

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
19:00 MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Alice Foster (AFo) – Chairman
Cllr Selina Musters (SM) – Vice Chairman
Cllr Kirsty Dominick-Gibson (KDG)
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ)
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt, David Drew (DD), HCC (part of the meeting) Ian Jeffries (IJ), TVBC Councillor (part of the meeting), 2 Parishioners

- 1) **Apologies:** Nicky Goodridge TV School, Cllr Beccy Soper (BS) and Colin McIntyre (CM) Leckford Estate
- 2) **Declarations of interest**
 - SM declared an interest in the tree works application for Longstock Mill to be discussed under planning.
- 3) **Minutes of PC Meeting of 8th January 2024**
 - Unanimously agreed for adoption and signed by AFo.
- 4) **Points from the Floor**
 - Advised that the recent newsletter detailed Colin McIntyre Leckford Estate as a Parish Councillor when he is an ex officio member of the Parish Council without voting rights. **ACTION:** SJ to amend with the newsletter editor
- 5) **Planning**
 - a) Longstock Mill - Tree works to fell 3 Lime and 1 Eucalyptus Unanimous agreement for PC No Objection. **ACTION:** Clerk (SM left the room for the discussion and vote)
 - b) Previous applications TVBC decisions: Tickle Trout cottage – Garden room - Permission granted. Kingfisher Lodge – Rear extension – Refusal from TVBC Planning committee, notification received of appeal to be made to Secretary of State.
 - c) Church Road development – no further update available, still awaiting the s106 agreement to be completed between TVBC and Rural England. **ACTION:** Clerk to continue to seek updates
- 6) **Leckford Estate**
 - No report
- 7) **Thermal Imaging Project (SM & Clerk)**
 - Information provided following attendance at the Energy Awareness Training/Leaky Homes Roadshow. Dragonfly power will provide, free of charge, thermal imaging camera(s) which can be used to undertake a thermal imaging survey of properties. These surveys are a useful tool for showing areas of heat loss and help identify any insulation and draught proofing needs. A roadshow can then be held where householders can drop in and find out more about energy saving and options available including grants. Discussion about engagement in the village for this project and that we are about to enter the warmer months of the year which makes thermal imaging more difficult. Decision that PC would aim to launch this in the autumn of 2024, if there is an appetite. It can be linked to the NHP consultation. The Clerk has secured two cameras for 10 days from 16/02/24. Parish Councillors have offered their homes as a test for the cameras. **ACTION:** SM & Clerk to contact PC and any other interested villagers to arrange a survey.
- 8) **HCC Report (DD) & TVBC Report (IJ)**
 - DD provided his report which is also on the village website.
 - HCC have launched a consultation requested the public's view of how the Council can make financial savings with all being encouraged to have their view.
 - There is a small pot available in the Councillors grant for which details can be found on the HCC website.
 - DD is chasing about the expected timescale for the implementation of the 3T limit on The Bunny.
 - 20mph speed limit – HCC are working up their proposals but experience from Wales shows that the community must be consulted and be supportive for the implementation of a 20mph speed limit. However, the police are unable to provide any support to monitor and the community would have to bear the

implementation costs.

- Highway works – Clerk has already provided a list of outstanding matters over 3 months old for DD to investigate. DD has advised he will escalate the worst ones. **ACTION:** Clerk
- IJ provided his report which is also on the village website.
 - Draft Local Plan 2040 public consultation has commenced and will run until 02/04/2024. IJ encouraged all contributions. There are several public exhibitions around Test Valley the Clerk has details. There will be an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions at the TVAP&T meeting on 7th March in Longstock Village Hall. PC would want to provide comments and will be discussed at the March PC meeting. AF highlighted that the draft local plan is proposing to remove settlement boundaries for Longstock. This has been challenged previously and the PC may wish to object again. IJ provided his support for the PC view to retain the settlement boundary for Longstock. **ACTION:** AF and Clerk to draw up suggested feedback on the Local Plan to present at the March PC meeting.
 - AFo requested if a small grant could be available to help with a DDay80 community event. IJ confirmed he would support a grant application.

9) Correspondence

- Items noted on previously circulated report with the agenda.
- Local Plan 2040 – received after agenda circulated. Details under minute item 8).
- A villager who voluntarily looks after the central bed at the cemetery has offered to replace the rotten wooden. PC agreed together with bearing the costs and approving the design of the replacement. **ACTION:** Clerk

10) Playground (SM)

- SM and Clerk meeting with TVBC community engagement officer next week to start looking for grants to help with the playground. The Veolia Environmental Trust is a good option as it provides up to 90% of the cost. There are various funding windows during the year.
- New items for the playground wish list have been selected, to then be shared with residents for agreement. The cost is estimated at £103K plus VAT. The final quote still requires refinement. The playground committee to arrange a date for public consultation of the wish list.

11) Highways

- The Clerk maintains a spreadsheet of all reported concerns. Any questions – refer to the Clerk.
- AF requested multiple potholes on Roman Road (especially outside 19/20) to be reported again **ACTION:** Clerk
- AF stated that the wall under the bench on Salisbury Hill has loose bricks **ACTION:** Clerk
- SJ advised of a pothole on Fullerton Road **ACTION:** Clerk

12) Finance

- Monthly Finance Report – pre-circulated and noted.
- Clerk advised that the grass cutting contract is due to renew on 01/04. SJ has obtained alternative quotes which will be provided to the Clerk and a summary will be presented for decision at the next PC meeting. **ACTION:** SJ & Clerk

13) D-Day 80 (AFo)

- AFo is co-ordinating with Leckord Estate about plans for the Thursday 6th June evening and lighting a beacon. If Leckford do not go ahead with anything then a low key event will be planned in the village. Plans are being prepared for a community family event on 8th June with a 1940's theme. **ACTION:** AFo

14) Past Chairman Board (CG)

- Due to unforeseen circumstances the visit arranged to the Winchester Archives has been postponed.

15) Councillors' Reports.

a. Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)

- Affordable housing – no further update on Church Road Development.
- NHP – In January 2024, two members of the steering group met with the group's NHP consultants (Plan-et) to discuss next steps. Plan-et confirmed that enough evidence had been gathered to create a screening draft for TVBC to review. Screening would establish whether a Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) or Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) are needed. If they are required, the steering group will need to apply for further technical grants. If they are not, the draft plan will be put forward for Regulation 14 status. Once

Regulation 14 status is obtained, the plan carries 'weight' in planning terms and can be shared during a public consultation for comment. The consultation is likely to take place in mid to late summer in Longstock Village Hall. A further grant application has been made for £2,400 to pay for the finalisation of a screening draft and a legal review by a planning solicitor. It was agreed that the NHP public consultation event would be an ideal opportunity for residents to also view proposals for the Longstock Road Safety Plan, Playground Refurbishment and Thermal Imaging Project.

b. Allotments, Cemetery and Henry Smith Charity. (KDG)

- Henry Smith – Henry Smith lunch has 54 confirmed attendees. Henry Smith grants will be discussed in a closed session at the end of the PC meeting to preserve anonymity of recipients.
- Cemetery – Reminder that the annual Cemetery clear up date is Saturday 17th Feb at 10am-Noon.

c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG)

- Footpaths –BS has replaced the missing finger at the E end of FP 12. CG advised that the footpath numbering appears incorrect on the village website and will be investigated and corrected.
- Lengthsman – Lengthsman has replaced the double finger post at Ratz Lodge on FP9. January saw the cleaning the road signs and street furniture plus a litter pick. February’s planned tasks are to clean out the drainage grips between Bottom Road and Southside, clean the notice boards and litter pick. The jet wash of the Longstock/Stockbridge Test bridge railings is scheduled for March and will be paid by Stockbridge PC.

d. Test Valley School (TVS), Litter Picking, Website and Longstock Road Safety Plan. (AFo)

- AF advised that the school signs have been changed and these no longer mention the community sports hall.
ACTION: AFo to question with the Head of School.

e. Environment, Dog Waste and Newsletter (SJ)

- Newsletter – Positive feedback to the editor L. Opperman and N. Rugman for the latest edition. Additional members of the PC to proof read the newsletter draft.
- Environment – SJ has been approached by the church as they are considering various environmental projects such as bat and bird boxes and there may be an opportunity to work together on initiatives. SJ to keep the PC advised.

f. Village Hall. (SM)

- Village Hall –
 - The Parish owns the defibrillator and the batteries will require replacing this year, which has been allocated in the budget. **ACTION:** Clerk & SM
 - The village hall committee are investigating the possibility of installing photovoltaic panels on the roof of the village hall as planning permission may not now be required. Grants will be sought.

16) Matters Raised and for possible inclusion on next month’s agenda

- Grass Cutting Contract
- Test Valley Draft Local Plan 2040

17) Date of Next Meeting

- Agreed as Monday 11th March at 7:00pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Month: Jan 2023 Date of PC Meeting: 12/02/2024

Bank Account Status as at 31/01/2024

Current Account	£ 18,181.27
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Income Received in Jan 2024

(Items included in the current account balance above)

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
BACS	02/01/2024	Village Account	Trout sales - Playground Fund	£ 497.50

BACS	11/01/2024	Owl & Pussycat	Newsletter advert	£	125.00
BACS	11/01/2024	Village Account	Xmas card sales - Playground Fund	£	307.50
BACS	12/01/2024	Gensmile Dental	Newsletter advert	£	125.00
CHQ	15/01/2024	Wessex H&R	Newsletter advert	£	70.00
BACS	15/01/2024	Village Account	Peat Spade Guess coins - Playground Fund	£	54.20
BACS	19/01/2024	T Lowden	Newsletter subscription	£	10.00
CHQ	26/01/2024	Stockbridge Primary	Newsletter advert	£	85.00
BACS	29/01/2024	Village Account	Trout sales (xtra payment) - Playground Fund	£	118.00

Payments Approved in Jan 2024

(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
CHQ	09/01/2024	Patrick Coates	Half year audit cost	£ 50.00
CHQ	17/01/2024	Royal British Legion	Wreath donation	£ 125.00
DD	06/12/2023	SSE	Street light electricity	£ 63.23
BACS	30/01/2024	D Robins	Playground/Cemetery cutting (Oct-Dec)	£ 625.00

* Faster Payment authorised by Cllrs

Income to be received (Items received and NOT yet included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
None				£ -

Payments Approved (Items NOT included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
None				£ -

Projected Bank Account Status (including all approved items)

Current Account	£ 18,181.27
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Invoices received and requiring authorisation for payment

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
None				

Mrs G. Bulpitt

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Treasurers Account £ 18,181.27	Treasurers Account £ 2,982.59	Treasurers Account £ 852.52
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