

LONGDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 1st June 2016

MINUTES

- 1) **Chairman welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
- 2) **Present :** Councillor P Carter, Councillor N Evans, Councillor R Evans , Councillor K Lovegrove Councillor M Whittall , Councillor C Rigby Councillor M Sinclair Councillor W Merrick **Apologies** were received from Councillors M Davies. Also present was L Pardoe clerk to the Council and members of the public(please see sheet)
- 3) **Declarations of Interest:** Councillor K Lovegrove declared an Interest in Planning application no 16/01837/OUT
- 4) **Public Comments:** A representative on behalf of Savills spoke on the proposal to develop land at the side of the Rectory. There had been a presentation day the previous week at the Village Hall. This had been well attended by around 30 residents who had raised their concerns which they would take on board. He was asked if this was Phase 1 or Phase 2 and would there be further development later. He replied by saying that they had not been instructed to do any more than this one development. Councillor R Evans said he hoped that the diocese would agree to adopt Shropshire Councils local letting policy and criteria.
Councillor K Lovegrove commented there ought to be some way to prevent anyone who bought these houses allowing access through their land for other purposes.
Councillor R Evans commented that residents are apprehensive about access to the field for developments on the field adjoining this proposal. He asked if the diocese would consider ceding a strip of land to the Parish Council to prevent access on to the field.
A gentleman reported that he is concerned over the dog faeces on the footpath in Annscroft from the telephone box through the village. He is also concerned at the speeding within Annscroft. The Chairman replied that the Parish Council is continually looking at ways to keep speeding through the villages down.
He is also concerned that in a cultural county like Shropshire there is talk of closing our libraries.
Mr. J Fielding Lovegrove spoke briefly on his application. They have addressed many issues that were causing concern in the previous application.
Mr. & Mrs. Faulkner spoke of the need for their new property as Mrs. Faulkner has health issues and they wish to downsize so the property and garden is easier to cope with. They will sell the existing property to finance the development.
A question was asked about the proposal for a Poultry Unit. Residents were concerned at the noise, volume of traffic and the smell. Councillor R Evans explained that this was at present a scoping assessment to see what would be needed to submit an application. In due course it would come to the Parish council for consideration. Councillor P Carter added that these very concerns were part of the Parish Councils response to the scoping exercise
- 5) **Police Report:** Circulated by e-mail
- 6) **Confirmation and Acceptance of Minutes of meeting held on 4th May 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.
- 7) **Matters arising:-**There were no matters arising.
- 8) **Planning:** i)clerk to report on earlier applications

Reference: 14/01589/FUL: The Cygnets *Pending Consideration*

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

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Reference: 14/04876/OUT: Proposed dwelling Redhill Cottage, Hookagate: *Pending Consideration*

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

Reference: 15/004590/FUL: Tankerville Arms, Shrewsbury Road, Longden, SY5 8EX: Awaiting decision.

Reference: 15/04640/DIS: Proposed dwelling north of Chapel Cottages Hookagate. Pending Consideration.

Reference: 15/04587/FUL: Land North of Exfords Green, Shrewsbury: Pending Consideration.

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

Reference: 16/00702/SCO: Proposed Poultry Units South of the Vinnals, Lower Common, Longden: Awaiting decision

Reference: 16/01008/REM: Proposed residential development east of Wellbatch Farm, Hookagate, Shrewsbury. Awaiting decision

Reference: 16/01560/FUL

Address: Stapleton Grange, Longden, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 8 Awaiting decision

Reference: 16/01563/FUL: Address: Stapleton Grange, Longden, Shrewsbury Shropshire. SY5 8HF Permission Granted

Reference: 16/01530/FUL: Address: land north of Solitaire, Exfords Green, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Awaiting decision

Reference: 16/01657/FUL

Address: Pinewood, Plealey Lane, Longden, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 8ET Permission Granted

Reference: 16/01698/FUL: Address: Byways, Lyth Hill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY3 0BS awaiting decision.

Council to consider new applications.

Councillor K Lovegrove left the meeting at this point

- Reference: 16/01873/OUT
Address; Proposed Residential Development land to the South of Annscroft, Shropshire
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 3. No detached dwellings to include means of access. *After discussion it was agreed to fully support this application and whilst the Parish is over its 50 properties for the SAMDev the Parish Council considers this to be in a sustainable location and does not go against any policies; Proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor M Whittall and agreed by all members present. **Councillor K Lovegrove returned to the meeting***
- Reference: 16/01944/OUT
Address: Land Adj the Poplars, Chapel Lane, Exfords Green. SY5 8HG
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of a single detached dwelling with detached garage (to include access) *After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application because the applicant has a health need and requires to stay and live in the area and village where they live and work. Proposed by Councillor N Evans; seconded by Councillor W Merrick. This was carried by 7 votes for the proposal and 1 abstention.*
- Reference: 16/01677/FUL
Address: Coppice Lodge, 16, Old Coppice, Great Lyth, Shrewsbury, SY3 0BS
Proposal: Erection of a two storey side/rear extension; single storey front extension with associated works including Juliet balcony. *After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application. Proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor M Whittall and agreed by all members present.*

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Councillor R Evans made all decisions based on the information know to him at the time.

9) Highway Matters:

- (a) Councillor M Whittall asked if the clerk could contact I Walshaw and see what is happening about the parking bays in Annscroft.
- (b) Councillor R Evans reported that he had been contacted about the speeding through Hookagate
- (c) Councillor K Lovegrove reported that there is still a problem with speeding in Longden. One VAS in the centre of the village is not sufficient. There needs to be one at each end of the village
- (d) Councillor M Whittall reported that there is still a problem with speeding through Annscroft and requested that we try and get a meeting between members and the Safer Road Partnership people to look at the problems and possible solutions.
- (e) Councillor M Sinclair reported that the speeding through Longden Common is dreadful.
- (f) *Standing Orders were lifted* to allow a member of the public to speak. He was concerned at the overgrown hedges in Annscroft. This matter is currently with Shropshire Council for their attention. *Standing Orders were re-instated*

10) Finance:

- a) It was agreed to pay a contribution to the new office chair for the clerk; Proposed by Councillor W Merrick; seconded by Councilor N Evans and agreed by all members present.
- b) It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk: Proposed by Councillor W Merrick; seconded by Councilor N Evans and agreed by all members present.

Cheque

Number	Payee	Amount	Services
174	L Pardoe	24.75	Office equipment
175	Park Timber	182.72	Bus Shelter repairs
176	B&Q	132.60	Bus Shelter repairs
177	J Griffiths	70.00	audit fee
178	L Pardoe	500.50	Sal & Expenses
	Total	910.57	

- c) The Chair asked if members would consider giving an interim payment of £500 to Mr. Goult on account to be deducted from his final bill. This was agreed by members. Proposed by Councillor P Carter; seconded by Councillor M Whittall and agreed by all members present. The clerk wrote a cheque for £500 and gave it to Councillor P Carter to deliver to Mr. Goult.
- d) Council to receive Bank Account reconciliation; It was agreed to accept the bank reconciliation as presented. Proposed by Councillor W Merrick; seconded by Councilor N Evans and agreed by all members present.
- e) Balance held at Bank: Treasurers Account £ 112.41p ; instant Access Account £42,995.68 p totaling £43,108.09p

11) Communications and Correspondence: This was noted

- 12) **Council to review Financial Risk Assessment Documents:** It was agreed to adopt this document: proposed by Councillor R Evans; seconded by Councillor W Merrick and agreed by all members present
- 13) **Council to review and adopt Risk Assessment Documents:** It was agreed to adopt this document: proposed by Councillor R Evans; seconded by Councillor W Merrick and agreed by all members present
- 14) **Council to agree Assets Register:** It was agreed to adopt this document: proposed by Councillor R Evans; seconded by Councillor W Merrick and agreed by all members present
- 15) **Council to review and adopt Complaints Policy:** Councillor R Evans suggested that this be put on the July agenda and the clerk to make enquiries where a complainant would go if they were unsatisfied with the Parish Council's decision. This was agreed by members
- 16) **Council to review and agree Financial Standing orders.** It was agreed to adopt this document: proposed by Councillor R Evans; seconded by Councillor W Merrick and agreed by all members present
- 17) **Council to discuss and consider disposal of old Council lap top and printer.** After discussion it was agreed to put a notice in the Church Newsletter to see if any groups in the parish would be interested. If there were no takers then the clerk would dispose of it.
- 18) **Play Areas:** Councillor P Carter reported that they were still progressing with the funding application. They have been advised to go for refurbishment of only one play area at a time and to do smaller applications for smaller amounts.
The grass is still only being cut once a month. The clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Savage and insist that the grass is cut fortnightly intervals as agreed in the contract. The clerk was instructed to obtain alternative quotes.

19) Parish Matters:

- (a) Clerk had nothing to report
- (b) Councillor M Whittall asked if Mr. Goult could be approached to look at doing the maintenance of the Notice Boards.
- (c) Councillor K Lovegrove reported that Street light No 9 in Well Mead Lane is daylight burning again. This is the third time this has been reported this year. She requested that the lens be white and not orange.
- (d) Councillor M Sinclair reported that the Post boxes have all been cleaned and painted. She also reported that the legs on the sign for Summerhouse lane are askew.
- (e) Councillor R Evans reported that Open Reach is moving the green box on Lyth Hill to enable residents to be able to access High Speed Broadband.
- (f) Councillor N Evans reported that the leak on Redhill Drive has been finally fixed.
- (g) Councillor P Carter reported that all the holes in Long lane have been filled quite well.
- (h) Councillor P Carter also asked if the Parish Council would consider having a Notice board at Exfords Green with all the extra properties being developed there. This to go on the July Agenda.

- 20) **Shropshire Council Matters:** - Councillor R Evans reported that he has arranged a meeting on 15th June for the parish councils in his area to see what is acceptable to the Parishes for them to consider taking on from Shropshire Council. He asked that there be an item on the July meeting to consider what services the Parish Council might wish to supply from next April.

2017 is looking bleak, the whole of the fifth floor (Planning Policy) have been served Redundancy Notices. There is a budget for Planning Policy and the staff will have to fit there. Interviews are being held to see which staff are employable.

21) Date and time of next meeting: - It was agreed that this would be held on 6th July 2016 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

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