

Longstock Parish Council – Meeting from 5th February 20 Update

Longstock NHP

Engagement

As per January's update, detailed planning is now under way for two duplicate community engagement events in Longstock Village Hall.

These will be held on;

Sunday **29th March 20** starting at 3pm and

Thursday **2nd April 20** starting at 7pm

The objectives of both events are; to provide residents with opportunities to meet SG members, to give a progress report on Longstock's NHP so far and to hear more about the SG next steps.

Sarah Hughes, TVBC NHP Engagement Officer will be attending the evening event (sadly she's unavailable for 29th March) and it is hoped that she will be able to provide a view of NHP's from a Borough Council perspective. SG members will man information points and our consultants (Plan-et) will also be on standby to answer any technical queries.

Funding:

Since LPC's last meeting, two NHP monetary grants had been applied for. These consisted of a one-off payment of £1000 from Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) and a national grant of £9000 from Locality.

We're still awaiting confirmation of approval for the TVBC grant application however the grant Expression of Interest to Locality was approved and swiftly followed by confirmation that the Longstock SG would be entitled to receive the full £9000 Locality grant.

A request for an initial draw down of £3060 (of the £9,000) funding to support the SG until the end of this financial year (19/20) has been approved and we are currently waiting an advisory email from Groundwork UK (who administered the grant) to advise of next steps.

Note: Grant funding will be paid into LPC's bank account. Invoices will be authorised by the NHP Chair / Vice Chair and paid by LPC Parish Clerk. Unfortunately, **grant funding cannot be used to pay VAT on invoices / receipts**. VAT must be paid by the PC and claimed back.

Angie Filippa

NHP Chair