

LPC042016 **MEETING OF LONGDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Wednesday**

**6<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**MINUTES**

- 1) **Chairman's welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
- 2) **Present:** Councillor P Carter- Chairman: Councillor N Evans- Vice-chairman: Councillor K Lovegrove: Councillor M Sinclair: Councillor M Whittall: Councillor W Merrick: Councillor R Evans: Councillor M Davies: **& Apologies** were received from Councillor Rigby who was attending a wedding.  
Also present L Pardoe clerk to the Council and several members of the public (please see attached sheet)
- 3) **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** There were none at this point
- 4) **Public Comments: *Standing Orders were lifted to allow the public to speak.***

A representative from Lyth Hill had several points to raise. She wished to raise awareness of general wear and tear to infrastructure, (mainly roadside) in the Lyth Bank /Lyth Hill area. Largely a result of vehicle pressure, and especially aggravated by large and frequent delivery lorry / truck, and skip vehicles, which are servicing building works and projects.

With narrow, country lanes (which are part of the character and nature of the local environment, any development work or project really takes its toll on the banks, hedgerows and verges. When damage occurs, it is very rare that those who have caused the damage take responsibility or even repair. Consequently the deterioration is going to continue. This is very demoralising. She would ask if the Council Members could consider this type of impact when considering future planning and development, in this area.

She asked if there was possibility of some CIL money being given towards financially assisting the Lyth Hill Advisory Group. Shropshire Council is not maintaining everything as they should be. She asked if the Parish Council have the ability to step in and rescue the situation if Shropshire Council stops looking after the Lyth Hill Countryside Park. Would it be possible for Longden Parish Council and Bayston Hill Parish Council to join together and maintain the park with precepted funding?

Councillor R Evans said that Longden Parish Council does have a representative on the LHAG and concerns do get reported back to the Parish Council. At the next LJC meeting Councillor M Pate leader of Shropshire Council would be attending. This could be a good place to speak about these concerns. Councillor R Evans said that non statutory functions had been looked at in September and any decision to de commission services would be made then. It is hoped that Parish & Town Councils will take up these services.

Mr. Morgan asked if the plans for the proposed footpath diversion had changed. He felt that it was unreasonable to ask people to walk further to avoid cattle.

Amy Henson from Berry's spoke on behalf of Mr & Mrs Faulkner who were wishing to downsize and build a market value house in the grounds of their existing property. Mrs Faulkner has some

serious health problems and they are looking for a modest sized property. They were looking for the Parish Councils views.

Councillor N Evans stated that the Parish has reached its quota for SAMDev. Is it possible for Mr & Mrs Faulkner to consider an affordable house or a special needs property which does come under different requirements?

Councillor R Evans asked if the property would be 100square metres or under to be allowed under a single site exception. Amy said that they had looked at this but in the first instance were looking for an open market property to be built.

***The Chairman thanked all for speaking and Standing Orders were reinstated.***

- 5) **Police Report:** This had been circulated by e-mail to members.  
The clerk read out the response that she had received from the Police & Crime Commissioner Mr. Bill Longmore.  
Councillor M Whittall reported that the speeding through Annscroft was horrendous and where do we go now to have something done about this.  
It was agreed that the clerk reply thanking Mr. Longmore for his letter. The Parish Council is pleased to see that the Safer Roads Partnership is now collecting data but the Parish Council would like to know where and when the SRP will begin to enforce the speed limits. The Parish Council would urge he looks at the Safer Roads Speed watch where volunteers can go out and monitor the speeding vehicles.
- 6) **Confirmation and Acceptance of Minutes of meeting held on March 2nd 2016:** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting; proposed by Councillor M Whittall; seconded by Councillor N Evans and agreed by all members present.
- 7) **Matters arising:-**Clerk reported that she had been unable to arrange a meeting with volunteers and David Fairclough from Shropshire Council to look at the differences between a Parish Plan and a Neighbourhood Plan Light. However she had applied for a grant to complete whichever it was decided to go ahead with. She had also applied for the Highways Small Maintenance grant on behalf of the Parish Council. She was still waiting to see if they had been successful. She also reported that she had again written to Mr. Humphries for him to have a look at the Notice Boards and give the Parish Council a price for the job.
- 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*  
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: 15/01152/OUT: Proposed development land at Redhill, Shrewsbury, *Pending Consideration*  
Reference:15/03651/FUL: Workshop north of The Rope Walk. Lyth Hill, Shrewsbury; awaiting decision.  
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: 16/00334/COU (validated 28/01/2016): Badgers Oak, Exfords Green, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 8HQ awaiting decision

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

## ii) Council to consider new applications:

- Reference:16/00813/FUL

Address: Primrose Cottage, Lyth Bank, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY3 0BER

Proposal: Construction of a 2 storey extension on the west elevation. External alterations to the north & east Elevations and general internal alterations.

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

- Reference: 16/00961/FUL: validated (02/03/2016)

Address: 21 Old Coppice, Great Lyth. Shrewsbury, SY3 0BP

Proposal: Erection of extension to the front, side and rear of dwelling. No 1 Carport. Rendering of external walls, pitched roof to replace flat roof over garage and associated works.

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

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

Proposal: Approval of reserved matter (access, appearance, landscaping and layout and scale) pursuant to permission 14/002138 for the erection of 2 dwellings.

*After discussion the Parish Council support this proposal provided that entrances to the main road are kept to a minimum and also for the line of sight considerations to be taken into account. Proposed by Councillor N Evans; seconded by Councillor K Lovegrove and agreed by all members present.*

- Proposed Diversion on parts of footpath 72:

*After discussion the Parish Council could see no reason to object to this proposal; Proposed by Councillor N Evans; seconded by Councillor K Lovegrove and agreed by all members present.*

- Planning Appeal Reference 16/02404:

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of mixed market and social dwellings (to include access)

Original Planning application reference: 15/02962/OUT

It was agreed that the Parish Council would respond against the application as before but with more detailed response.

The appeal to be made by written representation by 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

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

## 9) Highway Matters:

- The Clerk and Councillor R Evans reported on the water issue at Redhill Drive. The clerk had received an e-mail from Ian Walshaw about this matter. The matter had been brought up at a

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Dated: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016

meeting at Shropshire Council with officers and portfolio holders by a Shropshire Councillor who lives within the parish. This had not been taken to Shropshire Council by the Parish Council as they were still in communication with Severn Trent on the matter.

- Councillors to report any further highway matters  
Councillor M Sinclair reported that Opposite Lower Wood House junction vehicles are pausing in the entrance and the road is becoming churned up.
- Councillor W Merrick reported that the 30 mph sign outside the Annscroft Play Area has been partially dug out and is now loose and wobbly.
- Councillor M Sinclair reported that there are more post boxes within the parish that are in need of cleaning and painting.
- Councillor N Evans reported that the Cygnet is now screened off and the cars that were using the car park are now parking on the road.
- Councillor R Evans reported that a resident has concerns over the drainage regarding the planning application for The Cygnets. These concerns have been passed on to Shropshire Council.

10) **Play Areas:** i) Chairman reported that the applications are still ongoing, and the working group is still meeting although progress is rather slow.

ii) Councillor W Merrick handed a Playground Inspection tick sheet to the clerk. He reported that the grass has not been cut despite the clerk requesting that this be done and Mr. Savage agreeing to start cutting the grass. It was agreed that Councillor K Lovegrove would speak to him. Clerk to request the cutting be started via e-mail. Clerk to look into a bin for the play area as the bin had become detached.

**11) Finance:**

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Amount	Services
163	SALC	20.00	Training
164	L Pardoe	500.50	Salary & Expenses
165	E-on	842.20	Maintenance Contract
S/O	Capita	5.00	Rent
	Total	1367.70	

- (b) Council to receive Bank Account reconciliation: It was agreed to receive the Bank Reconciliation account as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor P Carter; seconded by Councillor N Evans and agreed by all members present.
- (c) Balance held at Bank: Treasurers Account: £119.74p Instant Access Account £26,743.24p making a total of £26,862.98p
- (d) Council to receive year-end accounts: It was agreed to accept the year-end accounts as presented by the clerk. (these had been circulated to members by e-mail prior to the meeting) Proposed by Councillor P Carter; seconded by Councillor N Evans and agreed by all members present.
- (e) Council to consider the cost of repairing the Bus shelters in Annscroft & Longden Common. Councillors P Carter & M Whittall had met and reviewed what needed doing to the shelters and a quote for £1,400 had been received from Mr. Goult, given the difficulty in receiving any quotes from anyone else who had been requested to look at the job and give the Parish Council a price. It was agreed to give the job to Mr. Goult. Proposed by Councillor R Evans; seconded by Councillor W Merrick and agreed by all members present. The clerk to contact Mr. Goult to make arrangements for the purchase of materials.
- (f) Clerk to report progress on Grant funding applications made on behalf of the Parish Council for the Parish Plan and also the Highways Maintenance Grant. These had been applied for and the clerk was waiting to see if they would be granted.

12) **Communications and Correspondence:** Members agreed to respond to the consultation on the Post 16 transport assistance. They felt that those on defined benefits would be particularly hard hit by this increase in price for their bus passes and the parish council deplored the increase in the bus pass costs. Shropshire Council should be encouraging the young people to carry on with their education. Shropshire Council would be gaining little revenue from these increases by making it more expensive to have a bus pass with them rather than the bus company.

13) **LJC Meeting:** Councillor N Evans reported that at the next LJC meeting to be held at the Mary Webb School on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.00pm until 9.00pm they had Wendy Vogler from NHS future fit attending. They also had Malcolm Pate head of Shropshire Council attending to speak on the financial future of Shropshire Council. They would also be having the Police speaking on Smart Water.

#### 14) Parish Matters:

- a) Councillor R Evans reported that the white parking lines are still not marked on the driveway at The School House in Hookagate. This was one of the conditions of the planning application being granted. These were to be clearly defined before the start of the Nursery taking in children.  
Clerk to contact Shropshire Council and insist that these are complied with.
- b) Councillor M Whittall commented that Parry Lowarch sign is still up despite the plot being sold. Clerk to report this to Shropshire Council for unauthorized advertising.
- c) Councillor R Evans reported that the residents in Lyth Hill are very upset as the BT cabinet is not high speed broadband enabled so no houses in Lyth Hill have high speed broadband.

- 15) **Shropshire Council Matters:-**Councillor R Evans reported that just before the Judicial Review for Church Stretton Library was about to be heard Shropshire Council decided not to argue their case.  
The appeal for 2 houses in Well Lane Plealey had been turned down as Shropshire Council had a 5 year land supply so that argument was not valid. Costs had been awarded against the applicant. Councillor Evans would e-mail the budget to the clerk for her to forward to members.
- 16) **Date and time of next meeting:-** It was agreed that this would be the Annual Parish Meeting to begin at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 7.45pm at Longden Village Hall.
- 17) The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.15pm.

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