

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
1900 MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2022 IN THE VILAGE HALL

Present:
Cllr Sophie Walters - Chairman
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF) – Vice Chair
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)
Cllr David Burnfield (DB)
Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG)
Cllr Alice Foster (AFo)

In attendance: Clerk Mark Flewitt (MF), David Drew (DD) HCC Councillor from 8.15 pm onwards, Ian Jeffrey (IJ) TVBC Councillor from 7.30 pm onwards, and 7 local residents

1. **Apologies:** David Drew (DD) HCC Councillor, for late arrival due to other PC commitments; Tony Ward (TW) TVBC Councillor, for absence for health reasons; and David Hall (DH) Test Valley School Governor, due to prior engagements at another local PC meeting.
2. **Minutes of PC Meeting of 6th December.**
SM pointed out a minor spelling mistake, which was corrected by SW, and the minutes were then unanimously agreed for adoption and signed by SW.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - **Highways & Traffic.**
 - **21560535** – Road Drainage problems at The Grange. With HCC. AFo has chased. **ACTION:** AFo to monitor
 - **21562764** – Road signs and markings at Bottom Road. Road markings done, but no signs. **ACTION:** MF/DD to chase
 - **24214172 - Dual Carriageway Mowing** – DB in contact with HCC and with TVBC about future planting and management. Discussions are ongoing, with issues around numbers and types of trees, and sightlines. **ACTION:** DB
 - **21590392 Pothole at Suicide Corner** – with HCC contractor. DB has improved run-off at corner **ACTION:** MF to monitor
 - **21590244 Damaged bridge on Bunny** – Shown as completed on HCC website, but repairs not done. **ACTION:** MF to chase, and also to request reflectors on the bridges to improve visibility.
 - **Church Road Culverts** – Cleared by Leckford Estate. **ACTION:** Closed
 - **20's Plenty** – This issue had been discussed at previous meetings, AF confirmed that residents who attended the NHP Engagement Event in December were generally in favour. Nevertheless the PC felt that Longstock is a “working village” and a 20 mph limit would be negative for the farming activities. Further investigation: AFo to investigate cost of painting white lines for pedestrians, and MF to investigate speed guns, and to contact the Police Beat Officer for guidance. **ACTION:** AFo/MF
 - **New Model Code of Conduct for Councillors** – Awaiting guidance from TVBC Legal Services. **ACTION:** MF to monitor

- **Platinum Jubilee – June 2022** – SW advised that several local villages are now moving towards an event in Broughton, and that it may be better for Longstock to run its own event. Discussion about a Jubilee Beacon, either on Stockbridge Down or Danebury Hill as in past national events (eg 200th anniversary of Trafalgar). MF will investigate whether Stockbridge is planning a beacon, and SW will circulate ideas for the PC to consider, including new Cherry trees as in 1953 and 1977. **ACTION: SW/MF**

4. **Planning Applications.**

- Land adjacent to Old School House – New dwelling. SW confirmed a DPI and left the meeting. MF advised that the PC had made a site visit in December due to the reply cut-off date being before the next PC meeting. Remaining Councillors unanimously ratified the decision of PC SUPPORT. **ACTION: MF**
 - SW returned to the meeting
- Bumblebee Cottage – Gymnasium. MF advised that the PC had made a site visit in December due to the reply cut-off date being before the next PC meeting. PC unanimously ratified the decision of PC OBJECTION. **ACTION: MF**
- Sindle Cottage - Dormer window and chimney. MF advised that this application had been circulated and agreed by email in December, due to the reply cut-off date being before the next PC meeting. PC unanimously ratified the decision of PC SUPPORT. **ACTION: MF**
- Quarry House – Tree works. MF advised that this application had been circulated and agreed by email in January, due to the reply cut-off date being before the next PC meeting. PC unanimously ratified the decision of PC SUPPORT. **ACTION: MF**
- Mulberry Lodge – changes to front and side elevations. CG withdrew from the discussion as a next-door neighbour of the property. MF advised that this application was received after the publication of the Agenda, with a response cut-off date before the scheduled March PC meeting, so the PC agreed to consider it at this meeting. PC had viewed and considered the application on-line, and agreed PC SUPPORT. **ACTION: MF**

5. **Finance.**

- Quarterly bank reconciliation - MF advised still pending due to late receipt of bank statements. **ACTION: MF**
- 2022/23 Precept – MF advised that TVBC have confirmed receipt of the PC decision to renew the precept at £8.5k.
- NHP Grant for Zoom Pro costs – AF advised that guidance has confirmed that monthly Zoom Pro subscriptions of £14.39 can be set against the NHP Grant. PC unanimously approved the continuation of the Zoom Pro subscription to allow the NHP SG to use it for ongoing meetings. **ACTION: MF**

n.b. at this point SW invited local landowner Mr Armitage (IA) to outline his plans for Charity Down Farm. The notes on this issue are included below under item 10. AOB/Public Comment.

6. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)

- Affordable Housing - AF confirmed there was no further news to report to the PC at this meeting.
- Re NHP – AF advised that that the attendance numbers and the feedback for the 7th December Engagement Event had been very positive.

- The next steps will be to update the NHP Visions & Objectives, and distribute them by hand to every household in the next few weeks to seek feedback and ratification. **ACTION:** AF
 - A dedicated NHP website will be launched shortly, with a link from the PC website. **ACTION:** AF/AFo
 - SW invited resident Mr Wort (GW) to lay out some further points on the environmental aspects of the NHP.
 - GW highlighted the opportunity to work with local and national initiatives, including the Hampshire and IoW Trust, and to join with the Nature Recovery Network, as part of the Environment Act, in coordination with other local projects creating wildlife corridors with nearby villages, and to protect against unwelcome development proposals.
 - AF confirmed that she would like GW to head a NHP sub-committee on these issues, and will invite him to the next NHP SG meeting on 9th March. **ACTION:** AF
- b. Allotments, Cemetery, and Trees. (IG).
- Cemetery – IG advised that he has moved an unsafe bench away from the ashes plot. CG to check. **ACTION:** CG
 - Cemetery – It is proposed that a review of the Cemetery Regulations be included in the next PC Agenda. **ACTION:** MF
- c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG).
- Footpaths – We are still waiting for 4 footpath signs to be replaced. DB was requested to arrange for Footpath 12, (adjacent to Roman Road) to be cut back before the nesting season. **ACTION:** DB
 - Lengthsman – In January the Lengthsman picked up litter through the village, cleaned the road furniture and started renovation work on a bench at the Memorial Ground. In February he will clear out the grips between Bottom Road and Southside, clean the notice boards and continue to work on our benches. March has programmed another litter pick and more time on the benches. Following discussion it was decided instead of Creosolve, we would finish the benches in something similar to Cuprinol. **ACTION:** CG
- d. Test Valley School and Website. (AFo).
- TVS – AFo confirmed that the new Interim Head Mr Gibbs has arrived.
 - Good progress has been made in discussions on a new pool.
 - The joint TVS/PC Litter Pick will be added to the March PC Agenda. **ACTION:** MF
 - AF asked that TVS be advised of traffic/speeding problems near the school caused by parents delivering pupils late for school. **ACTION:** AFo.
 - Website – AFo confirmed that PC contact details have been updated.
 - Data on website from Google Analytics to be reviewed. **ACTION:** AFo
- e. Environment (DB).
- DB advised of current initiatives on Sustainable Farming for areas of 1,500+ acres, including charity support for planting trees
 - There have been reports of problems with “rewilding” projects being used to kick out tenant farmers.
- f. Village Hall and Streetlights. (SM).
- SM advised that the VH is pretty much back to normal, with hire prices increasing on 1st April for the first time in 10 years.

- Streetlights – the cleaning of the lights has been completed and paid for.
- g. Playground and Henry Smith Charity. (SW)
- Playground - SW advised that 12 new volunteers have been added to the review and maintenance rota, which has now been switched to a Google Docs basis.
 - Discussions have begun about possible new equipment for the playground, perhaps even including new cricket nets.
 - HS – SW has responded to the charity’s survey of activity, with very positive feedback.
 - It is intended to apply for additional funding in the annual renewal application process in April. **ACTION:** SW
 - IG commented that the pre-Christmas HS lunch had been a great success.
- h. Leckford Estate. (CM). – Not present
- MF confirmed that the culverts on Church Road have been cleared.
 - MF will ask the Estate to ensure that a representative attends PC meetings in future if possible. **ACTION:** MF
- i. HCC. (DD)
- The HCC report had been distributed in advance.
 - £200 grants are available to support PC initiatives for Platinum Jubilee events. MF will apply. **ACTION:** MF
 - AFo will upload the HCC Reports on the PC Website. **ACTION:** AFo
- j. TVBC. (TW)
- TW had distributed his Mid-Test Matters report in advance.
 - AFo will continue to upload the TVBC Mid-Test Matters Reports on the PC Website. **ACTION:** AFo
7. **Bottom Road Verges**
- SW had already circulated in advance photos of the very deep ruts and mud on the verges, largely caused by tractors.
 - DB will use chalk to create some passing places at various points on the road. **ACTION:** DB
 - Resident Mrs Taylor pointed out that some of the tall trees in the disused chalkpit area are now very unstable. Once the building works at Tamlyn are completed it may be necessary to remove some of the chalkpit trees.
8. **Formal Recording of Births, Deaths, Arrivals and Departures**
- CG suggested it might be appropriate for these matters to be formally noted in the PC Minutes.
 - The PC commented that deaths of residents are often minuted, but there may be some serious GDPR issues around formally minuting some other matters. CG will investigate further. **ACTION:** CG
9. **Correspondence**
- MF advised that TVBC are conducting a survey of local taxi service needs. SW and CG volunteered to join MF in the PC response. **ACTION:** SW/CG/MF
 - MF advised that HCC is holding a Parish and Town Council Event on Thurs 17th March at 6.00pm at The Castle in Winchester. MF will circulate details to ask for two volunteers to attend. **ACTION:** MF
 - MF has been contacted again by the ICO about the SAR received in Jan 2021. The ICO confirmed that the PC needs to make a formal final response to close the matter.
 - PC Members all confirmed that they hold no other personal data in relation to

this SAR.

- MF will deal with the final response. **ACTION:** MF
 - A TVAPTC remote meeting will be held on Thurs 24th Feb at 7.30 pm. DB confirmed he will attend with MF. **ACTION:** DB/MF
 - PC Refresher Training – it was agreed that it would be appropriate for the PC to undergo some refresher training, including roles, rules, powers, duties, conduct, interests, finances, decisions, planning etc. MF will contact potential training suppliers for quotes, and report back at the March PC meeting. **ACTION:** MF
9. **Any Other Business/public comment.**
- Charity Down Farm – Mr Armitage (IA) explained his intention to switch the farming model to a mixed/regenerative system to improve soil quality and carbon capture. This will include herbal leys, green manure, increased grazing for manure, and planting hedgerows and trees.
 - He will also propose to build a new farm yard on the site of the old egg unit, and replace the two semi-detached cottages with a farm manager’s house, and farm workers’ cottage.
 - The new dwellings would be built on PassivHaus principles to minimize their carbon footprint.
 - Formal Planning Applications will be submitted in due course.
 - DB hoped that a meat-based recipe will be published in the next Newsletter to follow the vegan recipe in the latest issue.
10. **Date of Next Meeting..**
- Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.00 pm – in the Village Hall (nb. Clerk not available on the original 14th March date)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Cheques and Payments:

1195	SW re NHP Event	£143.45
1196	Sarsen Press re Newsletter	£310.00
1197	Longstock Village Hall re NHP Event	£120.00
1198	PC re Annual Audit Fee	45.00
1199	Plan-ET re NHP	£828.00
1200	Utili-Light re Streetlight Cleaning	£384.24
1201	Sarsen Press re Newsletter	£300.00
Direct Debit	SSE (Electricity Supply)	£46.13 and £50.13