

## MEETING OF LONGDEN PARISH COUNCIL

6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### MINUTES

- 1) **Chairman welcome;** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
- 2) **Present ;** Councillor N Evans- Chairman ; Councillor P Carter- Vice-Chairman ; I Councillor W Merrick ; Councillor M Whittall ; Councillor C Rigby ; Councillor R Evans; Also present L Pardoe clerk to the council Maria Howells from Shropshire Council and 8 members of the public. PCSO Tim Bradley (See attached sheet) & Apologies were received from Councillor CA Roberts K Roberts and K Lovegrove who had prior commitments.
- 3) **Declarations of Interest:** There were none at this point
- 4) **Ian Walshaw to Speak on speeding through the parish:** Apologies were received from Ian Walshaw
- 5) **Maria Howells to speak on Affordable Housing in the village of Longden:** This visit was following on from the visit in June when a potential site was spoken of but was not favored by the Parish Council. She had met with the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Council and they had looked at other potential sites within the village. One had been flagged up on the edge of the village next to the Golden Arrow Court development.  
Shropshire Council wants the Parish Council permission to undertake Housing Needs Survey to ascertain the extent of need for affordable housing within the Parish. It needs to work on a wider survey than that was done for the Parish Plan.  
Councillor C Rigby asked why the Parish Plan would not do for this. Maria explained that the housing needs would take in the school and its catchment area. The Housing survey would establish the need for and sizes of houses needed.  
Councillor R Evans said he had received a telephone call from a concerned resident to a development next to Golden Arrow Court as the lane is very narrow and the road is becoming a rabbit run. He said they needed the survey to gauge the need and would be useful for future developments
- 6) **Public Comments:** *Standing Orders were lifted to allow the public to speak.*  
A representative of the Longden Village Action Group (LVAG) said that they were interested in assessment to see needs and they are not against development but are reticent after the recent spate of planning applications within the parish. The Development Statement is being updated and there will be a public meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October and feeding back to the Parish Council on November 1<sup>st</sup>. They felt that single figures of up to 5 houses would be more appropriate. They felt that adjacent to the Golden Arrow site would have negative visual impact on the skyline.  
The bus route needs to be improved as the bus is not getting into Shrewsbury until after 9.00 and this makes it extremely difficult for people commuting in this way.  
A gentleman wanted to make a complaint about the Arriva bus 546 last Friday as it was 10 minutes late picking up. The return service at 12.07 was cancelled leaving him an additional 2 hours to wait for the next bus returning to Longden. He stated that there were at least 5 other elderly people waiting for the bus. Councillor R Evans said that it was not good enough to just withdraw the service and not acceptable. If the bus company was short of drivers they could reduce a town service where the buses run every 10-20 minutes.  
**The clerk to write a letter of complaint to Arriva.** The rural bus services need to maintain on their regular routes.

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Standing Orders were reinstated.

- 7) **Police Report:** PCSO T Bradley reported that PC Ross Cookson is the new Police Constable and hopes to attend a Parish Council meeting in the very near future. The area is now called Shrewsbury Rural West and contact details are [Shrewsburyrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Shrewsburyrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

The Police are trying to reduce rural crime and they are hoping to get the mobile Police Station to the Farmers Markets to engage with the Farmers

Councillor Carter asked if the Police were working on reducing rural speeding and they are using the van to increase awareness of their presence.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Bradley for his time and PCSO Bradley then left the room.

- 8) **Shropshire Councillor Report;** Councillor R Evans reported that Shropshire Council will object to the proposals from The Police & Crime Commissioner that he should take over running the Fire Authority. The Parish Council objected to this proposal. Shropshire Councils Economic Development is out now. There is to be an opportunity to hear more on this at The Theater Severn on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 9.15am to 12.00.

There is a predicted £4 million overspend at the beginning of the financial year. In 2014 there were 3050 employed this is now down to 2400.

An application in Longden at The Rectory which has been recommended for approval is looking at the S106 with the legal team; there is an offer on the table if Longden Parish Council wishes to take this up for legal representation to ensure that the Parish Council views are fully represented.

The application in Well Mead lane. There are issues with the road access and drainage. It must be shown in engineering drawing how the bridge will be built over the roots of the tree without damaging the roots or branches.

- 9) **Confirmation and Acceptance of Minutes of meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017:** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting; proposed by Councillor W Merrick; seconded by Councillor C Rigby and agreed by all members present.

- 10) **Matters arising:-**All matters were covered on the agenda

- 11) **Planning:** i) clerk to report on earlier applications

Reference: 16/03406/OUT: Address: Land west of The Rectory, Plealey Lane, Longden

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 14 dwellings to include access awaiting decision

Reference: 16/04978/FUL: Address: The Curlews, Great Lyth, Shrewsbury, SY3 0BA Proposal: Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/00700/FUL: Proposed dwelling west of White House, Exfords Green, Shrewsbury. Awaiting decision.

Reference: 17/00739/FUL: Round House Farm, Exfords Farm, Exfords Green, Longden, Awaiting decision

Reference: 16/02395/FUL: Reconsultation due to amendment on application 16/02395/Ful Land off Manor Lane. Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/00896/FUL (validated: 9<sup>th</sup> March): The Farriers, Annscroft, Shrewsbury. Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/01780/FUL: Land To The West Of Green Lane, Exfords Green, Shrewsbury, Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/02068/VAR; 3 Chapel Cottages, Hookagate, Shrewsbury Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/02251/FUL(validated 11/5/2017): Myrtle Bank, Exfords Green, Awaiting Decision

Reference: 17/02306/VAR106: proposed residential development east of Wellbatch Farm, Hookagate. Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/02402/FUL: New Inn Hookagate, Awaiting decision.

**ii Council to consider new applications.**

- Reference: 17/03984/V106W

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Address; proposed dwelling south of Pen-y-Pont, Hookagate

Proposal: Variation of S106 for planning application 14/03549/FUL to reduce the level of affordable housing.

*After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council object to this as the property is nearing completion. Proposed Councillor M Whittall; seconded by Councillor P Carter and agreed by all members present.*

- Reference 17/01780/FUL

Address; Land to the west of Green Lane, Exfords Green.

Proposal: Erection of 4 No dwellings; 1 No 4 bay and 1 No 2 bay open car ports and the formation of new vehicular access.

*After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council stand by their previous comments for this application as below;*

*After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council do not support this application. The Parish Council is over the quota for this area in the SAMDev. This would be overdevelopment of Exfords Green. There is a lack of amenities in Exfords Green and this is not a sustainable location. The road infrastructure is bad in this area.*

*Proposed by councillor M Whittall; seconded by Councillor P Carter and agreed by all members present*

- Reference 17/03822/FUL

Address: Hazels Bank, Exfords Green

Proposal: Erection of two storey and single storey extensions and erection of a detached 3 bay garages/ workshop with storage over.

*After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application. Proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor P Carter; There were 5 in favour of this and 1 objection.*

- Reference: 17/04058/FUL

Address: 10 Meadowbrook Cottages, Annscroft

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension

*After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application. Proposed by Councillor R Evans; seconded by Councillor N Evans and agreed by all members present.*

**iii Report on any decisions made by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk during the August break.** There were none made.

## 12) Highway Matters:

- It was agreed to accept the costs for the VAS in Hookagate. The delay in receiving this was due to the Shropshire Council officer sending the quotation to the wrong parish council with the name of the parish council spelt incorrectly. This would cost £6 355.70 p and to be placed outside the Nursery. Proposed by Councillor R Evans; Seconded by Councillor M Whittall.
- The footpaths are still being obstructed by some hedges in Annscroft. The clerk to bring this up at the clerks meeting with Chris Edwards on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.
- Councillor M Whittall reported that there are three street lights that are obscured by the foliage of the trees. Clerk to report this to the E-On for them to look at.
- Councillor R Evans reported that the construction work at Exfords Green in the Highways opinion needs planning permission.

13) **Communications and Correspondence:** This was noted. The clerk notified members of forthcoming consultation meets see below.

## 14) Council to consider current consultations

- Library Strategy; It was agreed that Longden parish Council object to the proposal to remove Longden Common from the list of stops. There is a poor bus service in the rural areas and to access the nearest library would require numerous buses.  
Proposed by Councillor P Carter; seconded by Councillor N Evans and agreed by all members present.

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- Car Parking Strategy: Longden Parish Council do not support any increase in parking charges or alterations to the timing of the charges. They feel it will be detrimental to the evening night life in Towns.  
The Council objects to the 8.00 start of free evening parking.  
The Council objects to the increase for on street parking. Proposed by Councillor R Evans; seconded by Councillor W Merrick and agreed by all members present.
- Local Plan Review update. There will be an update at the Area Committee Meeting on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at The Guildhall starting at 6.30pm.

#### 15) Finance:

- (a) Accounts due for payment; It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk; Proposed by Councillor W Merrick; seconded by Councillor N Evans and agreed by all members present.

Chq No	Amount	services	Amount
242 J Boyd		grasscutting	98.00
243 Mazars		Audit Fees	120.00
244 N Power		Lighting	974.27
245 L Pardoe		Expenses	67.44
S/O LPardoe		Salary	504.47
246 LPardoe		Domain name purchase	95.88
		Total	1860.06

- (b) Council to receive Bank Account reconciliation: It was agreed to accept the Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk: Proposed by Councillor W Merrick; seconded by Councillor N Evans and agreed by all members present.
- (c) Council to approve any payments received after agenda has been sent out: There were none
- (d) Council to receive External Auditors report. This was received by the Council.
- (e) Council to note new External Auditors from 2017/2018 are PKF Littlejohn LLP .The new Auditors were noted
- (f) Council to agree the Assets Register. The clerk explained that following discussion with the External Auditors the street lights should remain that same as replacing the lamps was classed as maintenance
- (g) Council to consider quotation for change of tariff on electricity charges: It was agreed that the Parish Council should change tariffs to receive cheaper electricity: Proposed by Councillor M Whittall; seconded by Councillor W Merrick and agreed by all members present.
- (h) It was agreed that the clerk should place an order for the VAS for Hookagate. See item 12a above. Proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor W Merrick

#### 16) Play Areas:

- Councillor Carter and the clerk reported to the Council on why they had taken the decision to close the small Annscroft Play Area following an e-mail via Shropshire Council from the Play Area Inspectors who highlighted many grave concerns. The clerk still had not received the final report and was chasing this up.
- Councillor P Carter reported that the Fun Run and Walk was all set for the 23<sup>rd</sup> September and encouraged all those who could to please attend.

**Standing Orders were lifted to allow the meeting to continue past 9.30pm.**

#### 17) Parish Matters:

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- a) Councillor N Evans to report on the development of the Parish Plan. This is nearing completion and there will be a series of launches at the local pubs and the school. It is hoped to have it ready for adoption by the Parish Council in November.
- b) Councillor W Merrick reported that The Licensee of the Tankerville Arms is not going to run the pub anymore and is looking for a landlord.
- c) Councillor M Whittall reported that a lot of papers had been removed from the Notice Board in Annscroft. Some of these needed to be replaced.
- d) Councillor R Evans noted that there had been an offer of sponsorship for a solicitor to represent the Parish Councils views which was gratefully received. The Parish Council agreed to accept this offer.
- e) Councillor P Carter reported that during recent road works outside his house the traffic lights had slowed the traffic down considerably.
- f) Councillor Carter reported that there was to be a Charity Harvest Auction on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017. All who could please attend?

18) **Date and time of next meeting.** It was agreed that this would be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm at Longden Village Hall:

19) **The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.55pm**