

**LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
1830 MONDAY 12TH AUGUST 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), Tony Ward (TW), TVBC Councillor, Colin McIntyre (CM), Leckford Estate, and 6 members of the public

1. **Apologies.** Andrew Gibson, County Councillor;
2. **Designation of the whole parish of Longstock as a Neighbourhood Area and start proceedings for a Neighbourhood Plan**

SW opened the meeting by stating that the designation of a Neighbourhood Area is the necessary first step in the process of creating a Neighbourhood Plan (NP). The objective of Longstock's NP would be to exercise some control over planning decisions in the parish, and to be able to designate green spaces, protect footpaths, playgrounds and verges etc. SW circulated copies of an OS map showing the whole parish of Longstock as a Designated Area.

SW mentioned that Houghton's NP is now some 3/4 completed, and Stockbridge is now also discussing the process with an expectation of starting in September. At that stage it would be possible for the three parishes to work together to stop excessive development in the area.

SW invited parish councillors to express their views on the proposal to create an NP. RG felt that the NP would be a very positive step on the basis of the clear and strong support of the community. CG agreed, and added that the process must be fully inclusive for the entire parish. DB strongly agreed with the proposal. SM also agreed, but expressed concern that an NP may not carry sufficient weight to resist excessive planning decisions. TW confirmed that provided an NP is in line with the Local Plan, it will become a statutory part of the planning process and therefore will have significant influence on future planning decisions. JE also supported, but expressed concern about central government pressure to allow development. Nevertheless, an NP will offer some degree of defence in future. IG also supported on the basis that our obligation is to protect the village for future generations. CM said it will be good to see public involvement in the NP, which will be vital for the future of the village.

Proposal: To designate the whole parish of Longstock as a Neighbourhood Area, and to start proceedings for a Neighbourhood Plan.

Proposed by SW, Seconded by RG, and unanimously supported by all Parish Councillors. **ACTION:** SW and MF

3. **Any Other Business/public comment.**
 - a) SW explained that various members of the community have already stepped

forward and confirmed their willingness to be part of the Steering Group (SG) for the NP. Volunteers include Angie Philippa (Chair), Aly Warner (Secretary), David Smith and Beccy Soper (Residents), Sophie Walters and David Burnfield (Parish Councillors). CM proposed that Simon Borthwick join the SG in representation of Leckford Estate. Advisors are Liz Bourne and Becky Hopkinson, Neighbourhood Plan specialists from plan-et.

b) It is intended that the NP SG will provide a half-page update to be published in each village bi-monthly newsletter, and on the new village website

c) The NP SG will intend to meet a week before each Parish Council meeting, in order to be able to provide a progress report at each PC meeting

d) Sarah Hughes, the TVBC Neighbourhood Planning Officer will be invited to attend the PC meeting in October **ACTION:** MF

4. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 2nd September, and then Monday 7th October

Cheques Signed

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The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.05.