

MEETING OF LONGDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday
7th June 2017

MINUTES

- 1) **Chairman welcome** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
- 2) **Present** : Councillor P Carter- Chairman of the meeting; Councillor K Roberts; Councillor C Roberts ; Councillor M Whittall ; Councillor C Rigby Councillor R Evans & Apologies were received from Councillor N Evans who had a prior engagement. Also present L Pardoe clerk to the council. Maria Howells from Shropshire Council and Richard McEvilly from Shropshire Housing Group. Three members of the public; (Please see sheet attached to the minutes)
- 3) **Declarations of Interest:** There were none at this point
- 4) **Co-option of Councillor;** Councillor P Carter proposed that K Lovegrove be co-opted to the Parish Council this was seconded by Councillor C Rigby and agreed by all members present.
- 5) **Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office** Councillor K Lovegrove signed this in the presence of the Council.
- 6) **Maria Howell from Shropshire Council to speak on affordable housing;** Maria spoke briefly on the need for affordable housing. She said there were 5 ½ thousand on the register waiting for housing. Shropshire Council is looking for sites purely for shared ownership which Shropshire Council will cap at 80%.
Richard spoke on the proposed site (Shrewsbury Road Longden) and said that previously objections to development to the proposed developments had been turned down to retain the rurality of the entrance to the village. The Golden Arrow development was quite prominent and the proposed site would be shielded with hedging. Shropshire Housing think they are good at engaging the communities and asking what they want. They are not working to the same agenda as Open Market housing schemes. There is a limited time for grants to be available as they are only allowed to construct a certain number of units per year.
Councillor R Evans stated that they would have an uphill battle as the Inspector stated that it was an unsuitable site for housing. No one in the village will support this. It has been turned down by the Parish Council, Shropshire Council and The Planning Inspector twice. Councillor K Lovegrove stated that in the same filed there is a piece of land behind Little Barnyard which would have been a better site and probably have support from the locals. Councillor P Carter stated that it is not a sustainable site
Maria Howells asked if the Parish Council would be willing to work with Shropshire Council and Shropshire Housing to look at possible sites. She also asked if Shropshire Council could undertake a housing needs survey. She would come back to the Parish Council with a different size development. The Chairman thanked them for attending and they then left the meeting at 7.55pm
- 7) **Public Comments:** Mr. Carlyle spoke on his planning application. They as a family have lived in the village for 35 years. They had received no objections from the neighbours. The development is to allow two of his children to stay living in the area where they grew up. They will be 2/3 bedroom houses.
- 8) **Police Report:** This was noted
- 9) **Shropshire Councillors Report:** Councillor R Evans reported No committees had yet met up to now. The new Leader P Nutting had been elected earlier this month. There are to be 7 new members on the Cabinet with only 3 from the old council. The Scrutiny chairs are all new apart from I members. The next meeting will be on 22nd June. The finances have been published and will be debated at the 22nd June meeting.

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10) Confirmation and Acceptance of Minutes of meeting held on 10th May 2017: It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor M Whittall and agreed by all members present.

11) Matters arising: -There was nothing to report.

12) Planning: i) **clerk to report on earlier applications**

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: 16/04903/VAR106: Address: Hall Farm, Summerhouse Lane, Longden: Proposal: Variation of Section 106 for planning application number 14/01458/FUL to reduce the level of affordable housing: Awaiting decision

Reference: 16/04978/FUL: Address: The Curlews, Great Lyth, Shrewsbury, SY3 0BA Proposal: Change of use of land to domestic and erection of a self-contained annex ancillary to the main building. Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/00700/FUL: Proposed dwelling west of White House, Exfords Green, Shrewsbury. Awaiting decision.

Reference: 17/00739/FUL: Round House Farm, Exfords Farm, Exfords Green, Longden,

Reference: 16/02395/FUL: Reconsultation due to amendment on application 16/02395/Ful Land off Manor Lane. Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/00558/REM (validated: 15/02/2017): Proposed Residential Development Land N of the Red Lion, Longden Common, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Awaiting decision.

Reference: 17/00531/REM: Land East of the White House, Exfords Green Shrewsbury. Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/00896/FUL (validated: 9th March): The Farriers, Annscoft, Shrewsbury. Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/01780/FUL: Land to The West of Green Lane, Exford's Green, Shrewsbury, Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/01767/ADV; The Tankerville Arms. Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/01881/TPO: Hillside Nursery, The Old School, Hookagate: Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/01950/FUL: 23 Old Coppice Great Lyth. Awaiting decision

ii) Council to consider new applications.

- Reference: 17/02068/VAR;
Address: 3 Chapel Cottages, Hookagate, Shrewsbury
Proposal: Variation of Section 106 for planning application number (14/03281/FUL) to reduce the level of affordable housing contribution. After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would pass no comment to this application. Proposed by Councillor P Carter; seconded by Councillor C Rigby and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 17/02251/FUL (validated 11/5/2017)
Address: Myrtle Bank, Exfords Green, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8HQ
Proposal: Erection of two-storey extensions to side and rear; single storey extensions to sides and alterations both internally and externally. *After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council to support this application proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor K Lovegrove and agreed by all members present.*
- Reference: 17/02170/OUT (validated: 11/05/2017)
Address: Land to The East of Woodhouse Cottages, Longden Common, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8AF
Proposal: Outline application for residential development including access and landscaping. *After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council support this development. The dwellings are a compatible size to other properties within the immediate vicinity. The development brings smaller houses for the future into the parish. The Parish Council welcomes developments with smaller properties in them. Proposed by Councillor C Roberts; seconded by Councillor C Rigby and agreed by all members present.*

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iii) **Council to consider any new applications received after 28th May 2017.** These would be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting which would be held on Wednesday 21st June venue to be notified later.

iv) **Council to ratify the changes in the Standing Orders to form a Planning Committee:**

There shall be a planning committee formed consisting of 5 members. This will consist of; Chair, Vice –Chairman and 3 members; they shall meet on the 3rd Wednesday monthly where necessary. The Committee shall have full delegated powers to make decisions and report back their decisions to the next full parish council meeting. It shall be subject to all relevant rules and regulations governing committees of parish councils.

This amendment was agreed by all members Proposed by Councillor C Roberts; seconded by Councillor K Roberts and agreed by all members present. The amendment was signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

Councillor R Evans and K Roberts made their decisions based on information known to them at the time of the meeting.

13) Highway Matters:

- (a) Councillor M Whittall reported that the bollards and parking areas in Annscroft had now been done.
- (b) Councillor M Whittall reported that the hedges overhanging the footpath have still not be trimmed back. The signs for slow down horses from Exfords Green had still not been put up. The clerk to follow these up with highways.

14) **Communications and Correspondence:** This was noted and Councillor C Roberts said that he training session she had attended had been very informative and would like to attend the Be a Better Councillor Training session in September.

15) **Notice Boards:** Who is responsible for putting up Notices for the meetings on which Notice Boards. It was agreed that Councillor M Whittall would do the Notice Board and Bus Shelter in Annscroft
Councillor C Rigby would do Lyth Hill Notice Board
Councillor C Roberts would do Hookagate Notice Board
Councillor N Evans would do Redhill Notice Board
Councillor K Lovegrove would do Longden Notice Board
Councillor P Carter would do Lower Common and Longden Common Notice Boards.

16) Finance:

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

Chq No	Amount	services	Amount
234	L Pardoe	Expenses	31.57
225	SALC	Training booklets	32.00
226	J Boyd	Grasscutting May	98.00
			161.57

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- (b) Council to receive Bank Account reconciliation; It was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk; Proposed by Councillor P Carter; seconded by Councillor C Roberts and agreed by all members present.
- (c) Council to approve any payments received after agenda has been sent out. There were no additional payments to be made.
- (d) The Bank balance was Treasurers Account £ 2,177.83 Instant Access Account £44,713.37p total £ 46,891.20
- (e) It was agreed to add Councillor C Roberts to the Bank Signatories.

17) Play Areas:

- Councillor P Carter to update the meeting on progress with funding applications; The had been unsuccessful with obtain any funding from the Veolia application submitted. They were holding a fun run to raise the profile of the Play Areas and their need for refurbishment.
- Councillors to report on any Play Area matters. Councillor P Carter reported that following the last meeting a group of Councilors had spent the morning repairing the damaged equipment in Annscroft Play Area and tidying up the Play Areas and they were in a reasonably acceptable state.
- The clerk reported that she had requested an early ROSPA report but been told a different department at Shropshire Council was now dealing with these now so there had been delays and we would be inspected as soon as possible.

18) Parish Matters:

- a) Councillor C Roberts reported that the results were back from the RCC and the Parish Plan group would be meeting again soon to look at the results.
- b) Councillors M Whittall reported that the speeding in Annscroft was bad and wanted to know how often the White van came to do a speed check. It was agreed that Councillor R Evans would ask again about the Safer Roads Partnership.
- c) The clerk asked if the Parish Council would like her to invite the Police & Crime Commissioner to the September meeting for members to express their concerns to him.
The clerk to contact R Ayton at Shropshire Council and ask him to attend a Parish Council meeting and look at what we can do to alleviate the speeding within the parish as the members and residents are extremely concerned at the continued speeding.
- d) Councillor P Carter reported that he had painted the milestone.
- e) Councillor C Roberts reported that the Notice Board in Hookagate was very weathered. The clerk to have this as an agenda item next month.
- f) Councillor M Whittall asked if the members had any particular questions for the meeting on Monday with Bayston Hill members and Mark Blount about the Management of Lyth Hill.

19) **Date and time of next meeting.** It was agreed that this would be held on 5th July 2017 at 7.30pm at Longden Village Hall: The Planning Committee would be held on Wednesday 21st June 2017 venue to notified later.

20) The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

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