

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
19:00 MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2023 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)
Cllr Beccy Soper (BS)
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt, Ian Jeffries (IJ), TVBC Councillor (part of the meeting), David Drew,
HCC Councillor (part of the meeting),

1) **Apologies:** Nicky Goodridge TV School, Colin McIntyre (CM) Leckford Estate

2) **Declarations of interest**

- AF declared an interest in the planning application at 28 Roman Road and would abstain from voting.

3) **Minutes of PC Meeting of 9th October 2023**

- Unanimously agreed for adoption and signed by AFo

4) **Points from the Floor**

- Andy Knight from the Upper Test Valley Vintage Club Longstock Vintage Tractor Rally advised they will donate £1,000 to the Longstock Playground fund following this year's Longstock Rally. AFo thanked them for their support. A formal presentation will be arranged in due course.

At this point AFo invited DD and to speak about HCC as he had to leave the meeting after his report. His comments are provided in item 8 below

5) **Planning**

- a) 23/02742/FULLN 28 Roman Road - Alterations to and conversion of garage to utility and bathroom
Unanimous PC Support. **ACTION** – Clerk to advise TVBC
- b) Previous applications TVBC decisions – Councillors noted – Kingsfisher Lodge – workshop approved, Charity Down Farn – operational works approved, 29 Longstock Rd – extension withdrawn and land next to The Old School House appeal has been dismissed.

6) **Leckford Estate**

- AFo read a report provided by CM. The Christmas shopping event at the Farm Shop is on 30 November from 6-8:30pm. Christmas trees will be available from 20th November. All winter crops are in the ground. The grape harvest brought in 57 tonnes which is a bumper year.

7) **Speedwatch Team**

- Still awaiting a visit from Mayur Patel, HCC to identify suitable SID locations. Agreed to remove as a standing agenda item until contact received. **ACTION:** Clerk to continue to liaise with Derek Hallé (Stockbridge PC)

8) **HCC Report (DD)**

- DD provided his report that is also available on the Longstock website. Additionally DD advised it is highly likely that Hampshire will move to collecting food waste in the near future.
- Issue was raised about the new footbridge at The Bunny and the money being spent on this bridge when there are potholes that require repairing. DD explained about how different budgets within HCC work. Feedback was taken on board that the PCC was not consulted about the planned works and HCC will look to consult in future when such schemes are being considered.

9) **TVBC Report (IJ)**

- IJ provided his report, Mid Test Matters, which is also available on the Longstock website
- Section 106 funds available in some parishes. **ACTION:** Clerk will investigate if this applies to Longstock

10) Correspondence

- Items noted on previously circulated report with the agenda.
- Since agenda circulated further correspondence received from the Fete Committee – final proceeds from the Fete towards the Playground fund are £1,293.00.

11) Dog Waste Project (SJ)

- If there is a high incidence of dog waste being left in a particular area then letters can be provided to local residents of that area to advise of the impact of dog waste. SJ liaising with the TVBC Dog Warden. Concerns were raised about footpath 12 (behind Roman Rd) where there is a high incidence of dog waste not collected.
- The dog waste bin at the recreational ground has been installed with a weekly collection by TVBC.

12) Playground (BS)

- Summary of playground funds provided by the Clerk from 01/04/2022. This does not include £300 due from the Trout 'n' About volunteers which will be collected on 17th Nov. SM advised that she has been selling ice creams at the Stockbridge Cinema and as a result the Club have donated £500 to the Playground fund.

Credits already received:

27/04/2022	Donation - Private	£	151.00
22/09/2022	Village Fete '22	£	500.00
12/05/2023	Grand National Event	£	666.00
19/06/2023	Donation - Private	£	500.00
04/09/2023	Water Gardens Event	£	1,598.80
01/11/2023	Halloween Event	£	788.25
09/11/2023	Village Fete & BBQ '23	£	1,293.00
13/11/2023	Stockbridge Cinema Fund	£	500.00
	Total In	£	5,997.05

- There was expenditure of £533.20 in Dec 22 for immediate repairs at that time. The last 2 years ROSPA reports (£94 and £99) will be allocated from the PC budget.
- Signs and tape attached to the closed off items (classified as Red on the ROSPA report) are being pulled down and the equipment used by children. Proposal is that the items be removed altogether. BS to enlist volunteers to remove and arrange for disposal. The Playground will be closed whilst this work is done. Health and Safety assessment will be done prior to the work being undertaken. All agreed. **ACTION: BS**
- Proposal from BS that the playground proposal be scaled down to a few well-chosen items that can be achieved in the short term rather than a larger playground that will take more time to fundraise for and could take many years to complete. Further items can be added at a later date. Unanimously agreed.
- The working group is chasing companies for quotations. A small grant team will be created once the quotations have been received to pursue the securing of funds. BS, SM and Clerk will meet with Marie Stubbington, TVBC to discuss alternative financing/grants available. **ACTION: BS**

13) Highways

- **24231815** - Drains blocked on Longstock Road. Will be done in next 2 months. **ACTION:** Clerk to monitor
- **21664083** – Drains blocked outside The Cowshed. Will be done in next 2 months. **ACTION:** Clerk to monitor
- **21651522** – Trees on Salisbury Hill – Will be actioned by April 2024.
- **7123888** – SJ enquiry about the mowing of the dual carriageway. Still progressing. **ACTION:** Clerk to monitor
- **21682588** - Pot hole on the left hand side of Roman Road on entering the bus bay. Photos sent with location. Will be done in next 2 months. **ACTION:** Clerk to monitor
- **21690519** – Ash tree near Field House has Ash Dieback. HCC advised they have inspected, twice, and no action required. Enquiry closed. **ACTION:** Clerk to send a response that PC believe the tree is dangerous.
- **18266157** – Loose stones accumulated at the bottom of the hill at Ratz Lodge. TVBC have advised this has been done. Clerk has taken photos as there are still stones at the location and re-opened the query with TVBC. **ACTION:** Clerk to monitor
- **21696235** – Overgrown vegetation at Bus Bay near Roman Rd. Still progressing. **ACTION:** Clerk to monitor
- **21693954** – Flooding on Houghton Rd. Will be done in next 2 months. **ACTION:** Clerk to monitor
- Need to report potholes on the first bend on the Danebury Road near Windover Farm, which is causing the road to be unsafe with subsequent traffic accidents. **ACTION:** Clerk

14) Finance

- **Monthly Finance Report** – pre-circulated. Clerk advised ICO sub of £40 due for payment.
- **Budget** – First discussion regarding the budget for 2024/2025 using document pre-circulated. Unanimous agreement to retain the precept at £9,000. Further budget lines will be considered next month. Clerk to provide for the Dec meeting an update with the earmarked playground funds removed and shown separately.
- Discussion about opening a PC instant access business savings account for the earmarked playground monies. Clerk to investigate if earmarked funds can be segregated from the main PC account. Lloyds have an instant access account which, if opened, can have the same signatories as the main account. This was agreed by the PC to be a simple solution. **ACTION:** Clerk

15) Cemetery & Grass Cutting Contract

- Comments have been made that the grass at the Playground is very long and there have been occasions when it has not been cut as regularly as expected. The contract details that it should be cut ‘as often as necessary’. **ACTION:** Clerk to speak with the Contractor to discuss the concerns.
- It has been raised by the contractor that the wire in the parking area needs removing as it is a hazard. **ACTION:** CG to take forward/ask the lengthsman to remove.

16) D-Day 80 (AFo)

- PC had previously agreed that there should be a Village event to recognise the day with a street party type event. As D-Day is a Thursday, it was agreed there should be an evening ‘low key’ event to coincide with the beacon lighting at 9.15pm. Then a larger event on Saturday 8th June. To be discussed at the December PC meeting.

17) Past Chairman Board (CG)

- In hand. **ACTION:** CG to present ideas at next PC with costings.

18) Longstock Newsletter (AF)

- Discussion regarding publishing the newsletter on the website. Unanimously agreed that the newsletter would no longer be posted on the website. Copies can be provided if requested.
- As the Newsletter is a PC magazine, there needs to be protocols in place to ensure it continues to be published in a timely manner, represents the whole Parish and a contingency in place if key members are absent. A sub-group formed to discuss the protocols. **ACTION:** Clerk to advise potential dates.
- As the newsletter team is being formed the next issue will be proof read by SJ and AFo. Copy deadline is 17th November for articles to be submitted.

19) Councillors’ Reports.

a. Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)

- No report

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

- Henry Smith –
 - Funds have been received. It was agreed to continue to raise awareness that grants are available by placing an article in the newsletter and PC members to promote when they become aware of any parishioners who may meet the criteria for a grant.
 - Discussion regarding the procedure for agreeing grants. It was agreed that KDG will email details of any requests to other PC members. As long as two other PC members agree then the grant will be made.
 - Confirmation the Henry Smith lunch will take place on Tuesday 13th February 2024 and village hall booked. **ACTION:** KDG to take forward arrangements with support from PC members.

c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG)

- Footpaths – In view of recent rainfall these are very muddy.
- Lengthsman – Planned October tasks were digging out the drainage grips and the final clear up of the year around the Bunny bench. The Lengthsman ran out of time to cut back the undergrowth on Salisbury Hill. In addition, November requested tasks are a litter pick through the village and cleaning the notice boards. The Lengthsman will be tasked to spend 2 hours cutting back undergrowth at the Village Hall. Any further work there will be paid for from Hall funds. SM is requested to contact the Lengthsman. **ACTION:** SM. No tasks

planned for December.

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

- TV School – A PC member required to present the Longstock PC trophy for Highest Achievement at the Year 11 awards ceremony in November. AFo will email out the date for a volunteer. **ACTION:** AFo

e. Environment. (SJ)

- SJ explained the ‘Shoots on routes’ initiative is continuing with SJ co-opting residents to become involved, there may also be a link up with Stockbridge. Further information to follow.

f. Village Hall. (SM)

- Village Hall – All well.

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

- Andy Knight from the Longstock Vintage Tractor Rally advised they had just agreed at their AGM that they would donate a bench and plaque for the Cemetery in memory of Ivan Gibson.
- Remembrance Sunday service went well. Chairman to send thanks to The Peat Spade for the tea and cakes. Thanks also to Lance Corporal Theodore Walters who laid the wreath at the memorial. LBdr Megan Beveridge, was seen playing the bagpipes at 11am on Sat 11th at the Longstock War Memorial without prompting. Vote of thanks given.
- Bottom Road Passing Places

21) Date of Next Meeting

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10:40 pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Month: Oct 2023

Date of PC Meeting: 13/11/2023

Bank Account Status as at 31/10/2023

Current Account	£ 15,185.70
-----------------	-------------

Income Received in Oct 2023

(Items included in the current account balance above)

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
BACS	16/10/2023	TVBC	Dog waste bin grant	£ 329.65
BACS	24/10/2023	Winchester Auto Barn	Newsletter Advert	£ 85.00
BACS	30/10/2023	Haydown Ltd	Newsletter Advert	£ 125.00
BACS	31/10/2023	R Steel & Partners	Cemetery Payment (Mr I Gibson)	£ 160.00

Payments Approved in Oct 2023

(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
BACS *	03/10/2023	TVBC	Election Costs	£ 868.95
BACS *	11/10/2023	Daniel Robins	Grass cutting contract	£ 625.00
DD	20/10/2023	SSE	Street light electricity	£ 63.21

* Faster Payment authorised by Cllrs Musters and Foster

Income to be received in Oct 2023

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

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
None				£ -

Payments Approved in Oct 2023**(Items NOT included in the current account bank balance above)**

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
CHQ		Royal British Legion	Wreath donation	£ 125.00
CHQ		Patrick Coates	Audit cost	£ 50.00

Projected Bank Account Status (including all approved items)

Current Account	£ 15,010.70
-----------------	-------------