

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
1930 MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Sophie Walters (SW) - Chairman
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF)
Cllr John Eastwood (JE)

In attendance: Clerk Mark Flewitt (MF), Colin McIntyre (CM)
Leckford Estate, one local resident, Alison Johnston (AJ) TVBC Councillor,
and later Andrew Gibson (AG) HCC Councillor

1. **Apologies:** David Burnfield (DB) and Tony Ward (TW) TVBC Councillor

2. **Minutes of Meeting of 13th January.**

The minutes were unanimously agreed for adoption and signed.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Highways & Traffic.

- **LOYO Holes** - At the bottom of the drive to the old dairy now LOYO. **ACTION:** CM - in hand within the Leckford Estate work schedule
- **Recreation Ground car park** – Leckford Estate to start work in Spring 2020. HCC Archaeological Dept to be advised in advance of work. **ACTION:** CM and MF
- **21457516** – Empty grit bin at Longstock Park/Garage Cottages reported and registered. Hantsweb showed job completed. Further chaser submitted. **ACTION:** MF
- **21472450** – Potholes outside 20 Roman Rd. Registered on Hantsweb and now filled in. **CLOSED**
- **HCC Additional £500 Grant** – Pending application. Repairs to Phone Box proposed. **ACTION:** SW/MF
- **Henry Smith update** – Lunch set up for 11th Feb with Councillors to attend where possible. **ACTION:** ALL
- **21481974** – Dangerous trees on Bunny liable to fall across road. To be reported on Hantsweb urgently. **ACTION:** MF (done)
- **21481978** – Bridge and Rails on Bunny demolished. To be reported on Hantsweb urgently. **ACTION:** MF (done)
- **2 new potholes opposite Windover Farm.** To be reported on Hantsweb. **ACTION:** MF

4. **Planning Applications.**

- 9 South Side Cottages – 2-storey extension at rear. Site visit 1st Feb – PC SUPPORT. **ACTION:** MF
- Church Farm – demolition of garage, erection of new extension, and internal works. Site visit on 10th Feb, and house-owner attended the PC meeting to explain the plans – PC SUPPORT. **ACTION:** MF

5. **Finance.**
 - MF advised that a VAT refund application has been submitted for £1,529.60
 - NDP grant requests have been submitted for £3,060 (Groundwork UK), and £1,000 (TVBC). Groundwork grant approved subject to provision of further info. TVBC grant pending. **ACTION:** AF/MF
 - Clerk's laptop has been upgraded to Windows 10. The work by our IT advisor David Parkinson was considerably more complex than anticipated, so Councillors unanimously agreed to increase the payment to him to £100. **ACTION:** MF

6. **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).**
 - AF had already tabled in advance of the meeting an update on the NDP Steering Group's (SG) activities.
 - The dates and times for the village "face-to-face" meetings have been set for Sunday 29th March at 3.00 pm, and Thursday 2nd April at 7.00 pm, both in the village hall. Flyers will be distributed to all houses. **ACTION:** AF
 - AF confirmed that the NDP Visions and Objectives document is still a draft work in progress, subject to further revision as the process continues
 - AF confirmed that Sarah Hughes of TVBC will be able to attend one of the March/April sessions

7. **Land South and West of Test Valley School**
 - SW and MF advised that an approach has been received from Development Consultants WYG about the possible development of 150/300 dwellings on land to the South and West of Test Valley School
 - Most of the proposed new dwellings would be in Houghton Parish, but the access road would be in Longstock Parish
 - Houghton and Stockbridge Parish Councils have also been approached by WYG, who are seeking a joint meeting with the 3 Parish Councils to explain their plans
 - At a recent event councillors from the 3 parish councils felt that it would be appropriate for the 3 PCs to consult together closely on this matter, and that this should be included on the agendas for each of the next respective PC meetings
 - WYG have proposed a closed meeting with the 3 PCs jointly, but Councillors will consider whether an open forum might be preferable
 - We will await further information from Stockbridge and Houghton PCs, and respond to WYG in due course. **ACTION:** SW/MF

8. **Longstock Village Website.**
 - JE advised that changes have been made as advised by Councillors
 - MF confirmed that the up-loading of the PC's statutory information (Agendas, Minutes, Accounts etc) will continue. **ACTION:** MF/JE
 - SM reiterated that the Model Publication Scheme information, currently shown under the Council Finances section, should be put in a separate section.
 - Now that the PC laptop has been restored MF will review the MPS information and send updated version to JE to be available under a separate tab on the website. **ACTION:** JE/MF

- MF will consult with the Newsletter co-editors to forward past issues in PDF format to be up-loaded on to the website. **ACTION:** MF
- JE asked that Councillors forward as many photos of Longstock as possible to be included on the website. **ACTION:** ALL

9. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). NTR yet

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG).

- IG reported that the larger allotment pond is now full of water
- IG advised that following recent new arrivals on the allotments, there is only ½ plot currently available
- Unstable trees on the Bunny should be reported to HCC. **ACTION:** MF
- IG advised that the tall poplars next to the village hall are now very exposed and would fall on the VH. CM confirmed that Leckford would review and cut down/top off the trees. **ACTION:** CM
- IG confirmed that 3 seats in the cemetery should be included in the Lengthsman's work schedule. **ACTION:** CG

c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG).

- CG reported that the drains/grips between Bottom Lane and the Mill have been cleared.
- The Stockbridge bridge has been cleaned. It took 8 hours work as it had not been done for 2 years. Stockbridge PC will cover the cost for 3 hours
- CG asked that the area to the South East of the Bunny bridge be cleared of thick brambles and undergrowth by Leckford Estate. **ACTION:** CM

d. Test Valley School. (AF).

- AF advised that the Head has submitted her resignation effective Easter.

e. Environment and Website. (JE).

- SM had circulated details of the "Greener Future" initiative with Chilbolton and Wherwell. Councillors unanimously agreed we should support this initiative. **ACTION:** SM
- SW asked JE and CG to pick up again on the Resilience Plan for Longstock, including issues of vulnerable people in the event of an emergency. **ACTION:** CG/JE

f. Village Hall and Street Lights. (SM).

- SM continues to seek clarification with SSE on electricity consumption of the new lights. There is some confusion on the timing for lights being switched off in Roman Road. **ACTION:** SM
- MF awaits clarification from Insurers that the new lights are covered for insurance. **ACTION:** MF

g. Playground and Henry Smith Charity (SW)

- The Henry Smith lunch has been arranged for 11th Feb with 50+ expected to

attend.

- A £140 HS donation has been made to allow a talented village child to attend a football boot camp
- On the Recreation Ground – SW will seek quotes for repair of several items of equipment suffering wear and tear. **ACTION:** SW

h. Leckford Estate. (CM).

- CM advised that Leckford Estate have sold 1,200 acres of Charity Down Farm, including some cottages.
- Leckford will continue to farm the land under a 3-year contract
- The new owner appears to have a very environmental focus for his future plans
- Leckford have retained responsibility for the water supply to the village
- The Leckford shop is expected to be re-opened in the coming months, with some grant funding from HCC
- The new Chairman of John Lewis Partnership, Sharon White, has visited Longstock Park/Leckford Estate and made a very positive initial impression

10. **Correspondence**

- MF advised that he has received the new Electoral Register
- TVBC Mayor has invited all Parish Councillors to attend a Commonwealth Flag Flying ceremony in Andover or Romsey at 9.50 am on Mon 9th March. MF will circulate details. **ACTION:** MF

11. **Any Other Business/public comment.**

- AJ advised that she was attending on behalf of TW following his recent serious injury. Councillors asked her to pass on their best wishes to TW. **ACTION:** AJ
 - AJ's portfolio within TVBC covers Environmental Services, including recycling and bin collections
 - Fly-tipping continues to be a significant problem in Test Valley, often originating in Southampton. The number of incidents has increased, but not necessarily the volume of material. Prosecutions continue
 - Test Valley Arts Foundation are producing a 2020 Video on local arts and cultural activities
 - TVBC are supporting a series of Sparkle events for local communities
 - Important backlog on potholes, but important to report and follow up
 - Nitrate Neutrality in the Solent is having a serious impact on planning decisions for any additional dwellings. Mitigation measures are required but very difficult to satisfy
 - TVBC has been asked for nominations for the New Year 2021 Honours List
- AG advised that he is intending to retire in May 2020, which will lead to an election
 - HCC is intending to close 10 libraries, even though there are opportunities to re-launch them as community centres. Issues such as costs related to PC usage have not been dealt with efficiently
 - The proposed new incinerator at Barton Stacey will be a highly visible blot on the landscape. A brownfield site would have been preferable
 - The proposed development on the land near Test Valley School will create

- significant highways issues, which may be countered by “expert” consultants. AG with consult with HCC Highways on this. **ACTION:** AG
- The Solent Nitrates issue may create an important backlog on housing targets
 - In view of the resignation of the Test Valley School Head, AG praised her work ethic and dedication over the years
 - SM mentioned that TVBC had moved the bottle banks from the White Hart in Stockbridge to the Roman Road parking and bus bay, without any prior consultation with Longstock PC
 - The new location occupies school drop-off/pick-up spaces and creates significant noise pollution for nearby residents at all hours
 - The Longstock Village Hall car park is very busy and not suitable
 - A suitable alternative location would be in the new parking area between the 2 roundabouts in Stockbridge
 - AJ will consult with TVBC colleagues. **ACTION:** AJ
 - SW mentioned recurring local problems with professional dog-walkers with up to 7 dogs causing distress and sometimes injuries to people and other dogs.
 - AJ will consult with the TVBC Dog Warden and revert. **ACTION:** AJ

12. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 16th March.

Cheques Signed:

1123	Sarsen Press re Newsletter	£260.16
1124	David Parkinson re PC Laptop	£50.00
1125	SSE re Electricity	£35.50
1126	Cheque Cancelled	n.a.
1127	David Parkinson re PC Laptop	£50.00

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20.