

LONGFRAMLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting on: 7th February 2018
Meeting at: Longframlington Memorial Hall
Meeting time: 7:45 pm
Present: Cllrs: Gillian Apthorpe (GA) Graham Fremlin (GF) Chair, Diane Lakey DL), John Munro (JM), Gillian Nelles (GN) Dave Wellden (DW)
In attendance PC Stuart Brimble, 3 members of the public, Clerk: Garth Rhodes.

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c) Bank Reconciliation to 6th February 2018 - approved

Balance per bank statements			£
	Community account		61937.57
	Business Saver		6075.12
			68012.69
Less unrepresented cheques			
Cemetery		0.00	
Parish Council			
	07/02/2018	200066 Garth Rhodes	400.16
	07/02/2018	200067 HMRC	80.20
			480.36
Uncredited Deposits - Cemetery		0.00	
	Parish Council	PC	
		Deathe	10.00
		Owen	20.00
		Laidler	20.00
		Weatherston	20.00
		Christie	20.00
		Brennan	10.00
		Burleigh	20.00
		Veitch	10.00
		Proctor	10.00
		Taynton	10.00
		Roger Horne	20.00
		Gallon	10.00
		Anderson	10.00
		Wealleans	20.00
		Hayles	20.00
		Jeffrey	10.00
	Cemetery		0.00
			240.00
Balance per cash book 06/02/18			67772.33
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			18329.39
			67772.33

11) Village Activities – None.

12) Allotments

a) Management

- Issues arising from the Allotment Holders' meeting:
 - (1) The need to repair gates around the allotments including the gate to Allotment No 6.
 - (2) The removal of metal sheets from Allotment No 6.
 - (3) Request for change in policy regarding polythene tunnels and greenhouses. It had been explained that the LPC had a policy that no permanent structures be sited at the allotments. Those who attended were satisfied with this explanation.
 - (4) A proposal had been tabled for the installation of a water meter at the allotments. Indications were that the costs of mains water could be reduced by as much as 50%. The PC agreed that allotment holders who received mains water should be balloted on the matter. The result to be discussed at the next meeting. JM reported that the services to receive a meter were already in place and therefore installation costs were likely to be low.

Action Clerk

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- b) Maintenance. JM Promised to complete the gate repairs and remove metal sheeting ASAP. **Action: JM**
- c) £80 of rental invoices unpaid as at 05/02/18. However this does not account for payments made by BACs since 25/01/2018. JM to follow up unpaid accounts. Tony Holland had given up his allotment (16b) due to ill health. JM indicated that there were people waiting to take over the allotment and he would arrange for the allocation of this. **Action: JM**

13) King George V Playing Field

- a) Blue netting rope repairs had now been completed. Item to be removed from agenda
- b) Lighting on the sports court – GF has been in contact with the electrician who is scheduled to come out in the very near future but has been delayed due to the inclement weather.
- c) GF informed the meeting that he had spoken to NCC about the waste bins on the Green needing to be emptied in a correct manner. Bill Pringle had assured him that this will be done.
- d) JM reported that the work to the drainage on the field had been delayed due to the wet conditions. This would be completed as soon as the land was dry enough for the digging machine to cross the field.

14) Planning

- a) Planning issues to note since previous meeting

Ref No	Description	NCC Status	Parish Council Position **
17/03662/FUL	Land East Of Longframlington Gardens – Erection of two units of holiday accommodation and certified touring caravan site	Application Pending	See minutes from previous meetings for PC responses
17/04084/FUL	Land South East of Embleton Steads. New potable water booster pump station housed in roadside with associated parking area for maintenance	Application	See minutes from previous meetings for PC responses
17/04529/PRUTPO	Preservation Order Hall Hill Farm Hall Hill Cottages Longframlington NE65 8AD	Application	No objection provided that the tree preservation inspector has confirmed that because of its condition the tree needs felling
17/04611/RENE	Land East Of Willowdene House Harrogate Lane Longframlington Northumberland. Proposed installation of 5kw domestic wind turbine and installation 16 ground mounted PV panels	Application	No objection
17/04587/FUL	Willowdene House Harrogate Lane Longframlington Proposed conversion and extension of garage to form annexed accommodation with separate workshop and poly tunnel for domestic use.	Application	<i>Comments by Tue 06 Feb 2018. Insufficient comments received to make response</i>
18/00162/OUT	Land South Of Lightpipe Farm Longframlington NE65 8DZ. Outline Application for development of approximately 42 dwellings with all matters reserved	Application	The Parish Council Object to this application on the following grounds:- The suggested access onto the North road is onto a highly dangerous, narrow and congested part of the road which has heavy volumes of HGV vehicles and horse transporters, the traffic from the site would also exacerbate the serious problems with the junction of the A697. Flooding the North road is prone to severe flooding at the point of the suggested access and the site itself is known to suffer flash flooding in heavy rain. During the winter it is also often impossible to use the public footpath that crosses the site due to deep mud and the watercourse overflowing. The watercourse and drains across the site have to cope with all the surface water and sewage from all the other developments from all compass points, these volumes will only increase as the other 62 houses that already have planning permission in this part of the village are completed. The proposed footpath access to the A697 shown on the plans does not appear to remain at the full width as it passes through the wooded area and it would need to be made up to a full hard surfaced path as again the existing public footpath is impassable in bad weather.

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			<p>There are major concerns about the accuracy of the ecology/habitat survey due to the inconsistency with local knowledge. It is stated there are no bats in the area yet all parts of Longframlington are known to have bats of various species which would be evident to anyone standing or walking in the area in the evening/night.</p> <p>It is also stated that there are no Great Crested Newts (GCN) in the area yet they are commonly seen in nearby gardens and indeed Longframlington Parish Council provided photographic evidence to NCC planners during 2017 of a GCN in a garden at Sea view which is within 500 metres of the site. We would therefore suggest that a more thorough survey was carried out by a truly independent ecologist.</p> <p>Massing of housing in Longframlington. The number of houses in the village has increased dramatically over the last four-five years with over 180 new houses receiving planning permission which represents an increase of over 25%. The village infrastructure/roads and services are all over stretched. Local businesses are not seeing any economic benefit as most new residents work and shop outside the village and those that do wish to use the shops find that the increased volumes of traffic are causing parking problems in the village centre preventing them from shopping locally.</p> <p>The NCC core strategy was recently withdrawn as the figures quoted for housing were considered to be excessive yet Longframlington has already provided much of the originally proposed housing for the North area outside the main settlements.</p> <p>There is an abundance of 4/5/6 bed houses either planned or built in the village whilst there is little in the way of 2/3 bed affordable or affordable rented housing being made available which should now be the only preference for the village.</p>
18/00133/ADE	Land South Of Deneburn Rothbury Road Longframlington. Advertisement consent for 14no flag poles, 2no triangular V-boards and 3no sign boards.	Application	<p>The Parish Council strongly object to this application for the following reasons.</p> <p>Advertising of this quantity and size may be the norm in urban areas but in rural areas the impact is far greater.</p> <p>The site is on the brow of a hill and flags of this size will be visible on the horizon for long distances, the site is also adjacent to existing bungalows to which these flags will be clearly visible and affect their quality of light, they will also be seen above the existing housing from other parts of the village. This is an exposed site which often experiences high winds and flags of this size will also become a noise nuisance to the local residents.</p> <p>Flags and signs of this size will also impact on the local wildlife being a potential hazard to the bats and owls that are abundant in the area as well as birds.</p> <p>Whilst we accept that all developers need to mark their sites so that potential buyers can find them it should be sufficient to erect more suitably sized items near the site entrance which should be based on the basis of a single flag plus a notice board at the entrance as other developers in Longframlington have done</p>
<p>** Parish council position – this is the decision the councillors wish to be communicated to NCC.</p> <p>Coloured areas show where something has changed from the previous PC meeting.</p>			

Re: 17/04587/FUL Willowdene House Harrogate Lane. Cllrs were reminded of their responsibilities regarding planning applications.

- b) Issues arising from the meeting with Ragu Sittambalam, Senior Planning Officer - North Area Team. The meeting had been very positive and a range of important planning issues and decisions were discussed. Ragu agreed to follow up and report back on a number of issues raised:

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- Healeycote View - conditions regarding the traffic calming on the Rothbury Road not carried out as agreed in the Planning Decision
- North End Farm – late change in proposed route for the footpath by Highways Department.
- Lack of response to the letters to Director of Planning regarding the Ecology Report for Deneburn and the Water Booster at Embleton Steads.
- The rapid deterioration of the road to Alnwick Fords due to the heavy vehicle use, particularly from the Equestrian Centre.
- Fenwick Grove. Change to original plan which now means double storey properties are overlooking the existing housing instead of the low cost single storey bungalows.
- Issues to monitor.
 - (1) Development between Embleton Hall and Plane Tree House – Parking of construction vehicles on A697.
 - (2) Development North of Lightpipe Farm
 - Issue of control of run-off water.
 - Monitoring of building levels.

GA left the meeting at 10.10 p.m.

Main Issues

15) Action Plan – February 2018

- a) **Tree Review of churchyard.** GF agreed to undertake this action **Action: GF**
- b) **George V Playing Field review of assets.** GN/JM agreed to undertake this action. Clerk to provide Assets register
Action: GN/JM/Clerk

16) Any Urgent Business

- a) **Review of Local Ethical Standards Stakeholder Consultation.** Committee on Standards in Public life is undertaking this review. Closing date for submissions is the 18th May 2018. Members were asked to look over the documentation and submit their views. **Action: ALL**
- b) **Bus Timetabling Issues.** There has been some confusion regarding the Wednesday bus service to Alnwick and the Sunday bus service from Morpeth to Thropton. Kirsten Francis had provided an accurate update on the situation. Revised timetables will be issued in due course
- c) **Alnwick Playhouse:** A request for funding to support the Playhouse was approved. An amount of £50 was proposed DW, seconded GN and agreed. **Action: Clerk**
- d) **Grit Provision in the village** – A letter had been received from Mrs Kath Carr requesting a grit bin for the corner of Church St and Knogley Way, as it was some distance to obtain grit from the existing bins. Currently, Longframlington has reached its full NCC allocation of grit bins and has the greatest concentration in the village around the area specified. At the meeting it was pointed out that there was currently a bin at the bottom of Church Street (opposite the Lion) which is little used to grit the immediate area around the bin, as this receives grit by way of the gritting lorry and spray from passing vehicles. The PC therefore agreed that they ask the NCC to move this bin further up Church Street to the outside top corner of the Churchyard. This would mean that the bin would be able to service both the top and bottom of Church Street as well as the southern end of Knogley Way. **Action: Clerk**
- e) **Parochial Church Council noticeboard** –A letter had been received from the PCC informing the PC that the Church noticeboard was to be moved from the western side of the entrance gates to the church to the eastern side
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07/02/2018	LPC	Recharge Clerk's wages to cem/try	-20.37
07/02/2018	HMRC	PAYE	80.20
Total			509.99

c) Bank Reconciliation to 6th February 2018 - approved

Balance per bank statements				£
	Community account			61937.57
	Business Saver			6075.12
				68012.69
Less unrepresented cheques				
Cemetery			0.00	
Parish Council				
	07/02/2018	200066	Garth Rhodes	400.16
	07/02/2018	200067	HMRC	80.20
				480.36
Uncredited Deposits - Cemetery				0.00
	Parish Council	PC	Deathe	10.00
			Owen	20.00
			Laidler	20.00
			Weatherston	20.00
			Christie	20.00
			Brennan	10.00
			Burleigh	20.00
			Veitch	10.00
			Proctor	10.00
			Taynton	10.00
			Roger Horne	20.00
			Gallon	10.00
			Anderson	10.00
			Wealleans	20.00
			Hayles	20.00
			Jeffrey	10.00
	Cemetery			0.00
				240.00
Balance per cash book 06/02/18				67772.33
Balance per cash book				49442.94
				18329.39
				67772.33

11) Village Activities – None.

12) Allotments

a) Management

- Issues arising from the Allotment Holders' meeting:
 - (1) The need to repair gates around the allotments including the gate to Allotment No 6.
 - (2) The removal of metal sheets from Allotment No 6.
 - (3) Request for change in policy regarding polythene tunnels and greenhouses. It had been explained that the LPC had a policy that no permanent structures be sited at the allotments. Those who attended were satisfied with this explanation.
 - (4) A proposal had been tabled for the installation of a water meter at the allotments. Indications were that the costs of mains water could be reduced by as much as 50%. The PC agreed that allotment holders who received mains water should be balloted on the matter. The result to be discussed at the next meeting. JM reported that the services to receive a meter were already in place and therefore installation costs were likely to be low.

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- b) Maintenance. JM Promised to complete the gate repairs and remove metal sheeting ASAP. **Action: JM**
- c) £80 of rental invoices unpaid as at 05/02/18. However this does not account for payments made by BACs since 25/01/2018. JM to follow up unpaid accounts. Tony Holland had given up his allotment (16b) due to ill health. JM indicated that there were people waiting to take over the allotment and he would arrange for the allocation of this. **Action: JM**

13) King George V Playing Field

- a) Blue netting rope repairs had now been completed. Item to be removed from agenda
- b) Lighting on the sports court – GF has been in contact with the electrician who is scheduled to come out in the very near future but has been delayed due to the inclement weather.
- c) GF informed the meeting that he had spoken to NCC about the waste bins on the Green needing to be emptied in a correct manner. Bill Pringle had assured him that this will be done.
- d) JM reported that the work to the drainage on the field had been delayed due to the wet conditions. This would be completed as soon as the land was dry enough for the digging machine to cross the field.

14) Planning

- a) Planning issues to note since previous meeting

Ref No	Description	NCC Status	Parish Council Position **
17/03662/FUL	Land East Of Longframlington Gardens – Erection of two units of holiday accommodation and certified touring caravan site	Application Pending	See minutes from previous meetings for PC responses
17/04084/FUL	Land South East of Embleton Steads. New potable water booster pump station housed in roadside with associated parking area for maintenance	Application	See minutes from previous meetings for PC responses
17/04529/PRUTPO	Preservation Order Hall Hill Farm Hall Hill Cottages Longframlington NE65 8AD	Application	No objection provided that the tree preservation inspector has confirmed that because of its condition the tree needs felling
17/04611/RENE	Land East Of Willowdene House Harrogate Lane Longframlington Northumberland. Proposed installation of 5kw domestic wind turbine and installation 16 ground mounted PV panels	Application	No objection
17/04587/FUL	Willowdene House Harrogate Lane Longframlington Proposed conversion and extension of garage to form annexed accommodation with separate workshop and poly tunnel for domestic use.	Application	<i>Comments by Tue 06 Feb 2018. Insufficient comments received to make response</i>
18/00162/OUT	Land South Of Lightpipe Farm Longframlington NE65 8DZ. Outline Application for development of approximately 42 dwellings with all matters reserved	Application	The Parish Council Object to this application on the following grounds:- The suggested access onto the North road is onto a highly dangerous, narrow and congested part of the road which has heavy volumes of HGV vehicles and horse transporters, the traffic from the site would also exacerbate the serious problems with the junction of the A697. Flooding the North road is prone to severe flooding at the point of the suggested access and the site itself is known to suffer flash flooding in heavy rain. During the winter it is also often impossible to use the public footpath that crosses the site due to deep mud and the watercourse overflowing. The watercourse and drains across the site have to cope with all the surface water and sewage from all the other developments from all compass points, these volumes will only increase as the other 62 houses that already have planning permission in this part of the village are completed. The proposed footpath access to the A697 shown on the plans does not appear to remain at the full width as it passes through the wooded area and it would need to be made up to a full hard surfaced path as again the existing public footpath is impassable in bad weather.

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			<p>There are major concerns about the accuracy of the ecology/habitat survey due to the inconsistency with local knowledge. It is stated there are no bats in the area yet all parts of Longframlington are known to have bats of various species which would be evident to anyone standing or walking in the area in the evening/night.</p> <p>It is also stated that there are no Great Crested Newts (GCN) in the area yet they are commonly seen in nearby gardens and indeed Longframlington Parish Council provided photographic evidence to NCC planners during 2017 of a GCN in a garden at Sea view which is within 500 metres of the site. We would therefore suggest that a more thorough survey was carried out by a truly independent ecologist.</p> <p>Massing of housing in Longframlington. The number of houses in the village has increased dramatically over the last four-five years with over 180 new houses receiving planning permission which represents an increase of over 25%. The village infrastructure/roads and services are all over stretched. Local businesses are not seeing any economic benefit as most new residents work and shop outside the village and those that do wish to use the shops find that the increased volumes of traffic are causing parking problems in the village centre preventing them from shopping locally.</p> <p>The NCC core strategy was recently withdrawn as the figures quoted for housing were considered to be excessive yet Longframlington has already provided much of the originally proposed housing for the North area outside the main settlements.</p> <p>There is an abundance of 4/5/6 bed houses either planned or built in the village whilst there is little in the way of 2/3 bed affordable or affordable rented housing being made available which should now be the only preference for the village.</p>
18/00133/ADE	Land South Of Deneburn Rothbury Road Longframlington. Advertisement consent for 14no flag poles, 2no triangular V-boards and 3no sign boards.	Application	<p>The Parish Council strongly object to this application for the following reasons.</p> <p>Advertising of this quantity and size may be the norm in urban areas but in rural areas the impact is far greater.</p> <p>The site is on the brow of a hill and flags of this size will be visible on the horizon for long distances, the site is also adjacent to existing bungalows to which these flags will be clearly visible and affect their quality of light, they will also be seen above the existing housing from other parts of the village. This is an exposed site which often experiences high winds and flags of this size will also become a noise nuisance to the local residents.</p> <p>Flags and signs of this size will also impact on the local wildlife being a potential hazard to the bats and owls that are abundant in the area as well as birds.</p> <p>Whilst we accept that all developers need to mark their sites so that potential buyers can find them it should be sufficient to erect more suitably sized items near the site entrance which should be based on the basis of a single flag plus a notice board at the entrance as other developers in Longframlington have done</p>
<p>** Parish council position – this is the decision the councillors wish to be communicated to NCC.</p> <p>Coloured areas show where something has changed from the previous PC meeting.</p>			

Re: 17/04587/FUL Willowdene House Harrogate Lane. Cllrs were reminded of their responsibilities regarding planning applications.

- b) Issues arising from the meeting with Ragu Sittambalam, Senior Planning Officer - North Area Team. The meeting had been very positive and a range of important planning issues and decisions were discussed. Ragu agreed to follow up and report back on a number of issues raised:

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- Healeycote View - conditions regarding the traffic calming on the Rothbury Road not carried out as agreed in the Planning Decision
- North End Farm – late change in proposed route for the footpath by Highways Department.
- Lack of response to the letters to Director of Planning regarding the Ecology Report for Deneburn and the Water Booster at Embleton Steads.
- The rapid deterioration of the road to Alnwick Fords due to the heavy vehicle use, particularly from the Equestrian Centre.
- Fenwick Grove. Change to original plan which now means double storey properties are overlooking the existing housing instead of the low cost single storey bungalows.
- Issues to monitor.
 - (1) Development between Embleton Hall and Plane Tree House – Parking of construction vehicles on A697.
 - (2) Development North of Lightpipe Farm
 - Issue of control of run-off water.
 - Monitoring of building levels.

GA left the meeting at 10.10 p.m.

Main Issues

15) Action Plan – February 2018

- a) **Tree Review of churchyard.** GF agreed to undertake this action **Action: GF**
- b) **George V Playing Field review of assets.** GN/JM agreed to undertake this action. Clerk to provide Assets register **Action: GN/JM/Clerk**

16) Any Urgent Business

- a) **Review of Local Ethical Standards Stakeholder Consultation.** Committee on Standards in Public life is undertaking this review. Closing date for submissions is the 18th May 2018. Members were asked to look over the documentation and submit their views. **Action: ALL**
- b) **Bus Timetabling Issues.** There has been some confusion regarding the Wednesday bus service to Alnwick and the Sunday bus service from Morpeth to Thropton. Kirsten Francis had provided an accurate update on the situation. Revised timetables will be issued in due course
- c) **Alnwick Playhouse:** A request for funding to support the Playhouse was approved. An amount of £50 was proposed DW, seconded GN and agreed. **Action: Clerk**
- d) **Grit Provision in the village** – A letter had been received from Mrs Kath Carr requesting a grit bin for the corner of Church St and Knogley Way, as it was some distance to obtain grit from the existing bins. Currently, Longframlington has reached its full NCC allocation of grit bins and has the greatest concentration in the village around the area specified. At the meeting it was pointed out that there was currently a bin at the bottom of Church Street (opposite the Lion) which is little used to grit the immediate area around the bin, as this receives grit by way of the gritting lorry and spray from passing vehicles. The PC therefore agreed that they ask the NCC to move this bin further up Church Street to the outside top corner of the Churchyard. This would mean that the bin would be able to service both the top and bottom of Church Street as well as the southern end of Knogley Way. **Action: Clerk**
- e) **Parochial Church Council noticeboard** –A letter had been received from the PCC informing the PC that the Church noticeboard was to be moved from the western side of the entrance gates to the church to the eastern side
- f) **Car Parking Studies for Alnwick, Morpeth, Hexham and Berwick Consultation.** Members were asked to look over the documentation and submit their views. **Action: ALL**

17) Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.

Garth Rhodes – Clerk to Longframlington Parish Council.

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