

MEETING OF LONGDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday

3rd February 2016

MINUTES

- 1) **Chairman welcome** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
- 2) **Present** :Councillor P Carter-Chairman : Councillor N Evans-Vice-chairman : Councillor R Evans : Councillor M Davies : Councillor M Sinclair : Councillor K Lovegrove : Councillor W Merrick : Councillor M Whittall : Councillor C Rigby. Also present L Pardoe clerk to the Council and four members of the public(see attached sheet)
- 3) **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** There were none at this point
- 4) **Public Comments: *Standing Orders were lifted to allow the public to speak***
 Application 16/00123/FUL.A member of the public expressed concern at the change of use from a storage barn to Storage Building. There is a considerable change of size and he would ask the Parish Council to ask for the use to be limited to storage only. There are no heights on the drawings. There is no evidence of the existing barn being used for agricultural purposes at the present time. The existing drive is unsuitable for large vehicles. Application 16/00334/COU. Miss Stewart was happy to answer any questions . This application is taking the permission for business premises from Myrtle Bank to this site. Application 16/00315/Ful. There were no comments on this application.
 Application 15/05116/Ful. There were no comments on this application
 Application 15/5585/FUL. There were no comments on this application.

Mr. Osian Jones from Om-Architecture spoke on a proposal to add another two dwellings on a site which was granted permission for two dwellings last year (14/04435/FUL)on land south of Hanley House Hookagate. They wish to utilize the land which was not included in the original application as they have discovered there is no real value in that piece of land for just two houses due to services provisions costs . They wish to add two other dwellings to the side of the proposed new dwellings to make the development financially viable. Councillor N Evans made comments on the size and extra vehicles on a private drive which struggles with the water drainage as it is. He had spoken with residents on the lane and those he had spoken to were not in favour of any more development. It was felt that two more would overdevelop the site.

A gentleman reiterated what Councillor N Evans had said adding that after heavy rainfall the road is deluged with water from the fields.

Osian Jones said that a drainage engineer would be employed to design a suitable drainage scheme.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

- 5) **Police Report:** Previously circulated by e-mail. The clerk had received an e-mail from PC Somerfield with details of potentially making the villages Smart Water Villages. There would be a cost to this. It was felt that this was something that could be discussed at the public meeting on 17th February. The clerk to register our interest with PC Summerfield.
- 6) **Confirmation and Acceptance of Minutes of meeting held on January 6th 2016:** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting; proposed by Councillor P Carter; seconded by Councillor W Merrick and agreed by all members present. Councillor R Evans commented that on application 15/05364 it was not clear that this application was not a new one but replacing a previous application.
- 7) **Matters arising:-** Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from David Fairclough regarding the Community Speed watch. There is to be a meeting this Thursday to look at Hookagate & Annscroft for the potential enforcement sites. He had been told by Ian Connolly said that Longden Common has not got sufficient visibility for any activity to take place. *Clerk to write to Chris Edwards at Shropshire Council also to the Police Commissioner and the Chief Constable to express our discontent at this response.* The clerk had received an e-mail promoting Wheelie bin speed stickers. *Clerk to contact the clerk from Pontesbury to get more details.* The British Heart Foundation defibrillators scheme has closed but they are expecting to have a new one start in April. *Clerk to look at the website to see when this is started.* The clerk & Chair have been invited to a meeting on 10th February with the leader of Shropshire Council to look at possible ways forward with the present financial situation.

8) **Planning: i) clerk to report on earlier applications**

Reference: 14/01589/FUL: The Cygnets *Pending Consideration*

Reference: 14/02230/OUT: The Firs, Exfords Green *Pending Consideration*

Reference: 14/04876/OUT: Proposed dwelling Redhill Cottage, Hookagate: *Pending*

Consideration

Reference: 15/00874/VAR: Yews Barn, Lyth Bank, Shrewsbury, SY3 0BW *Pending Consideration*

Reference:

/00939/FUL: Proposed affordable dwelling SE of Green Acres, Annscroft, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Pending Consideration

Reference: 15/01152/OUT: Proposed development land at Redhill, Shrewsbury, *Pending*

Consideration

Reference: 15/03651/FUL: Workshop north of The Rope Walk. Lyth Hill, Shrewsbury; awaiting decision.

Reference: 15/004590/FUL: Tankerville Arms, Shrewsbury Road, Longden, SY5 8EX: Awaiting decision.

Reference: 15/04640/DIS: Proposed dwelling north of Chapel Cottages Hookagate. Pending Consideration.

Reference: 15/04681/OUT: 2 Rose Cottage, Hookagate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 8BJ: Permission Granted

Reference: 15/04702/FUL: Timber Lodge, Lyth Hill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 0BS: Pending Consideration.

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Signed.....

Dated Wednesday 2nd March

Reference: 15/04587/FUL: Land North of Exfords Green, Shrewsbury: Pending Consideration.
 Reference: 15/04917/OUT: Little Vinnals Bungalow, Long Lane End, Longden, Shrewsbury SY5 8HF: Pending Consideration.
 Reference: 15/05027/FUL: Spring Cottage, Lyth Hill, Shrewsbury, SY3 0BS; Refused
 Reference: 15/05284/REM: Proposed dwelling South of Pen-y-Bont, Hookagate. Shrewsbury: Pending Consideration.
 Reference: 15/05364/FUL: Proposed dwelling north of Myrtle Bank, Exfords Green, Shrewsbury, SY5 8HQ: Pending Consideration.

ii) Council to consider new applications:

- Reference: 15/05116/FUL (validated: 07/01/2016)
 Address: Windmill House, Lyth Hill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 0BT
 Proposal: Erection of exterior staircase to end wall to allow access to roof space above sitting room.
 After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application. Proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor M Whittall and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 15/05585/FUL (validated: 11/01/2016)
 Address: Swallow Cottage, Lyth Bank, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 0BQ
 Proposal: Works to facilitate garage conversion to residential accommodation; erection of rear and side extension to include garage
 After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application. Proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor M Whittall and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 16/00123/FUL (validated: 13/01/2016)
 Address: Stapleton Grange, Longden, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8HF
 Proposal: Demolition of existing agricultural building and erection of a replacement modern building
 After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would object to this application due to the lack of information at this point.
 The proposed building would be visually intrusive and would have a big impact on the surrounding countryside and neighbouring properties.
 There is no evidence of the existing building being used for agricultural purposes and the Parish Council would ask that the Principal Authority seeks to find out what this building is to be used for.
 Proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor M Whittall and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 16/00334/COU (validated 28/01/2016)
 Address: Badgers Oak, Exfords Green, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY5 8HQ
 Proposal: Change of use of domestic outbuilding to dog grooming business (following business ceasing at Myrtle Bank) No papers available for this application.
 After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application. Proposed by Councillor N Evans; seconded by Councillor W Merrick and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 16/00231/FUL (validated 25/01/2016)
 Address: Stapleton Grange; Longden, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 8HF
 Proposal: Erection of curved entrance wall together with supporting pillars and vehicular & pedestrian access gates.
 After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council objects strenuously to this application. It is out of scale and proportion to other dwellings in the area and would be visually intrusive in this rural location.
 Proposed by Councillor C Rigby; seconded by Councillor M Whittall and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 16/00315/FUL (Validated 01/02/2016) I have not yet been notified I have picked this up from the portal
 Address: Westwinds, Lyth Bank, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY3 0BE
 Proposal: Erection of a single storey Side extension with pitched roof.

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application. Proposed by Councillor C Rigby ;seconded by Councillor P Carter and agreed by all members present.

- A pre planning proposal from Osian Jones for an amendment to application 14/04435/FUL, which was granted planning consent at the end of last year. E-mail forwarded to members. This was discussed in the public session. The Parish Council were against this in principle due to the problems highlighted in the public session.

Councillor P Carter would be attending the Planning Committee meeting on Thursday 4th February to represent the Parish Council views on the application Little Vinnals Bungalow, Long Lane End Of To The Cottage Junction, Longden, Shrewsbury, SY5 8HF (15/04917/FUL)

9) Highway Matters:

- (a) Councillors to report any further highway matters

Councillor M Whittall reported that the 30mph sign is finally in place in Annscroft by the Play Area.

Councillor M Davies reported that there is still a leak on Redhill Drive. It was agreed that members would ring the Severn Trent leak line and report this. Clerk to do the same.

Councillor R Evans asked the clerk to forward the e-mail received from E-on to him. Councillor M Sinclair said the patching of the potholes was very poor.

- 10) **Play Areas:** i) Chairman to report on progress with the Working Group. The January meeting had been deferred. The application with The Big Lottery would soon be completed. The ASDA application is to be resubmitted.

ii) Councillor W Merrick reported that the grass is long.

iii) Councillors to agree the grass cutting requirements within the parish for the grass tenders (see enclosed) Councillor K Lovegrove had spoken to Mr. Savage about the quality of the grass cutting last year and he was not happy with it either. He will do the cutting again this year as in the contract but will start earlier. Clerk to give him the go ahead as soon as possible. It was agreed that the requirements as on the sheet are ok.

11) Finance:

- (a) Accounts due for payment; It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor N Evans ; seconded by Councillor C Rigby and agreed by all members present.
- (b) 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 C Rigby and agreed by all members present.
- (c) Balance held at Bank. Treasurers Account £68.95p Instant Access Account £29,440.90 totaling £ 29,509.85

- (d) Council to consider the continuation of the website as it is. The cost for this is £90.00 for two years hosting. After discussion it was agreed that this would be deferred to the March meeting after the clerk has attended a training session for a free website with SALC and Hugo Fox. Proposed by Councillor R Evans; seconded by Councillor W Merrick and agreed by all members present.
- (e) Council to consider donation to the PCC towards churchyard maintenance. Councillor M Whittall proposed that the amount be £150; seconded by Councillor C Rigby. Councillor R Evans proposed £200; seconded by Councillor M Sinclair. A vote was taken on the amendment and was carried by 5 votes to 4. It was therefore agreed that an amount of £200 would be donated to the PCC towards Churchyard Maintenance.

12) **Communications and Correspondence:** This was noted.

13) **Council to finalize arrangements for the Public meeting on Wednesday 17th February:**

The clerk distributed 600 fliers to members for them to distribute throughout the parish. There were sufficient for some to be left at the Post Office and the three Public Houses within the parish. The members agreed among themselves who would deliver to where. It was agreed that David Fairclough would explain to those attending what a Neighbourhood Light Plan was and that a member of the Parish Council could explain to the meeting why it was important the Parish Has one of these. It was hoped that they would be able to have a list of volunteers prepared to take this forward and begin the process.

14) **Parish Matters:**

- (a) Clerk had received an-email from a resident who was complaining about the mud on the road on Summerhouse Lane. *Clerk to report to Shropshire Council to get the road cleaned up.*
- (b) Councillors to report any further parish matters
Councillor N Evans reported that the recent Flicks in the Sticks had been very enjoyable.
Councillor K Lovegrove reported that there is a light in Well Mead Lane daylight burning. There is also a light on pole No 1 outside Plealey Lane outside Longmynd View is flickering.
Councillor P Carter had received a quotation from a Mr. Gault for refurbishing the Bus Shelter in Longden Common and Annscroft. This was to be put on the March agenda for consideration in the discussion then.. Clerk to obtain prices for new bus shelters for then.

- 15) **Shropshire Council Matters:** - Councillor R Evans reported that the new Leader is Malcolm Pate. He has said there will be a 4% increase in Council Tax in the next financial year. There is a meeting with the Chairs and clerks of Parish & Town Councils next Wednesday 10th February at the Shirehall.
The Ringway contract will be up for review in two years and will not be renewed.

- 16) **Date and time of next meeting:** - It was agreed that this would be held on 2nd March 2016 7.30pm at Longden Village Hall. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 10.00 pm