

LONGDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday
5th October 2016

MINUTES

- 1) **Chairman welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He read out a brief statement explaining to the members of the Public that the Parish Council were volunteers who were elected to represent their electorate and they were bound by the codes of conduct, whereby they treated everyone with courtesy and respect. He hoped that the members of the public would behave likewise during their debates as at the last meeting they had been quite vocal and almost intimidating in their comments towards the members of the parish council.
- 2) **Present:** Councillor P Carter- Chairman ; Councillor N Evans –Vice-chairman ; Councillor R Evans ; Councillor K Lovegrove ; Councillor M Davies ; Councillor W Merrick ; Councillor C Rigby ; Councillor M Whittall ; Garry Johnson from E-On; L Pardoe clerk to the meeting Members of the public (Please see attached sheet) **Apologies** were received from Councillor M Sinclair ; These were accepted by the Council.
- 3) **Declarations of Interest:** There were none at this point.
- 4) **Garry Johnson from E-on to speak to members on the replacement of existing lamps with more efficient and cost effective units.** Garry Johnson explained to those present that LED lights are taking over, they are more efficient, cheaper and the light is better from them. Sox lights are more difficult to get hold of and as a result are more expensive. Within the next 5 years Sox lights will stop being manufactured.
It is possible to have dimmable or non-dimmable lights. They can be changed all at once or as and when they fail. Councillor Rigby asked how long a warranty they had on the LEDs. Garry replied that they would be 12 month manufacturers' guarantee but manufacturers say that they do go for up to 25 years. If all the lamps were changed at the same time there would be no maintenance charge for that year as it would be covered by the guarantee. This would save £1,600 in that year alone. The drivers were the part that normally went but usually last at least 6 years.
If the Parish Council changed their lighting units there would be considerable saving as the new lights use less electricity and if they were dimmable then that would again increase the savings.
The lights would have a cover on and as they only light downwards there would be no light pollution from them.
If the Parish Council went for dimmable units, they are at full strength until about 8.00pm then from 8.00 to midnight they reduce to 75% and from midnight to 6.00am they reduce again to 50 %, they then go back to full power until they go off at 8.00am
The Chairman thanked Garry for attending and explaining this to the members.
- 5) **Public Comments: *Standing Orders were suspended to allow the members of the public to speak***
General comments; A gentleman has had an application approved but there is a street light in the middle of his proposed new access. He wished to know who to approach to have this removed. Councillor R Evans suggested contacting Highways to ask them how to go about this.
Planning Comments:
16/02752/EIA:
A gentleman was concerned the effects this application would have on the Shropshire Way, the noise to local residents , the junction on the main road from Longden to Pulverbatch. There would be a lot of heavy traffic in unclassified lanes. There needs to consideration to others in the area e.g. hikers and cyclists. It is not in keeping with Shropshire Councils sustainability policy.

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A lady asked if the Parish Council was aware of that the statutory noise limits would be breached prior to their decision at the last meeting to support this application.

Councillor Carter explained that the Parish Council had returned to the application as the Parish Council was unaware of the detail of the report, and they did not realize the strength of the opposition. The lady was not satisfied with this. Councillor R Evans pointed out that The Public Protection have concerns that the material considerations being used conservative estimates were not being used. The applicant stated that the officer from Shropshire Council was concerned over the level of the noise. The applicant said they would tarmac the road to reduce the noise.

Councillor R Evans said that The Public Protection said that residents should not have to have noise levels through the night and suffer the effects of changing their sleeping arrangements with noise levels considerably over the maximum levels.

The applicant said he had loaded up sheep in the middle of the night and had received no complaints as to the noise.

A lady stated that the route proposed by Mouchel was unenforceable. Mouchel wants there to be wider splays and passing places along the proposed route.

Emily Fox spoke on a proposal to build a single detached property at Lower Common for herself and her partner to live in. Councillor P Carter explained that the Parish is up to its numbers for SAMDev and there have been recent applications in the area which have been refused.

Standing Orders were reinstated at this point.

- 6) **Police Report:** Councillor M Whittall asked if there was any information on how effective the speed vans have been within the parish. Councillor R Evans said that it would be three months before the information is available. The Parish Council wanted to ask for Longden to be included in the Community Speed watch scheme.
- 7) **Confirmation and Acceptance of Minutes of meeting held on 7th September 2016:** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting; proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor N Evans and agreed by all members present.
- 8) **Matters arising:-** Clerk to report information only items not covered elsewhere on the agenda. There were none at this time
- 9) **Planning:** i) clerk to report on earlier applications

Reference: 14/02230/OUT: The Firs, Exfords Green *Pending Consideration*

Reference: 15/00939/FUL: Proposed affordable dwelling SE of Green Acres, Annscroft, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. *Pending Consideration*

Reference: 16/00462/REM: Proposed dwelling South of Lythfield, Annscroft, Shrewsbury, SY5 8AN: *Awaiting decision;*

Reference: 16/02395/FUL

Address: Proposed development land south of Plealey Lane Longden

Proposal: Erection of 7 no bungalows and associated infrastructure. Awaiting Decision.

Reference: 16/02515/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a Holiday Cabin to include the change of use of land. *To Planning Committee on 25th August 2016 Back to Planning Committee 29th September*

Reference: 16/02752/EIA: The Vinnals, Lower Common; Proposed Poultry Units. *Awaiting decision*

Reference: 16/03100/REM

Address: Proposed dwelling south of Redhill Cottage, Redhill, Shrewsbury.

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Proposal: Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping. Layout & Scale) pursuant to permission 14/04786/Out for the erection of one dwelling and garage to include means of access.

Awaiting decision

Reference: 16/03237/FUL

Address: proposed dwelling south of Lythfield Annscroft, Shrewsbury

Proposal: Erection of one (open market) dwelling and detached double garage. Awaiting decision

Reference: 16/03278/FUL: Stapleton Grange, Longden, Shrewsbury

Proposal: Conversion of existing agricultural building into 1 No dwelling. Awaiting decision

Reference: 16/03312/OUT: Proposed Residential Development Land North of The Red Lion, Longden Common. Shrewsbury

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of up to three dwellings to include access (existing access to be closed off) Awaiting decision

Reference; 16/03347/FUL: Tankerville Arms, Shrewsbury Road, Longden

Proposal: Creation of three bedroom semi-detached dwelling. Awaiting decision

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: 16/03600/VAR

Address: Land at Longden, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 8EX

Proposal: Variation of condition No1 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 14/00088/REM dated 9th April 2014 for reserved matters (appearance) for the erection of 13 no. dwellings pursuant to Outline application 08/1194/O (subsequently varied by planning permission reference 10/03473/VAR) to allow additional windows on Plot 13 to improve natural daylighting and to provide views to the open countryside beyond. Awaiting decision

ii) Council to consider new applications.

Reference: 15/05027/FUL

Spring Cottage: Lyth Hill, Shrewsbury

Proposal: Erection of a 5 bedroom dwelling and detached garage following demolition of existing dwelling and garage:

This has been refused and is now going to appeal. After discussion the Parish Council agreed that they had no further comments to make to their original ones opposing this application.

iii) Council to consider any new applications received after 26th September 2016

- Reference: 16/02752/EIA

Due to new information the Parish Council is revisiting this application.

After discussion Councillor R Evans proposed that the application be rejected based on the report from the Public Protection over the unacceptable noise levels. Seconded by Councillor N Evans There were two for the proposal, one abstention and five against the proposal.

Councillor P Carter proposed that the application be supported but there to be provisions on the application.

The Parish Council to request TPO on the trees that would be affected by the application and mentioned by the Tree Officer in their report. Request that the Conservation Officers check to ensure that below the ground stays the same.

A section 106 to ensure that lane is tarmacked and sufficient passing places are put in place. The Highways arrangements and rights of way are strictly adhered to.

Seconded by Councillor C Rigby; there were 2 against the proposal , one abstention and 5 for the proposal. Proposal was carried.

- Reference: 16/04304/FUL

Address: Ridgebourne House, Annscroft, Shrewsbury. SY5 8AN

Proposal: Erection of a triple garage with garden room over.

Due to the lateness of this application it was agreed to request an extension for the consideration of this application to the next meeting.

iv) Council to look at proposals to amend the planning consultation process and comment.

The clerk reported that there are considerations to changing the planning application proposals in the future and we will be consulted on these if they come to fruition.

Councillor R Evans reported that one of the new properties at Exfords Green has built a brick wall which extends fully on to the highway. The clerk to ask enforcement Officers to look to this please.

Also the property being built at Summerhouse Orchard in Summerhouse Lane, Longden is not compliant with the planning application and the clerk is to refer this to enforcement officers too.

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

10) Highway Matters:

- (a) Clerk reported that she had been in communication with the clerk from Conover and it was agreed that both Longden and Conover Parish Council would add the request for sufficient passing places to be added to the lane from Exfords Green to the A49 as the lane is in both parishes. It was also agreed to add the junction of Summerhouse Lane and the main road to the sites of Community concern as the traffic there is too fast and causes a problem for people crossing the road.

Also to look at moving the VAS in Longden to nearer the junction with Summerhouse Lane.

- (b) Councillors reported that there is frequently flooding at Stansfield on Long Lane as the ditches need cleaning out.

Councillor R Evans said that Shropshire Council may consider building a Bus Shelter in Longden if the Parish Council takes on the maintenance of it. A good place would be next to the phone box where there is to be a bench.

Councillor M Whittall reported that the hedges in Annscroft are still overgrown and have not been cut back. It was agreed to resend the letter for this to Councillor Lovegrove and she would deliver these to those properties whose hedges were overgrown.

Councillor R Evans reported that residents near the Arrow development were concerned as their houses were shaking during some of the recent work. He is looking further into this.

Councillor R Evans reported that the Green Cabinet is now in place in Lyth Hill for the Fibre broadband and they are now just waiting for supply from Western Power

The site lines at Annscroft crossroads need cutting. There are also road signs covered by foliage.

- (c) Council to consider replacing street lights with more efficient units. It was agreed that the clerk would send the details of all options to the members for the converting of the street lights when received from Garry Johnson and this would be discussed at the next meeting.

11) Finance:

Accounts due for payment; It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor P Carter; seconded by Councillor C Rigby and agreed by all members present.

Payee

	Amount	services	Amount
05-Oct	HMRC	PAYE	0.80

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L Pardoe	Salary & Expenses	508.15
R J Savage	Grass cutting	300.00
Total		808.95

- (a) Council to receive Bank Account reconciliation; It was agreed to receive the Bank Reconciliation as present by the clerk; Proposed by Councillor P Carter a; seconded by Councillor C Rigby and agreed by all members present.
- (b) Balance held at Bank; Treasurers Account: £108.35; Instant Access Account £37,702.51p
Total £37,810.86p.
- (c) Council to approve any payments received after agenda has been sent out. There were none
- (d) Council to consider the erection of a new Notice Board in Exfords Green following the additional properties being built there. This to be deferred to a later meeting.

12) **Play Areas:**

- Councillor P Carter reported that there are currently two applications in for funding for refurbishing the Play Areas. one to the Big Lottery and another to Aviva.
- Councillor W Merrick reported that the grass was cut and the weeds have been sprayed, although there was no liner in the bin in the Annscroft Play Area. The dog bin had been emptied.
- The clerk reported that she had contacted the clerk at Hanwood Parish Council and been told that the gentleman who dealt with their play area was about to retire. He has since retired and his line manager had been in touch and they were unable to assist in maintaining the Play areas for us until probably January 2017 as they were in the process of recruiting for this post.
- Council to reassess the grass cutting for the Play Areas. It was agreed to get tenders for the grass cutting. The clerk to forward the details to Councillor Lovegrove to liaise with contractors.

13) **Councillors to report on meeting held to formulate the Parish Plan.** The drop in session was well attended and there was to be a meeting on 20th to discuss the results.

14) **Communications and Correspondence:** This was noted.

15) **Parish Matters:**

- (a) Clerk to report on matters previously reported
- (b) Council to discuss the Purchase of two picnic benches for the Village Hall. Deferred to the November meeting
- (c) Council to consider if it wishes to apply for funding for the next round of defibrillator funding. Deferred to the November meeting
- (d) It was reported that there were talks of removing the Phone Box in Longden Common. The clerk to write to BT and state that we are aware of the rumors and ask for information if this is the case.

16) **Shropshire Council Matters:-** Councillor R Evans had reported items in other parts of the meeting. At the LJC the Youth Commissioning has been reduced.

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- 17) **Date and time of next meeting:**-It was agreed that this would be held 2nd November 2016 at 7.30pm at Longden Village Hall. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 10.35pm