

## MEETING OF LONGDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday  
1st November 2017

### MINUTES

- 1) **Chairman's welcome.** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
- 2) **Present** Councillor N Evans-Chairman; Councillor P Carter- Vice-chairman ; Councillor R Evans ; Councillor W Merrick; Councillor C Roberts ; Councillor K Lovegrove; Councillor C Rigby ; Councillor M Whittall. **Apologies** were received from Councillor K Roberts who was recovering from surgery. Also present L Pardoe clerk to the Parish Council and members of the public ( See sheet attached to the signed minutes)
- 3) **Declarations of Interest:** Councillor C Roberts declared an Interest in item 16 b on the agenda.  
*Stranding Orders were lifted to allow the members of the public to speak.*
- 4) **Longden Parish Plan/ Village Design Statement Report by Longden Parish Plan Group.** Ms. Mills reported that the draft document has been given to local people for consultation. Mrs. Ingham handed a summary of the parish plan so far to the members of the parish council. The Chairman explained to those present what a Cluster was and what it meant in planning terms for the parish. There is to be a Longden Design Statement meeting to gather information and update the Village Design Statement. It is hoped to have the new Village Design Statement ready for next February and a summary of the information given to the Parish Plan Group.  
A member of the Parish Plan group asked if the Parish Council would transfer £100 to the Parish Plan group to cover the last few bills. The clerk explained that it was simpler to have the invoices sent to the Parish Council direct for the audit trail. Councillor C Roberts proposed that the Parish Council should give the £100 to the Parish Plan Group; this was seconded by Councillor N Evans and agreed by all members present.
- 5) **Public Comments:** Ms. Mills reported from D Morgan on Lyth Hill Country Park; and gave a vote of thanks to the Parish Council for making the future of the Country Park more secure with their agreement to fund the Park. There is now a strong group of volunteers to look after the Country Park.

A lady spoke on her concerns about the state of the Longden recreational ground. During the last week she had removed 10 large piles of dog faeces from the ground before she was able to play there with her young son. The Chairman explained that the Recreation ground was the responsibility of the Village Hall Management Committee and nothing to do with the Parish Council. He suggested that she contact the Village Hall Management Committee. Councillor Lovegrove who is on the VHMC agreed to take this to them.

Planning application; 17/04279/VAR; 1<sup>st</sup> person said this was the 10<sup>th</sup> application at this address and that she was opposed to the development. The previous development conditions had not been adhered to.

2<sup>nd</sup> person said it was a worrying development for Lyth Hill if this agricultural land is given domestic status then this will inevitably lead to more development in the future.

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The applicant said that a single garage would complement the Barn development. As a residential property is he not entitled to a garage? They have gone to a lot of trouble to make it compliment the barn. It does not impose on any building and there are high hedges to screen it.

***Standing Orders were reinstated***

- 6) **Police Report:** The clerk had not yet received any Police Report
- 7) **Shropshire Councillors Report including update on the Local Plan Review;** Councillor R Evans reported that the Camera van was no longer coming to the parish as there had not been enough tickets issued. The Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) had contacted G Oliver (his representative in Shropshire) and the local Police Inspector along with Councillor R Evans was going to be meeting them in Hookagate and Annscroft with a radar gun to look at the speeds through the villages. Councillor M Whittall still wants to meet with The Police & Crime Commissioner on a one to one basis.  
The PCC wishes to take over the Fire & Rescue service along with the Police. He says that 63% of those who responded to his consultation were in favour of this. He has only just now issued a business plan a week after his submission to the Home Office. There will have to be a formal consultation as all the principal authorities were against the takeover.  
A task & Finish group has been tasked to look at Youth funding and said that the money should be delivered geographically. The report has been re written to include 6 Market Towns.  
Councillor R Evans is chasing the delivery and installation of the VAS in Hookagate.  
Financial predictions will be looked at by the Cabinet in December.  
Councillor R Evans spoke on night time collections to The Vinnals and the drivers using the wrong route. There have still been no improvements and additional passing places on Long Lane.  
Councillor Lovegrove said the delivery had been sheep from Cumbria and not chickens.  
Local Plan review. This needed to be responded to by the Parish Council. Do Longden want to be a cluster?
- 8) **Lyth Hill Management Plan;** After a brief discussion Councillor C Rigby proposed that the Parish Council accept the Management Plan; this was seconded by Councillor M Whittall and agreed by all members present.  
Members agreed they were happy for the clerk to sign the funding agreement on behalf of the Parish Council and make the first payment of £4,328.00 Proposed by Councillor M Whittall; seconded by Councillor C Rigby and agreed by all members present.
- 9) **Confirmation and Acceptance of Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017:** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting; proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor P Carter and agreed by all members present.
- 10) **Matters arising:-**Clerk to report information only items not covered elsewhere on the agenda
- 11) **Council to review and agree the Sites of Community Concern;** It was agreed to add Annscroft in with the same wording as Hookagate. See below:

*Speeding through Longden Common remains a grave concern to all residents despite a VAS being installed there.*

*Speeding through Hookagate is an issue and the Parish Council would ask for an extension of the speed limit through the village with the addition of a 40mph buffer zone as the existing 30 mph signs are in the wrong place and not very visible on the approach to the village.*

*Parking is an issue in Hookagate due to the insufficiency of off street parking.*

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*The Parish Council is still waiting for a VAS to be installed within the village of Hookagate.*

*The Council would request a review of the Parking at Plealey Lane, Longden near the School entrance*

*The Parish Council would ask for "gates" at the entrances to the villages to bring to the attention of motorists that they are entering a village.*

*The road from Annscroft crossroads to the bridge to have some "horses slow" signs put up as there are many riders using that stretch of road to cross over from one bridleway to another.*

12) Council to receive Place Plans from 2015 & 2016 with a view to reviewing in December. These were distributed to members.

### 13) **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: 16/02395/FUL: Reconsultation due to amendment on application 16/02395/Ful Land off Manor Lane. Awaiting decision  
 Reference: 17/00896/FUL (validated: 9<sup>th</sup> March): The Farriers, Annscroft, Shrewsbury. Awaiting decision  
 Reference: 17/01780/FUL: Land to the West of Green Lane, Exfords Green, Shrewsbury, Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/02068/VAR; 3 Chapel Cottages, Hookagate, Shrewsbury Awaiting decision  
 Reference: 17/02251/FUL (validated 11/5/2017): Myrtle Bank, Exfords Green, Awaiting Decision

Reference: 17/02306/VAR106: proposed residential development east of Wellbatch Farm, Hookagate. Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/02402/FUL: New Inn Hookagate, Awaiting decision.

Reference: 17/03984/V/106: Pen-y-Pont Hookagate. Awaiting decision

Reference: 17/01780/FUL Land to west of Green Lane, Exfords Green; awaiting decision

Reference: 17/03822/FUL; Hazels Bank, Exfords Green; awaiting decision

Reference: 17/04534/VAR: Land adj Hall Farm, Summerhouse Lane Longden: awaiting decision

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## ii Council to consider new applications.

- Reference: 17/04884/VAR (validated: 06/10/2017)  
Address: Proposed Residential Development Land North Of The Cottage, Lower Common, Longden, Shropshire  
Proposal: Variation of Condition No.2 (approved plans) pursuant to permission 17/00130/FUL to allow for substitution of house type (plot 2 only). After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application with the continuation of existing screening addition of appropriate TPO on existing trees to ensure adequate screening of the property. Proposed by Councillor K Lovegrove ;seconded by Councillor C Rigby and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 17/04279/FUL (validated: 16/10/2017)  
Address: Yews Barn, Lyth Bank, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 0BW  
Proposal: Erection of detached garage and change of use of land from agricultural to domestic. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application subject to their being no further development and the area is kept within the agricultural curtilage. Proposed by Councillor M Whittall; seconded by Councillor K Lovegrove and carried by 5 votes to 3.
- Reference: 17/05168/TPO  
Address: Hillside House Nursery, Hookagate, Shrewsbury  
Proposal: To remove 1no Yew Tree protected by Shropshire Council (Old School Buildings, Hookagate) TPO2014.  
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council was against this proposal and vehemently objected to the removal of this ancient Yew Tree; Proposed By Councillor N Evans; seconded by Councillor M Whittall and agreed by all members present.

## 14) Highway Matters:

- (a) Councillor C Roberts asked if there had been any progress made with the hedge trimming; the clerk informed the members that she had only just received a list of those properties where the hedges were considered to need trimming from the Chairman. She would forward these names to Ian Walshaw at Shropshire Council and they would take it from there.

## 15) Communications and Correspondence: list to be circulated to members and available at the meeting

## 16) Finance:

- (a) Council to receive Bank Account reconciliation; it was agreed to accept the Bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor N Evans; seconded by Councillor R Evans and agree by all members present.
- (b) Council to approve any payments received after agenda has been sent out; There were no additional payments to be approved.
- (c) Accounts due for payment; It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk ;proposed by Councillor N Evans; seconded by Councillor R Evans and agreed by members present.

	Payee	services	Amount
✓	252 L Pardoe	Expenses	31.12
✓	253 Shropshire Council	ROSPA Reports	192.00
✓	254 N Power	Lighting	810.08
	S/O LPardoe	Salary	504.47
✓	255 N Power	Lighting	68.93
✓	256 J Boyd	Grass cutting /Moss remova	163.00
		Total	1769.60

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- (d) Members agreed they were happy for the clerk to sign the funding agreement on behalf of the Parish Council and make the first payment of £4,328.00 Proposed by Councillor M Whittall; seconded by Councillor C Rigby and agreed by all members present.
- (e) Council to agree to the quote for the removal of the condemned equipment from the Annscroft Junior Play Area.  
Councillor C Roberts left the meeting at this point;  
The Council was considering two written quotes previously received by the clerk and circulated to members prior to the meeting.  
Councillor M Whittall stated he objected to both quotes as they were both too high. And that £500 would be more like the correct price. The clerk explained that she did not have any quotes for that amount. Councillor M Whittall said that he would give a quote for that amount now. The clerk advised the Council that they could not consider his quote as he had had sight of the other quotes and was deliberately undercutting them and this was abusing his position as a Councillor.  
Councillor Lovegrove said that she had a quote from another source. The clerk advised that they could not consider this quote as it had not been seen by the members. Councillor Lovegrove showed the e-mail to the members on her mobile phone.  
The clerk again advised that they should make their decision using the two written quotes that had been circulated to the members with their papers.  
Councillor N Evans proposed that the members accept the quote from Jonathan Roberts but this was not seconded.  
The Clerk again advised that the members needed to make a decision on the information in front of them.  
Councillor R Evans proposed that the Council look to extend the time and give time for the two additional quotes to be considered. This was seconded by Councillor P Carter and agreed by 6 to 1 against.  
It was agreed that there would be a cut off point for new quotes on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at noon, to allow Councillor Whittall to put in a quote as he was unable to do so before then as he was going on holiday the next day and would not be back until 20<sup>th</sup> November. There would be a Finance Committee meeting convened on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to make a decision on this.  
***Standing Orders were lifted to allow the meeting to continue past 9.30pm***  
*Councillor C Roberts returned to the meeting at this point.*
- (f) Council to agree a date & time for the finance meeting in December. It was agreed that this would be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am in the Village Hall.

17) **Play Areas:** There was nothing to report at this point.

**18) Parish Matters:**

- a) Councillors had no matters to report.

**19) Date and time of next meeting. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm at Longden Village Hall:**

- 20) **Date and time of Planning Committee meeting;** it was agreed that this would be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the village hall starting at 7.00pm. Councillor Lovegrove offered to take the minutes at this meeting as the clerk was not available on that night. This offer was gratefully received by the members.
- 21) **Date and time of extra Finance meeting;** it was agreed that this would take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 2.00pm to consider the tenders for the Removal of Playground equipment.

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**22) Date and time of Finance Meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

23) The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 10..00pm