

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
19:00 MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

- Present:** Cllr Alice Foster (AFo) – Chairman
Cllr Selina Musters (SM) – Vice Chairman
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF),
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ)
Cllr Beccy Soper (BS)
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt, Ian Jeffries (IJ), TVBC Councillor (part of the meeting), 1 Parishioner
- 1) **Apologies:** Nicky Goodridge TV School, David Drew HCC Councillor, Cllr Kirsty Dominick-Gibson (KDG) and Colin McIntyre (CM) Leckford Estate
 - 2) **Declarations of interest**
 - None.
 - 3) **Minutes of PC Meeting of 11th December 2023**
 - Unanimously agreed for adoption and signed by AFo.
 - 4) **Points from the Floor**
 - Geoffrey Wort presented a report regarding the creation of a nature recovery network across the country and wildlife corridors. He wishes to enlist PC support in generating community interest in the project with individuals completing a HCC survey together with a renewed call for help. He would like to enlist a group of enthusiastic village volunteers to support the project. PC agreed to promote in the Newsletter and AFo will add an article on the Longstock Village Facebook page. **ACTION:** SJ to co-ordinate input
 - 5) **Planning**
 - a) Previous applications TVBC decisions – 28 Roman Road – Alterations to and conversion of garage to utility and bathroom - Permission granted.
 - b) IJ was questioned about the planning application for the Church Road development where there is no update on the online portal since November. **ACTION:** IJ to email the Clerk with an update
 - 6) **Leckford Estate**
 - No report
 - 7) **Test Valley School**
 - AFo advised that Nicky Goodridge will update the PC about the school in February.
 - 8) **HCC Report (DD) & TVBC Report (IJ)**
 - In DD absence, AFo advised he has provided his HCC report that is also available on the Longstock website.
 - IJ provided his report. Trout 'n' About will take place on 4th August and applications are being taken from anyone who wishes to have a stall. Mottisfont has an exhibition of Heath Robinson drawings running from 20/01 – 14/04. TVBC is running a campaign regarding ASTER managed properties with a sewage treatment plant. It appears that ASTER has not been maintaining these plants or has funds been put aside for replacement. Meetings are planned mid-January with the local MP and ASTER to try to rectify the issue. There are 19 locations in Test Valley that have this issue including Verlynch Cottages in Longstock. TVBC are gathering information to support the campaign so if anyone has any Sewage Inspection Reports for an ASTER property undertaken by Ridge Consultants in approx. 2015 then TVBC would like to hear. Please contact the Clerk who can provide further information.
 - 9) **Correspondence**
 - Items noted on previously circulated report with the agenda.
 - Discussion on whether the PC should sign up to a village presentation from Dragonfly Power regarding 'Leaky Homes'. In principle the PC is supportive. SM and Clerk are attending a session on 20/01/2024 and will report back.

10) Playground (BS)

- Next meeting of the playground sub-committee is due on 15/01 at 9:30 to agree the equipment required and which quotes to use for the grant. The Playground Grant sub-committee will then meet to take forward the proposals. Fundraising and donations to the fund currently amount to £7,261.35.
- Trout sales provided £497.50 and will be mentioned in the newsletter to thank the individuals involved. Further information to follow on the Peat Spade 'count the candy canes' and sale of Christmas cards.
- On 13/01, BS and SJ to remove the redundant Viking swing. **ACTION:** BS and SJ

11) Highways

- Clerk expressed concerns that the majority of reported issues are not being updated on the HCC website. The common comment on the website is that they will be completed in the next 2 months. However in most cases two months has elapsed and the issues are still outstanding. Clerk to contact DD about next steps to escalate the concerns. Rather than list individual items in the minutes, the Clerk maintains a spreadsheet of all reported concerns. Any questions – refer to the Clerk.
- AF requested two additional potholes on Roman Road to be reported **ACTION:** Clerk
- SJ to provide details of a tree on Longstock Road that is overhanging and causing issues for higher sided vehicles.

12) Finance

- **Monthly Finance Report** – pre-circulated and noted.
- **Budget** – Clerk provided budget update with December expenditure and the earmarked playground and NHP funds separated. PC agreed this version with no change in the precept of £9,000. AFo signed the precept request form to TVBC. **ACTION:** Clerk to publish the budget on the website.
- PC agreed the Dog Waste collection contract for 2024/25 at £236.65.
- Clerk advised that the grass cutting contract is due to renew on 01/04. The current contractor has given an indication that he would be pleased to continue and a meeting is to be arranged at the beginning of March to discuss terms. SJ suggested that alternative quotes should be obtained. It was difficult last year to obtain competitive quotes. **ACTION:** Provide names to the Clerk of any local suppliers who can be approached.

13) D-Day 80 (AFo)

- AFo is co-ordinating with the sub group about arrangements for a Village event and they are in hand. **ACTION:** AFo

14) Past Chairman Board (CG)

- Visit arranged to the Winchester Archives on 16/01 which should give an idea of the number of Chairmen there have been and will shape the ideas of the board/notice and proposals to be provided at the next PC meeting. **ACTION:** CG

15) Councillors' Reports.

a. Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)

- Affordable housing – no update on Church Road Development.
- NHP – Meeting set with the consultants to plan the next steps and update will be provided in February.

b. Allotments, Cemetery and Henry Smith Charity. (KDG)

- Henry Smith – KDG absent but pre-circulated a report to PC members.
 - Report read regarding the funds requested to support children from Longstock at Stockbridge Primary School who have attended past school trips. The matter remains unresolved as further information was required and in KDG absence could not be presented.
 - Henry Smith lunch will take place on Tuesday 13th February 2024. Clerk agreed to collate attendees. The caterer requires final numbers the week before, so some nudging may be required to ensure we get accurate numbers. It will be promoted in the Newsletter and on the village Facebook page. **ACTION:** SM to provide a list of duties to prepare for the event and on the day. These can then be allocated to PC members. AFo to promote on the Facebook page and place in newsletter.
 - A donation has been received into the Henry Smith account for £500 from a villager. The PC agreed that the funds will be used towards the costs of this year's lunch.
- Cemetery – Annual Cemetery clear up date agreed of Saturday 17th Feb at 10am-Noon. **ACTION:** SJ to promote in the newsletter to obtain more volunteers.

c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG)

- Footpaths – Muddy! One finger post and 3 Restricted Byway fingers have been delivered by Hampshire Countryside Service to replace the missing finger at the E end of FP 12. BS volunteered to put it up. The post and 2 fingers are to replace the missing sign at Ratz Lodge on FP 9.
- Lengthsman – No planned tasks for December but January will be cleaning the road signs and street furniture plus a litter pick. He will also jet wash the Longstock/Stockbridge Test bridge railings as decided by the PC. Finally he will put up the proper Post and signs at the Ratz Lodge junction on FP 9. February’s planned task is to clean out the drainage grips between Bottom Road and Southside.
- Rather than the Lengthsman providing quotes to replace the parking area wire and posts around the overflow car park, AFo will take forward with a local resident who is offering to replace the posts and the PC pay for materials.

d. Test Valley School (TVS), Litter Picking, Website and Longstock Road Safety Plan. (AFo)

- No report

e. Environment, Dog Waste and Newsletter (SJ)

- Environment – Refer to Geoffrey Wort presentation.
- Newsletter – Copy deadline for the next issue is 15th January. Reminder that content is required. SM to provide content for the front page. Another Councillor requested to do the next issue.

f. Village Hall. (SM)

- Village Hall – All well.

16) Matters Raised and for possible inclusion on next month’s agenda

- Speeding Traffic – Concerns raised again about traffic speeding through the village and the danger to pedestrians where there is no footpath. To be highlighted in the forthcoming newsletter.
- Timer – proposal that the agenda items have timings set next to them. Guests have 10 mins plus 5 mins for questions and Councillors 5 mins per item. To be implemented at the Feb meeting.

17) Date of Next Meeting

- Agreed as Monday 12th February at 7:00pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Month: Dec 2023

Date of PC Meeting: 08/01/2024

Bank Account Status as at 31/12/2023

Current Account	£ 17,777.30
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Income Received in Dec 2023

(Items included in the current account balance above)

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
BACS	14/12/2023	Featherstone Flowers	Newsletter advert	£ 25.00
BACS	20/12/2023	The Hub	Newsletter advert (error rec'd twice)	£ 125.00

Payments Approved in Dec 2023

(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
DD	06/12/2023	SSE	Street light electricity	£ 61.15

* Faster Payment authorised by Cllrs

Payments Approved (Items NOT included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
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CHQ	09/11/2023	Royal British Legion	Wreath donation	£	125.00
CHQ	09/11/2023	Patrick Coates	Audit cost	£	50.00

Projected Bank Account Status (including all approved items)

Current Account	£	17,602.30
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Invoices received and requiring authorisation for payment

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
Letter	20/12/2023	TVBC	Dog Bin empty contract – April 24/25 – response due 01/03/2024	£236.65

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Mrs G. Bulplitt

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<p>Treasurers Account</p> <p></p> <p>£ 17,777.30 ></p>	<p>Treasurers Account</p> <p></p> <p>£ 3,232.59 ></p>	<p>Treasurers Account</p> <p></p> <p>£ 852.52 ></p>
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