

**MINUTES OF THE LONGSTOCK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NHP) STEERING GROUP MEETING
– HELD 7PM, 5th MAY 2021, VIA ZOOM.**

In attendance:

Steering Committee:

Angie Filippa (AF) – Chairman

Beccy Soper (BS)- Vice Chairman

Aly Warner (AW) – Secretary

Sophie Walters (SW) - Resident and Chair of Longstock Parish Council

David Burnfield (DB) - Resident and Longstock Parish Councilor

Simon Borthwick (SB) - Representing Leckford Estate

Apologies

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Ser	Subject	Action
1.	Welcome and Introduction AF opened the meeting and welcomed the committee.	
2.	Acceptance of Minutes The minutes of the meeting from 7th April were agreed and adopted. Proposed by SW seconded BS	
3.	Longstock Parish Council (LPC) Update Following on from last month’s update on the affordable housing proposal; SW advised that LPC had received both positive and negative feedback from residents regarding the Church (Road) Lane proposal. SW advised that due to the proposal still being at the pre-application stage; the Parish Council weren’t in a position to comment further, therefore residents were being asked to direct their questions to English Rural during the public consultation period. SW stated that copies of the <u>consultation documents</u> had been uploaded to the Parish Council website for ease of reference. AF highlighted that this stage in the process was a formality. The consultation period related specifically to the developer obtaining feedback from residents. This was so the developer could understand residents’ concerns and make improvements to the scheme, before moving on to the next stage of the planning process. If residents didn’t comment now, it wouldn’t impact on their ability to comment in the future, if/when the pre-application moved to a full application stage. As a result of concerns raised by residents, SW advised that the Parish Council had approached English Rural to requested an extension to the consultation period. English Rural were happy to oblige.	

	<p>SW highlighted that the May Parish Council meeting had unexpectedly been brought forward to the 6th May 21 so that it could be conducted via Zoom. This was due to interim legislation (which allowed councils to meet virtually) expiring on 7th May 21. Legal challenges had been submitted to extend this period due to coronavirus restrictions not being fully lifted until 21st Jun 21 but these challenges had not been successful. HALC had therefore recommended that Parish Council's bring their meeting dates forward for health and safety reasons. SW stated that Coronavirus restrictions permitting, the next Parish Council meeting would be held face to face.</p>	
4.	<p>Finance / Grant -update</p> <p>AF stated that the end of year return for the NHP Locality grant had been submitted on 3rd May 21. Once processed, Locality would request the return of unspent funds.</p> <p>AF advised that she would monitor the Locality website, to track the opening of the new funding year. Once opened, she would apply for the next financial years grant.</p>	
5.	<p>Housing Needs Assessment (HNA):</p> <p>AF advised that AECOM were still making amendments, so the HNA was still an ongoing process.</p>	
6.	<p>Housing Needs Survey (HNS)</p> <p>AF advised that the Housing Needs Survey was now complete and had been formally published. A copy was due to be uploaded to the TVBC website and Cllr Eastwood had also been asked to also publish a copy on the PC website. This action was now closed.</p>	
7.	<p>Sub Group Updates</p> <p>a. Village Design Statement (VDS) - SB /DS. Update carried over to next meeting.</p> <p>b. Open Spaces - SW /AW. SW and AW suggested that the grassed triangles, which were located at several T junctions within the village should be considered as open spaces. These were a distinctive feature of Longstock's street scene and therefore should be preserved.</p> <p>SW highlighted that the Parish Council were raising triangle maintenance issues with HCC. The give way lines needed to be re-instated and 'approaching junction' warning signs needed to be installed. The triangle at Bottom Lane in particular needed urgent attention as it was being eroded by traffic.</p>	

	<p>c. Footpaths/Verges/Hedges - AF DB advised that he will look to discuss the possibility of creating a footpath on land adjacent to the road from Bottom Road to Southside with the Landowners.</p> <p>d. Traffic - AF Following a group discussion, it was felt that policies in the NHP may be an appropriate way of addressing the speed limit in the village. This had been a major concern for many residents over the years. The village had a limited number of pavements and due to geographical constraints, there were insufficient opportunities to create any.</p> <p>e. Listed Dwellings/ Buildings/ Gardens - SB / DS Update carried over to next meeting.</p> <p>f. Historic Heritage Assets /Sites - SB/ DS Update carried over to next meeting.</p> <p>g. SSSI's -SB/DS Update carried over to next meeting.</p> <p>h. Village and Countryside Landscape features - DB Update carried over to next meeting.</p> <p>i. Media - SW / AW AW advised that drone footage, short films and photographs of the village had been collected and were being collated. AW suggested that the film should incorporate some of the smaller cottage industries / home businesses in the village. The film could then be used to as a living history of the village. AW advised that soundbites and the soundtrack were still a work in progress.</p>	DB
8.	<p>Visions and Objectives The SG agreed that the Community Engagement event would be an ideal opportunity to investigate the visions and objects (V&O) in more detail. This would assist the SG in moving the V&O's on.</p>	
9.	<p>Community Engagement Event - COVID 19 compliant delivery The SG discussed dates for the Community Engagement event. Dates in July had previously been floated as a possibility however, it was agreed that June may be more appropriate (before the school holidays) to maximise attendance.</p> <p>AF stated that there were positive signs that the Community Engagement event could go ahead after the 21st June, although this was still subject to the governments Coronavirus roadmap.</p>	

	<p>The SG agreed that planning for the event should continue and discussed guest speakers. It was agreed that Sarah Hughes, TVBC NHP Officer and Liz Bourne from Plan-et should be invited.</p> <p>SW commented that there had been significant interest in the affordable housing proposal. English Rural had original advised that they would be carrying out a community engagement event before they took the proposal forward to the next stage. For unknown reasons this seemed to have fallen by the wayside which understandably was causing upset. SW wondered if English Rural could be approached and asked to join the community engagement event. The SG agreed that this would be a really good way of English Rural engaging with the community.</p> <p>After a discussion, the SG agreed a proposed date of 24th June 2021. The village hall would be booked from 3pm - 8pm to allow time for the SG to set up. AF to approach the village hall to check if the venue is available and if so, she would go on to invite the named guest speakers.</p>	AF
AOB	<p>AF advised that The Government White Paper on <u>Planning for the Future</u>, which proposed a modernization of the planning system was being mentioned in the Queen’s speech. Both the SG and Parish Council had previously commented on this document as it sought to make landmark planning reforms. AF advised that she was surprised that the paper was being carried forward as the initial consultation had received significant amount of negative feedback, both from ministers as well as councils. Details of the speech can be found here; https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/986770/Queen_s_Speech_2021 - <u>Background Briefing Notes..pdf</u> (see page 61)</p>	
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