

LONGDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday
4th October 2017

MINUTES

- 1) **Chairman's welcome:** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and introduced John Campion Police and Crime Commissioner of West Mercia
- 2) **Present:** Councillor N Evans- Chairman ;Councillor P Carter –Vice-Chairman ; Councillor K Roberts ;Councillor C A Roberts Councillor K Lovegrove ; ; Councillor R Evans; Councillor M Whittall; Councillor C Rigby ; Also Present John Campion Police & Crime Commissioner, L Pardoe clerk to the Council and members of the public (Please see attached sheet) & Apologies were received from Councillor W Merrick who was unwell
- 3) **Declarations of Interest:** There were none at this point
- 4) **Standing Orders were lifted to allow the members of the public to speak.**
- 5) **Public Comments:** A gentleman spoke about a recent Wedding event that had been held at The Red Lion and the distress the noise had caused him and his wife. He read out a letter he was going to send to Shropshire Council. Councillor R Evans said he would take it to the Public Protection and Environmental Health at Shropshire Council.
A gentleman spoke on Planning Application17/04534/VAR The properties layout has changed. One house remains the same but have put in for two five bedroom houses on the other plots. With the slope of the land these will be less prominent.
A gentleman stated that the state of Westleigh Lane is terrible the potholes that had been repaired have all been washed out.
- 6) **Police Report:** This would be e-mailed to members when it was received.
- 7) **John Campion, Police & Crime Commissioner to speak to members on their concerns on speeding issues within the Parish,** The PCC had left copies of his reports behind and these he would send to the clerk when he returned to the office. His role is a new post and it takes time for the public to adjust to it. He appoints the Chief Constable and is able to, if needed remove him from the post. The Police are no longer untouchable and are now accountable to T=the Police & Crime Commissioner and therefore the public.
He is required in law to set out what he is going to achieve. The members of the public can have their say on whether or not they think he is delivering what he said he would. He believes that victims should have appropriate levels of support.
He has £ 212 million to spend this year on policing. There will be a 1% much needed pay increase for the police. Crime is changing and becoming more complex.
All his front line officers now have smart phones to do their jobs more efficiently. In this way they can spend less time in the office and be more visible.
West Mercia is a very safe place to live.
Councillor P Carter asked about the visibility of the Police in the rural areas and on the roads.

The PCC replied that there is a rise in fatalities on the major roads. Councillor Carter replied that the small "B" roads were the problem in the countryside. The PCC said that speeding in the villages should be on the Sites of Community Concern. He said that people tend to drive at the speed they feel the road feels like. There is a need to work with the County Council. He is willing to be part of the solution. He agreed to meet with some of the Councillors on site to look at the issues.

Councillor R Evans said that we cannot even get a van to come to some sites as it was felt that it was too fast for the SRP to be delivered.

A member of the public said 2/3 of vehicles appeared to be travelling in excess of the speed limits. There are no footpaths so we are not able to have Community Speed watch. Councillor Roberts commented that often the van is facing the wrong way to catch those speeding. A gentleman commented that rural roads appear to be not safe over 40mph so why aren't rural roads at 40mph instead of the national 60mph?

The Chairman from Hanwood Parish Council said they are a long thin village with double white lines through it and 30mph but they regularly get speeding through the village. They also had a recent incident when a driver went through a red light on a light controlled crossing. Councillor R Evans said that was an offence and he would speak to the chairman of Hanwood Parish Council after the meeting. The PCC suggested that they get their clerk to arrange him to attend their Parish council meetings to speak to them.

The PCC said he supported a reduction in the rural speed limit and that he felt there was too much of a blanket speed limit. Councillor R Evans is meeting with the new PC Ross Cookson on Friday to discuss some of these issues.

Councillor Whittall reported that recently a police vehicle had caused the VAS to light up. Also recently there had been a robbery where a considerable quantity of items were stolen and asked why it took the police two days to come out to the victim. The PCC said he could speak on individual crimes in open meetings and could only speak to those concerned, however he agreed that some business crime is not being treated properly.

Councillor Rigby asked if it was true that the White van was not coming to the villages as there was no money in it? The PCC said that it was regulated to where and when it visited and was driven by data received,

Councillor R Evans urged that the Community Van is brought back to our parish.

The Chairman thanked John Campion for attending.

Standing Orders were reinstated;

- 8) Shropshire Councillors Report;** Councillor R Evans reported that Shropshire Council had objected to The Police & Crime Commissioner's proposals to take over the running of the Fire Service. Councillor E Vans had proposed a motion for him to withdraw his proposals. He will let Shropshire Council know his decision.

There are to be several exhibitions showing the proposals for the North West Relief Road.

The Consultations for the Library strategy and the Car Parking are still on. The Local plan will be published on 11th October and will be spoken on at the SALC meeting on 18th October. In it the housing need will be stated in total only and not broken down in details.

- 9) Confirmation and Acceptance of Minutes of meeting held on 6th September 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.

10) **Matters arising:-**Clerk had nothing to report.

11) **Council to review the Sites of Community Concern and discuss the inclusion of the road from the crossroads outside Annscroft to the bridge at Meadowbrook Lane to the list.**

After discussion it was agreed that the clerk would look at these with the Chairman and bring their proposals back to the November meeting.

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: 16/04978/FUL: Address: The Curlews, Great Lyth, Shrewsbury, SY3 0BA Proposal: Awaiting decision
 Reference: 17/00700/FUL: Proposed dwelling west of White House, Exfords Green, Shrewsbury.
Permission Granted 14th September 2017
 Reference: 17/00739/FUL: Round House Farm, Exfords Farm, Exfords Green, Longden, **Permission Granted 6th September 2017**
 Reference: 16/02395/FUL: Reconsultation due to amendment on application 16/02395/Ful Land off Manor Lane. Awaiting decision
 Reference: 17/00896/FUL (validated: 9th 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/V106: 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: 17/04058/FUL; 10 Meadowbrook Cottage, Annscroft: awaiting decision.

ii Council to consider new applications. There are no new applications at this point.

Reference: 17/04534/VAR
 Address: Land adj Hall Farm, Summerhouse Lane, Longden
 Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 14/01458/FUL erection of 3 dwellings; After discussion the Parish Council agreed to support this application; proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor C Roberts and agreed by 7 members . There was one against the proposal. The proposal was carried.

16/02395/FUL - Land Off Manor Lane The planning application was deferred at the Planning Committee meeting due to the ownership of the land being in question and there was some concern at the size of land bridge to protect the roots of the tree.

13) **Highway Matters:**

- (a) Councillor M Whittall reported that the street lights were still obscured and the hedges still need trimming. Clerk reported that the hedges were discussed at a recent meeting at Shropshire Council and they would send a letter to the residents when they had the addresses.

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14) **Communications and Correspondence:** This was noted

15) Finance:

(a) Accounts due for payment; It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk: proposed by Councillor P Carter; seconded by Councillor C Roberts and agreed by all members present

247	SALC	Training	256.00
248	HMRC	PAYE	18.20
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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 member present

(c) Council to approve any payments received after agenda has been sent out; There were no additional payments

16) Play Areas:

- Chairman to report on Play Areas ROSPA reports; The chairman reported that he and the Vice-chairman had visited the site and felt that there was no alternative but to close the Play Area down and concentrate on maintaining the MUGA on the site and getting funding for Longden to complete that project. They would look at the feasibility of renewing the Annscroft Play Area at a later date. The Vice-chairman has approached a couple of people to obtain a quote for removing the equipment
- Councillor P Carter to update the meeting on progress made by the Working Group .Councillor Carter reported that there were a couple of more funding applications in the pipeline. The Leg Stretch had raised £800 and those taking part had enjoyed it and were keen to repeat it again.
- Councillor Carter is getting comparative quotes to the one received from Ray Parry for the Parish Council to consider.
- Councillor P Carter was given a vote of thanks form the Parish Council for organizing the leg stretch.
- It was reported that there is moss on the MUGA which needs to be removed. Clerk to ask if J Boyd would do that as part of his spraying schedule.
- It was agreed to the issue of dogs in the Play Area on the agenda for November.

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17) Parish Matters:

- a) Councillor N Evans reported that there are 2 meeting to look at the draft Parish Plan, at the Red Lion and also the School. There will be a meeting to look at it in Hookagate in November.
- b) Councillor R Evans proposed that the Tankerville Arms, Red Lion and the New Inn all be listed as Community Assets. This was seconded by Councillor K Roberts and agreed by all members present.
- c) It was agreed to put the Lyth Hill Management Plan on the November agenda for the Parish Council to look at and discuss.

18) **Date and time of next meeting.** It was agreed that this would be held on Wednesday 1st November 2017 at 7.30pm at Longden Village Hall:

19) The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30pm