

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF LONGDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Monday
25th July 2016

MINUTES

- 1) **Chairman's welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and explained the running order of the agenda.
- 2) **Present :** Councillor P Carter- Chairman ; Councillor N Evans , Vice-chairman ; Councillor K Lovegrove ; Councillor M Sinclair ; Councillor M Davies ; Councillor C Rigby ; Councillor M Whittall ; Councillor R Evans. **Apologies:** were received from Councillor W Merrick. Also Present L Pardoe, clerk to the Council, David Fairclough Community Enablement Officer and Mark Blount for Countryside Parks both from Shropshire Council. Members of the public (please see attached sheet)
- 3) **Declarations of Interest:** Councillor M Whittall declared an interest in application Ref 16/0283/FUL
- 4) **David Fairclough Community Enablement Officer & Mark Blount Countryside Officer to speak to members about Lyth Hill Countryside Park:** David Fairclough explained that the financial strategy of Shropshire Council in April 2016 there are some services with zero by their budgets. This has meant that officers have had to come up with ways of making these services viable and keeping them in the local areas. They need financial support for the Countryside teams. This will impact on Lyth Hill Countryside Park (LHCP). The proposal is that financial support for this comes 50/50 from Longden Parish Council and Bayston Hill Parish Council. Other Parish Councils will be asked to contribute to other services such as libraries and leisure facilities that are within their boundaries. Mark Blount explained that his team managed 120 sites across Shropshire but that Street Scene is now looking at the urban sites so the Countryside Team is able to concentrate on the rural sites. These sites are of value to the local community and often the value of the properties near these sites is high due to this proximity.
The price is worked out by taking the total hectareage of all the sites and dividing the total cost to Shropshire Council by the hectareage and then using this figure to apportion the cost to the parishes. Using this they have come up with a cost of £13,000 for LHCP.
Councillor P Carter asked if there was to be a delay in making a decision following the announcement in the papers by the leader of Shropshire Council.
David Fairclough said that there may be a possibility of negotiating but they need to have full funding in place by 2018
Councillor R Evans spoke to members of the public stating that originally the deadline was September 2016. At a recent meeting it had been stated that only in a range of services would there be this delay and Countryside Parks was not included Mark Blount responded saying that he had been told that he had a budget until 2018. Shropshire Council has legal obligations for the maintenance of the sites. And if the sites are not funded the service would deteriorate. It would be a very basic service and not what it is now.
The Chairman thanked David & Mark for attending and they then left the meeting.

- 5) **Public Session:** Councillor R Evans explained that between 2009 and 2015 Shropshire Councils policy was not to borrow money. Anything that was built was funded from the sale of assets. Telford & Wrekin however had borrowed money to put developments up and are now getting a better return on their money than if the money was in the bank.

David Morgan from Lyth Hill said that they had done a spot survey on Sunday between 10.00 and 11.00 and guessed that there would have been around 800 visitors that day. He said that Marks team does a wonderful job. On the survey people said that they would rather extra was put on the council tax to fund LHCP rather than car parking charges and donations. Liz Mills from Lyth Hill said that the Countryside parks were a little like libraries that people used them but not necessarily every day or week. If it is not managed it will be abused. There were concerns that the money to fund LHCP is used only for LHCP and not to support other countryside parks not funded in other parts of the county. The Chairman asked if they had found out how many of these visitors came from Longden parish as this would be very relevant.

Planning Application Ref 16/02752/EIA: The Chairman read out his report from a visit he and the Vice-Chairman had made to a similar local poultry unit. Much of which, allayed fears that had been raised in the July meeting. There was however still cause for some concern and he asked for comments to be kept short as there had been considerable time spent on this at the July 6th meeting.

Comments from the floor

- Gentleman said that he had run his dairy business with lots of traffic in the late evening and had never had any complaints
- Councillor N Evans told the meeting that he and the chairman had visited a site which is similar to the proposed development and that the noise and smell was nominal, and as farms go the smell was acceptable.
- Shropshire Council Public Protection points out that night time lorry movements will breach guidelines on noise levels
- There is a noise expert in discussions with Public Protection to look at this issue
- There will be an extraction license with The Environment Agency with regard the extraction of water via a borehole for the running of the development.
- It was asked who will police the route that the hauliers take.
- Mr. Davies explained they are not the only ones who use large vehicles.
- Councillor M Sinclair said the passing places need to be strengthened to take to take the weight of the additional vehicles.
- Councillor R Evans said he had received many complaints about damage to the roads, hedges and trees with the traffic to the Vinnals, How can applicants ensure that only Long Lane is used to move supplies to the Vinnals.

Reference: 16/02838/FUL Myrtle Cottage; comments from the floor

- This is in red brick and out of keeping with surrounding premises.
- It is too close to the highway.
- It is too high

- 6) **Council to discuss implications of taking on the services around the Country Park at Lyth Hill and the extent of their financial contribution.** After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would like to support the Lyth Hill Country Park at a reasonable cost to the Parish Council.

However the Parish Council feels very strongly that Shropshire Council should support the Countryside Parks throughout the county and would hope that Shropshire Council would take on funding the parks in the future. It seems a very unfair for a large burden to be placed on a small parish.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would raise the money by increasing the precept. Proposed by Councillor P Carter; seconded by Councillor N Evans and agreed by all 6 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

7) Planning

i) Council to consider new application: Councillor M Whittall left the meeting at this point

- Reference: 16/02838/FUL
Address: Myrtle Cottage, 3 Roses Cottages, Annscroft, Shrewsbury
Proposal; Application under section 73 of the Town & Country Planning for the retrospective erection of porch to front elevation.
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council cannot support this application as it is too close to the highway and too large. The Parish Council feels that the porch is out of keeping with other in the village.
Proposed By Councillor N Evans; seconded by Councillor K Lovegrove and agreed by all members present.
Councillor M Whittall returned to the meeting at this point.
- Reference:16/16/02481/FUL - Thohebro Court
Proposal: Erection of a detached open market dwelling and garage together with the creation of a new vehicular access: After discussion it was agreed the Parish Council support this application. Proposed by Councillor P Carter; seconded by Councillor N Evans and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 16/02752/EIA
Address; Proposed Poultry Units south of The Vinnals Lower Common, Longden
Proposal: construction of two poultry sheds and feed bins, ancillary work, access improvements, and erection of biomass building and associated landscaping.
After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application with the following provisions. The Applicant needs to strengthen existing and add more passing places along the access route. It is imperative that lorries do not go through Stapleton and stick to their designated route at all times. The Parish Council would request that drivers dip their lights when approaching properties in the night journeys. The applicants need to be considerate of their neighbours and notify when there is a cleaning out due.
Proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor M Davies and agreed by 7 votes to 1.

Councillor R Evans made all decisions based on the information known to him at the time of the meeting.

8) **Date and time of next meeting:-**It was agreed that this would 7th September 2016 at 7.30pm at Longden Village Hall:

9) The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 10.30pm

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