received (see below para 7 re details on quotes)
- MF advised that the £1,392.00 Plan-ET invoice for work on the Neighbourhood Plan pre-Covid has been paid. **ACTION:** MF
- MF confirmed that IG's invoice for £500 for 3 months mowing work is due to be paid. **ACTION:** MF
- Additional NDP Grant request – see below in para 7. **ACTION:** AF

#### 7. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). – NTR

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

- IG advised that the allotments are in a very good state, and that the cemetery is to be cut in the next few days. **ACTION:** IG
- IG advised that the trees next to the Test Valley School bus loop are overgrown, blocking the light, and a possible risk to pedestrians and children. MF will advise AG of the tree types for HCC action. **ACTION:** MF/AG

c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG).

- CG advised that this month the Lengthsman will cutback footpath entrances, pick up roadside litter, and then clean the noticeboards.
- CG and IG contact landowner Peter Read to cut back the hedges on his footpath. **ACTION:** CG/IG
- CG reported that Aly Cox has quoted £1,500 to repair and refurbish the telephone box, including toughened glass and new silicon. A quote is still awaited from Shane Ling. CG will chase Shane Ling, and will also check with Aly Cox to check whether all the work is strictly necessary (eg. toughened glass). **ACTION:** CG
- SW said that the telephone box is an important iconic object in the village, and that a Councillor should take direct responsibility for it. JE advised that he has some relevant experience. JE's appointment was proposed by SW, seconded by SM, and agreed unanimously. **ACTION:** JE
- CG advised that large numbers of people are sometimes seen at the bench area on the Bunny, and occasionally cars are parked in the adjacent passing space. SW asked Councillors to be proactive and ask for cars to be moved when necessary. **ACTION:** ALL

d. Test Valley School and Neighbourhood Plan. (AF).

- AF has been in contact with the new school Head and Deputy and will look to meet them in person as soon as the autumn term is under way.
- AF provided an update on the NHP process and will circulate to the PC a report on the proposed re-start of the project. **ACTION:** AF
  - Some tentative autumn dates have been pencilled in for the community engagement events that were cancelled in the Spring: 22/26 Sept, or 24/28 Oct.
  - The unused 2019/20 grant amount of £1,020 was repaid as per the grant conditions
  - AF is working on the application for a new grant for 2020/21. AF has registered the necessary "expression of interest", and is waiting for a quote from Plan-ET. The Government grant availability for the NDP has been increased from £9k to £10k. **ACTION:** AF
  - AF advised that the steering group would like to undertake a Housing Needs Survey, for which grants are also available. The survey would be completed by specialists and it would be coordinated by Locality. The Housing Needs Survey is designed to identify housing issues over the life of the Neighbourhood Plan.
  - JE expressed concern at the independence of the consultants from local council influence
  - AF confirmed that the process would be totally independent, and would include a questionnaire to every household in the village. Only after responses to the questionnaire have been collected and analysed, will they be issued to the steering group.

- A vote on the proposal for a Housing Needs Survey was proposed by SW, seconded by SM, and agreed with 6 votes in favour and 1 abstention. **ACTION:** AF
- AF reminded the PC that the NDP will have to be approved by the residents in a referendum before it can come into effect

e. Environment and Website. (JE).

- JE has been working on the website accessibility requirements that come into effect on 23.9.20, including the publication of an accessibility statement
- JE will review work already carried out by Hurstbourne Tarrant PC on their Hugo Fox website, and will report back. **ACTION:** JE

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

- SM advised that the Village Hall has been prepared to open with the new rules and regulations, including hand sanitisers etc, although the rules re cleaning before and after each event are onerous, since the VH is run by volunteers
  - It is hoped that the VH will open in September, and the local WI are planning to move their meetings to Longstock VH
- On streetlighting, SM is still in contact with suppliers. SM will email the PC about a possible sample streetlight being set up in Houghton Road or Roman Road, although Roman Road seemed to be the preferred option. **ACTION:** SM

g. Playground and Henry Smith Charity (SW)

- SW confirmed that the Recreation Ground is re-opening following guidance from TVBC.
  - Posters and notices have been put up at the entrances and in the Rec about social distancing, behaviour and consideration for others, hand sanitising, and “common sense” in general.
  - It is proposed that the Rec will be left open on this basis for a couple of weeks to monitor how it is used. **ACTION:** SW
- Re Henry Smith – SW asked Councillors to advise of any other cases of residents where financial help might be needed. **ACTION:** ALL

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

i. HCC (AG)

- AG advised that he will circulate an updated report on HCC issues. **ACTION:** AG

j. TVBC (TW) – NTR in TW’s absence

8. **Correspondence**

- MF advised that he is continuing to pay the £14.39 monthly fee for subscription to the Zoom Pro service. Councillors agreed that this should continue for the time being. **ACTION:** MF

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

- DB advised that local resident Jim Davidson has a blog on Youtube
- JE asked that the Local Police be invited to attend the next meeting to provide an

update on local crime issues. **ACTION:** MF/SW

- AF was asked by a local resident to flag up night time noise issues from helicopters. The PC feels that the important work of the Army Air Corps at Middle Wallop fully justifies any potential inconvenience
- DB advised that the local vintage machinery club UTVVC is intending to go ahead with their annual rally on 12/13<sup>th</sup> Sept

10. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept – to be reviewed in due course whether by Zoom or on a socially distanced basis in the village hall. **ACTION:** MF/SW

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.