

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
1930 MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Sophie Walters (SW)
Cllr David Burnfield (DB)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr John Eastwood (JE)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)

In attendance: Clerk Mark Flewitt (MF), and later Tony Ward (TW),
TVBC Councillor and Andrew Gibson (AG), County Councillor

1. **Apologies.** Ivan Gibson (IG)
2. **Minutes of Meetings of 10th July and 12th August.**
On 12th July minutes SM noted that funds related to streetlighting from the Village Hall and an anonymous donor had already been received and were not pending. With this amendment the minutes were agreed for adoption and signed.
3. **Matters Arising:**
Highways & Traffic.
 - **21412799** – Bottom Road potholes: additional scalplings may be added to improve the situation **ACTION:** DB
 - **21414966** – the hole at the bottom of the drive to the old dairy now LOYO. This should be repaired by Leckford Estate **ACTION:** CM
 - **Recreation Ground car park** – Leckford Estate intend to start work in the Autumn. HCC Archaeological Dept must be advised in advance when work starts. **ACTION:** CM and MF
 - **Fullerton Road** – repairs have been carried out and for the moment the road is in an acceptable condition - Closed
4. **Planning Applications.**
 - 29-31 Longstock – Application from Leckford Estate for 4 new parking spaces along the road. Councillors agreed to **SUPPORT.** **ACTION:** MF
5. **Finance.**
 - Insurance - MF reported that the Insurance renewal notice had been received from broker Came & Co. The renewal premium is £1,048.12 compared to last year's £1,007.81. Councillors unanimously agreed to renew on this basis. **ACTION:** MF
 - The Head of Test Valley School has asked Longstock Parish Council (LPC) to continue to support their Annual Presentation Evening with a £25 sponsorship. Councillors unanimously agreed to continue with this sponsorship and to offer an additional £10 towards the cost of the event. Councillors wish the LPC sponsorship to be for a Foreign/Modern Language prize. **ACTION:** MF
 - Section 106 update – MF reported that TVBC holds an amount of £11,182 in Section 106 funds for LPC. These funds date from 2013, and are available until 2023 for highways-related projects. TW will enquire with TVBC on

potential uses for these funds. Possible ideas included new footpaths alongside the main Longstock Road and/or white lines at the side of the road for pedestrians as in Goodworth Clatford, or funding replacement streetlights. TW advised that a new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has been in place since 2016, and King's Somborne accessed £95k for works related to their new pre-school. **ACTION:** TW

6. **Neighbourhood Plan (NP).**

SW reported that the designation of the whole parish of Longstock as a Neighbourhood Area has been formally approved by TVBC. A NP Steering Group (SG) meeting was held on 28th Aug, and an NP stand was set up at the village fete to provide information to residents, to collect email contact details, and to seek SWOT feedback about the village. Monthly SG meetings will be held in advance of LPC meetings to provide regular updates. The NP project will be guided by Liz Bourne of Plan-et, who will be paid from the official funds available for NP.

The communication to residents about the NP will be via a regular slot in the Newsletter, and SG members will each be allocated a specific part of the village to make direct contacts with residents.

Sarah Hughes of TVBC will be invited to attend the October LPC meeting to explain how TVBC can support the NP project. **ACTION:** MF

The Terms of Reference for the SG will be reviewed and agreed by LPC once the current LPC vacancy has been covered, with the intention that the new LPC Councillor will also be a member of the SG. **ACTION:** SW

7. **Longstock Village Website.**

SW reported that Will Jones has begun work on the new website. JE and CG commented that the Houghton village has a very clear and easily navigated website, managed by Lucy Goss, including a village forum and Instagram/Twitter/Facebook links. JE agreed to take on the role of monitoring progress with the new LPC website, and to investigate possible costs for a more developed site. JE will meet up with Will Jones. It is important to clarify the issue of "ownership" of the website to avoid a repeat of the problems experienced previously. CG also mentioned that he may have a possible person willing to be involved with the development and running of the website. CG will advise. **ACTION:** JE and CG

8. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). NTR from DB for Longstock, although he is aware of ASBO-type problems related to affordable houses in Picket Twenty. TW mentioned that "Rural Exception Sites" for affordable housing can give priority to local residents

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). No report

c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG). CG reported that Footpath 12 at Roman Road will be cleared in September once the bird nesting period is over. The Lengthsman will do a litter pick in September. The hedges on footpath 6 have now been cut back. **ACTION:** CG

d. Test Valley School. (RG). No report

e. Environment. (JE). JE advised that the Resilience Plan is in hand. **ACTION:** JE

f. Village Hall and Street Lights. (SM). SM reported that the order for the streetlights has been placed, with delivery expected from 11th September onwards. DB has agreed to store the streetlights at Windover Farm until they are fitted. SM advised that the person due to fix and connect the lights is now proving difficult to tie down to their commitment. SM will follow up. The further £1,500 funds from HCC are pending and AG will chase. **ACTION:** SM, DB and AG

g. Playground and Website. (SW). SW advised of ongoing issues with the inspection rota and she will seek a new system. **ACTION:** SW

Leckford Estate are due to begin work on the new car park spaces, but HCC Archaeology must be advised in advance. **ACTION:** CM and MF

LPC responsibility for the website will be taken over by JE. **ACTION:** JE

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). No news

i. Henry Smith Charity. (SW). The report to the charity is pending submission **ACTION:** SW

9. **Remembrance Sunday.**

CG confirmed that he will lead on this once again. CG to enquire with the Police about providing a person to control the traffic and/or traffic cones. **ACTION:** CG

10. **Correspondence.**

a) Maureen Reid nee Hine has paid £210 for the ashes of her husband Ian Reid to be buried in Longstock cemetery. She was born here, and the couple married and lived here for many years. MF will coordinate the burial and will then arrange for new site maps to be re-printed and laminated for the cemetery notice board. **ACTION:** MF

b) MF advised that the Rural Communities Fund can provide up to £5k for qualifying projects including resilience issues, and countryside access. The IT desk at the weekly WI market in Stockbridge is funded in this way. AG will check whether the installation of WiFi in Longstock village hall may qualify. **ACTION:** AG

c) A resident advised that surveyors had been seen reviewing vehicle access for Church Road

d) TVBC – hosted by TW - will be holding a conference in Kings Somborne on Saturday 21st Sept with local parish councils from 9.30-12.30. SW will try to attend for LPC as other councillors and the clerk are not available. **ACTION:** SW

e) NALC have asked councilors and clerks to complete a survey on the May elections by 27th Sept. **ACTION:** All

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

a) Rebecca Griffiths's resignation from the LPC has been advised to TVBC, and the respective notices to residents about possible elections are displayed on village notice boards until 9th Sept. **ACTION:** MF

b) The Joyrides Minibus volunteers have asked LPC to make a donation to alleviate the increased costs to their users following the reduction in HCC's financial support. 20% of Joyrides' 30+ regular users live in Longstock. Councillors felt that Joyrides is

an important and valuable local service to our elderly, frail or vulnerable residents, and unanimously agreed to make a £150 one-off grant donation. **ACTION:** MF

c) The co-editors of the Longstock Newsletter would like to investigate the possibility of having some colour pages in the Newsletter. They seek the LPC's in principle agreement to consider this possibility subject to the additional print cost that can be obtained. Councillors agreed they are willing to consider this possibility. SM pointed out that the local Benefice magazine has some colour pages, but that this is collated by hand by volunteers. It is also possible that advertising income might increase with colour adverts. **ACTION:** MF

d) TW advised that there has been a slowdown in planning submissions for larger scale local developments because of "nitrate neutral" regulations for the Solent area.

e) AG advised that HCC has launched a Strategy 2050 project, and has declared a Climate Emergency in line with other UK councils, and will try to promote more solar cells and electric vehicle charging points.

12. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 7th October, then Monday 11th November

Cheques Signed:

1103	SSE	£47.60
1104	I Gibson	£500.00
1105	Came & Co	£1,048.12

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30.