

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF LONGDON HELD
IN THE MEETING ROOM OF CHRIST CHURCH, GENTLESHAW,
ON TUESDAY, JULY 10TH, 2007

Present: Cllr. R. C. Hemmingsley (Chairman); Cllr. N. J. Bird; Cllr. B. J. Butler;
Cllr. A. J. Juxon; Cllr. Mrs. H. A. Meere; Cllr. M. A. W. Parsons;
Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Russell; Cllr. N. Stanfield; and Cllr. S. K. Welch.

Also present was the Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. The Rev. J. R. Andrews; Cllr. Mrs. G. D. Duckett; Cllr. N. J. Roberts,
of Lichfield District Council; and County Councillor F. W. Lewis, MBE.

2. VACANCIES ON LONGDON COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that he had received from Sue Shiel, Senior Assistant (Electoral Services), Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council, a letter dated 22nd June 2007, in which she had advised the Council that, following the resignation of Cllr. Michel Parsons, the Council ought first to have advertised the vacancy before proceeding to a co-option.

The Council took note of Mrs. Shiel's letter, but decided nonetheless that, in view of the fact that the second vacancy had occurred within a month of a general election, when an insufficient number of candidates had already led to an uncontested election, both co-options should be confirmed, particularly since it would be invidious to attempt to identify which co-option filled which vacancy.

Moreover, both were seen as excellent candidates, and their co-option went some way towards redressing the imbalance between the sexes.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Butler and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Meere, the minutes of the previous meeting, held in the W. I. Hall, Longdon, on Tuesday, June 12th, 2007, were approved and signed.

4. PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

No parishioners were present.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) Obstructed Footpaths

Cllr. Juxon reported that the footpaths behind Longdon Hall had now been cleared.

(ii) Play Area in Upper Longdon

Cllr. Butler said that he believed that up to fifty children between the ages of two and sixteen might be interested in using a play area in Upper Longdon.

It was agreed that the provision of such a play area should be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

(iii) High Meadow, Hill Top

The Clerk reported that he had received from Ros Robb, Principal Planning Officer (North), Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council, a letter dated 26th June 2007, in which she informed the Council that, despite a greater proportion of demolition than was anticipated, the development as approved did retain some original walls and was set on the original albeit slightly extended foundations and was within the size constraints imposed by Local Plan Policy DC 5. The Council intended to take no action against the development unless the dimensions of the property did not accord with the approved plans.

The Council was reminded that only one of the original walls had been retained, and, at the suggestion of Cllr. Stanfield, the Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs. Robb asking her to indicate on a plan provided by the Council which walls had been demolished and which retained.

(iv) Gentleshaw Common

The Chairman informed the Council that he had recently spoken to Tamara Kabat, the District Council's Biodiversity Officer, who had acknowledged that the management proposals for Gentleshaw had been shelved and resources diverted to Chasewater Park.

However, she had later advised him that she had made an appointment to visit Gentleshaw School to discuss the project.

Cllr. Andrews had already reported that there had been disappointment at the school at the lack of support received from the District Council following the initial contact.

The Chairman pointed out that a management plan for Gentleshaw Common had been in preparation for the past ten years, and he reminded the meeting that the District Council had a legal obligation to maintain Gentleshaw Common, which was a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

6. PLANNING

(i) Report of Working Group

The Chairman reported that the following planning applications had been received since the Council last met:

06/00755/FUL (Amended): Longdon Stud Ltd.: Replacement purpose-built stable block: Longdon Stud, Bardy Lane, Upper Longdon

The attention of the District Council was drawn to the Parish Council's original comments setting out in detail its objections to this development, which it considered did not fall within the category of "small stables" as identified in Policy PPG2 and must therefore be regarded as an inappropriate development within the Green Belt.

In the light of the Parish Council's earlier objections, the amended proposal to reduce the height of the stable block was immaterial and irrelevant.

07/00425/FUL: Mr. David Miles: Proposed side and rear extension to form kitchen and bedroom: Lilac Cottage, Church Hill, Longdon Green

It was noted that the property was within the Green Belt and the Longdon Green Conservation Area; however, no objection was raised provided that the development was in accordance with Policy DC5 2(a) of the approved Local Plan.

(Cllr. Juxon declared a remote family connection with the applicant and took no part in the discussion)

07/00549/FUL: Mr. Alan White: Proposed first-floor extension to form bathroom:
White Cottage, Red Hill, Upper Longdon

It was noted that this property was within the Green Belt and the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; however, no objection was raised provided the development was in accordance with Policy DC5 2(a) of the approved Local Plan.

(ii) Approved by Lichfield District Council

The Clerk reported that, since the last meeting, Lichfield District Council had issued the following Notice of Planning Approval:

07/00427/FUL: Mr. and Mrs. Murphy: Conservatory: 49 Upper Way, Upper Longdon

(iii) Refused by Lichfield District Council

The Clerk reported that, since the last meeting, Lichfield District Council had issued no Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission relating to Longdon.

(iv) Other Planning Matters

(a) Withdrawal of Applications

The Clerk reported that he had received from the Development Control Manager, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council, notice that the following planning applications had been withdrawn:

07/00300/FUL: Mr. Alan Crarer: Conservatory: Brook House Cottage, Longdon Green;

07/00368/FUL: Mr. and Mrs. R. Bate: Proposed detached bungalow: Land adjacent to "Pine Ridge", Brereton Hill Lane, Upper Longdon;

07/00426/LBC: Mr. David Miles: Proposed rear and side extension to form kitchen, and bedroom: Lilac Cottage, Church Hill, Longdon Green.

(v) Draft Residential Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document – Lichfield District Local Development Framework

The Clerk reported that he had received from Neil Cox, Principal Development Plans Officer, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council, a letter dated 28th June, 2007, informing the Council that Lichfield District Council had prepared a Draft Residential Design Guide supplementary planning document which was available for inspection at various offices and libraries in the area. It was also available for inspection on <http://consultation.limehouse.co.uk@lichfielddc.gov.uk>

Comments should be received no later than 10th August 2007; however, it was noted that no major developments were proposed for Longdon Parish.

7. REPORTS OF MEETINGS

(i) SPCA Area Committee: June 18th

The Clerk presented a written report on a meeting of the Lichfield Area Committee of the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association which had taken place in the Council Chamber, District Council House, Lichfield, on Monday, June 19th, 2007, which the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and he had all attended.

The theme of the meeting had been policy and procedures in planning enforcement and had been attended by Jeff Upton, Development Control Manager, and Christine Hibbs, Senior

Planning Officer (Enforcement), both of the Democratic, Development and Legal Services of Lichfield District Council.

Also present was the new Chairman of the Lichfield District Parish Forum, Cllr. Martyn Tittley, who was also a member of Armitage Parish Council; he had expressed a hope that there could be a closer working relationship between District and Parish Councils in the future.

(ii) Lichfield District Parish Forum: June 20th

Cllr. Stanfield gave a report on a meeting of the Lichfield District Parish Forum, which had taken place in the Council Chamber, District Council House, Lichfield, on Wednesday, June 20th, 2007, at which he had been present.

Beth Harries, Monitoring Officer for the District Council, had given a short update on the Revised Code of Conduct recently published by the Government, while Jeff Upton, the District Council's Development Control Manager, had highlighted major developments in the level of planning information available through the Council's website.

The Chairman of the Forum, Cllr. Martyn Tittley, had re-iterated his desire to see improved joint working between District and Parish Councils.

Steve McQuade, Performance, Policy and Procurement Manager, reported on the feedback on what District and Parish Councils saw as current priorities; these included the environment, community safety, planning controls and value for money.

Cllr. Mrs. Shirley Barnett, of Colton Parish Council, was elected as the Parish Councils' Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. Norma Bacon having been nominated as District Council Vice-Chairman.

(iii) Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall Management Committee: June 27th

The Chairman reported on a meeting of the Management Committee of the Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall which had taken place at the Hall on Wednesday, June 27th, 2007, and which he had attended.

There had been clear indications that the Hall was having financial difficulties, expenditure exceeding income, and, as a consequence, the Committee would be raising its hire charges.

The driveway was in poor condition and needed to be re-laid; the one quote which had been received so far was for £23,800. 00, plus VAT.

(iv) Longdon Village Hall Management Committee: July 3rd

Cllr. Bird reported on a meeting of the Management Committee of Longdon Village Hall which had taken place on Monday, July 3rd, 2007, and which he had attended.

Cllr. Mrs. Gina Duckett had succeeded Neil Vyse as Chairman.

There had been concern that the demand for activities had fallen recently and that, as a consequence, the gap between income and fixed costs was diminishing; and it had been suggested that the Committee should advertise the amenities of the Hall more vigorously.

Cllr. Bird felt a certain sensitivity over reporting the deliberations of the Committee, some of which might be regarded as confidential, and he had asked the Secretary to provide the Clerk with the minutes of each meeting.

The Council confirmed that it would continue to consider making contributions to the cost of capital projects and would not contribute to the running costs of the Hall.

8. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

(i) The Clerk reported that he had received notice of the following meetings:

- (a) NALC Conference - "Cracking the Code": Thursday, 19th July 2007, at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole
- (b) SMP Playground Seminar: Thursday, 26th July 2007, at The Holiday Inn, Clayton Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme, commencing at 6. 00 p.m.(no time given)

- (ii) The following dates were agreed for meetings of the Council's committees and working groups:

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Tuesday, July 17th, 2007
 Monday, October 1st, 2007
 Monday, 7th January, 2008
 Monday, 7th April, 2008

These meetings would take place in the W. I. Hall, Longdon, and would commence at 8.00 p.m.

Open Spaces Working Group

Tuesday, July 24th, 2007
 (This meeting would take place at 106 Upper Way, at 7.30 p.m., and the first item of business would be to agree the dates of the remaining meetings)

Highways & Footpaths Working Group

Monday, 6th August 2007 (This meeting would take place at Tithe Barn Farm at 7.30 p.m. and the first item of business would be to agree the dates of the remaining meetings)

9. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

(i) Speed Limit in Longdon Green

The Clerk reported that he had received from Mrs. Ann Thomas, of The Maltings, Church Hill, Longdon Green, a letter dated 22nd June 2007, in which she had requested the Council to review the speed limit in Longdon Green, claiming that at prime times speeds had been noted to be well in excess of 60 mph.

The Clerk was instructed to forward Mrs. Thomas's request to the Highways Authority, though it was doubted whether the request would be granted, since Church Hill was without street lighting, the provision of which would considerably add to the cost.

(ii) Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Staffordshire

The Clerk reported that he had received from Noreen Moore, Countryside and Rights of Way Group Leader, Development Services Directorate, Staffordshire County Council, a letter dated 21st June 2007, enclosing a copy of the Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Staffordshire and inviting the Council's comments by the end of August 2007.

It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting of the Highways and Rights of Way Working Group.

(iii) Public Footpaths IR/2067 and No. 36

The Clerk reported that he had received from Paul Rochfort, Principal Rights of Way Assistant, Development Services Directorate, Staffordshire County Council, a letter dated 2nd July 2007, in which he offered to make a contribution to the cost of installing the gate at the top of the church car park.

The Clerk added that Cllr. Lewis had offered to arrange for the provision of a replacement post, an offer which the Clerk was instructed to accept.

(iv) Temporary Road Regulation Order

The Clerk reported that he had received from Margaret Holmes, Technical Support Traffic Regulation, Development Services Directorate, Staffordshire County Council, a letter dated 4th July 2007 enclosing a copy of a Temporary Road Regulation Order signed by John Tradewell, Director of Law and Governance, and dated 12th July 2007 notifying the public of the temporary closure of Dark Lane, Longdon, from 31st July 2007 for the purpose of installing electricity main cables.

Vehicles would be prohibiting from proceeding the length of Dark Lane unless for access or in connection with the work.

It was expected that the work would be completed by August 3rd.

The Clerk added that he had posted copies of the Notice on all the Council's notice-boards, except in Gentleshaw.

(v) Footpath/Bridleway Public Complaint Report

The Clerk reported that he had received from Will Rose, of The Croft, Longdon, a copy of a Footpath/Bridleway Public Complaint Report which he had sent to the County and Countryside Officer, at Green Hall, Stafford, reporting that Footpath No. 33 was obstructed by a locked gate and barbed wire at its access off Lysways Lane and in the field beyond.

(vi) Footpath between Nos. 31 and 33 Church Way, Longdon

The Clerk reported that he had received from Royston Simms, of 31 Church Way, Longdon, a letter dated 16th June 2007, enclosing copies of correspondence between himself and the Assistant Divisional Highways Manager at the Lichfield Highways Office regarding the safety of the above footpath which was causing both Mr. Simms and his neighbour such concern that they were considering blocking off access to the footpath, which Mr. Harris had been advised was not a Public Right of Way.

The Clerk reminded the Council that it was some time since he had gathered evidence to show that the footpath was a recognised and well-used right of way and the Parish Council had applied to have it included on the Definitive Rights of Way Map.

He was instructed to pursue the matter of its registration with the County Countryside Officer and with Cllr. Frank Lewis.

(vii) Hedgerow at Side of A51

The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint that the hedgerow at the side of the A51 was so overgrown that, in places, any pedestrian was forced to walk along the highway verge.

He had spoken to the Divisional Highway Manager, who had confirmed that maintenance of this hedgerow was the responsibility of the householders whose boundaries the hedgerow defined.

Mr. Owen had advised the Clerk to request each householder to cut back his section of the hedgerow and to inform him if any failed to do so.

10. GREENS AND OPEN SPACES

(i) Mowing of Greens and Verges

The Clerk reported that he received from Graham McCulloch a third report, dated 10th June 2007 and a fourth report, dated 26th June 2007.

On neither occasion had he encountered any problems.

(ii) Conservation Area Improvement Scheme

The Clerk reported that he sent requests for a quotation to the three tree surgeons named in Rodney Helliwell's report on the spinney in Lysways Lane, namely, Wolverhampton Tree Service of Wombourne, Midland Tree Management of Belper and Peter Deacon Tree Services of Chase Terrace.

(iii) Greens and Open Spaces Strategy – Summary Document and Supplementary Questionnaire – Lichfield District Local Development Framework

The Clerk reported that he had received from John Smith, Greens and Open Spaces Strategic Manager, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council, a letter dated 5th July, informing the Council that Lichfield District Council was in the process of developing a Greens and Open Spaces Strategy and was seeking opinions and support from

a wide range of partners and interested parties. A summary document and questionnaire were available for inspection at council offices and public libraries throughout the area and could also be viewed on the District Council's website:

www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/greensandopenspaces.

Comments should be received by Friday, 17th August 2007.

11. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2007

The Clerk reported that the results of this year's Best Kept Village Competition would be announced at Weston Village Hall, on Monday, 30th August 2007.

12. AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed that these should be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its next meeting.

13. ADOPTION OF REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk reminded the Council that Section 12 (ii), which allowed elected members with prejudicial interests the same right to address the Council which was already enjoyed by members of the public was proving contentious; some Councils, like Lichfield City Council, were adopting it, others, like Abbots Bromley Parish Council, were not.

It was decided that this too should be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its next meeting.

14. PARISH WEBSITE

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Welch and seconded by Cllr. Stanfield, it was agreed that a page dedicated to Neighbourhood Watch should be included.

15. EDUCATION

(i) Appointment of LEA Governor for Gentleshaw School

The Clerk reported that he had received from Wendy Maddox, Administrative Assistant, Governor Services, Children and Lifelong Services Directorate, Staffordshire County Council, a letter dated 3rd July 2007, advising the Council that the term of office for a Local Education Authority Governor, Mr. J. Andrews, was to end on 31st August, 2007.

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Welch and seconded by Cllr. Butler, Cllr. Andrews, having previously indicated to the Clerk that he wished to continue in the office, was unanimously nominated by the Council.

16. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) Accounts for Payment

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Stanfield and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Meere, payment of the following accounts was approved:

◆Perry's Fine Foods	Reception Buffet	£184. 41
◆A. J. Juxon	Wines for Buffet: £43. 81; Potted Plant: £35. 00	£ 78. 81
◆Hunter Frames	Mounting & Framing Scroll	£ 20. 00
*◆R. C. Hemmingsley	Refund of deposit paid to Perry's Fine Foods	£ 50. 00

Christ Church, Gentleshaw	Hire of Room	£ 10. 00
G. C. McCulloch	Mowing – June 28 th	£205. 00
Salute Ltd.	Independent Internal Auditor's fee	£ 70. 00
≠Open Spaces	Annual Subscription	£ 30. 00

(* confirmation ♦ Chairman's Allowance ≠ payment made under Section 137)

(ii) Payments Received

The Halifax	Gross Interest	£107. 71
Cllr. N. J. Bird	Contribution towards cost of Reception	£ 5. 00
Cllr. B. J. Butler	Contribution towards cost of Reception	£ 5. 00
Cllr. R. C. Hemmingsley	Contribution towards cost of Reception	£ 5. 00
Cllr. A. J. Juxon	Contribution towards cost of Reception	£ 5. 00
Cllr. Mrs. H. A. Meere	Contribution towards cost of Reception	£ 5. 00
Cllr. Mrs. J. A. Russell	Contribution towards cost of Reception	£ 5. 00
W. B. Sullivan	Contribution towards cost of Reception	£ 5. 00
Cllr. S. K. Welch	Contribution towards cost of Reception	£ 5. 00
C. T. Marshall	Advertisement: "Longdon Life"	£ 5. 00

(iii) Current Balances

The Clerk reported that, currently, the Council's balances stood as follows:

NatWest c/a: £759. 85	The Halifax d/a: £21170. 23
(less uncleared cheques: £417. 00)	

(iv) Appeals for Grant Aid

The Clerk reported that none had been received since the last meeting.

(v) Arrangements for External Audit

The Clerk reported that the period for inspection by interested members of the public would extend from July 16th to August 15th inclusive.

These dates had been advertised on all the parish notice-boards. Inspection would be by appointment with the Clerk at any reasonable time of the day between Monday and Friday inclusive.

(vi) Independent Internal Auditor's Final Report

The Clerk reported that he had now received the Independent Internal Auditor's Final Report.

It was agreed that this should be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for study and comment.

17. CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING

(i) The Clerk reported that he had received from Rose Boulter, Director of Policy, West Midlands Regional Assembly, Edward Street, Birmingham, a letter dated 21st June 2007, regarding the Phase Two Revision of the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy.

In it she informed the Council that an informal consultation event would be held on 26th July 2007 in the centre of Birmingham to discuss an emerging draft of the Preferred Option which would need to be agreed by the Assembly's Regional Planning Partnership in October 2007 before submission to the Secretary of State in December 2007.

If the Council wished to attend the event, it should log its interest by email (wmrss@wmra.gov.uk) or ring 0121 678 1042 by 5th July 2007.

(ii) The Clerk reported that he had received from John Heminsley, Planning Services Manager, Cannock Chase District Council, a letter dated 26th June 2007, regarding the Supplementary Planning Document (Housing Choices), part of the Cannock Chase Local Development Framework.

With it he had enclosed a copy of the Draft Document, which was now subject to a six-week consultation period starting from Friday, 29th June and lasting until 4. 25 p.m. on Friday, 10th August 2007.

(iii) The Clerk reported that he had also received from John Heminsley, Planning Services Manager, Cannock Chase District Council, a letter dated 26th June 2007, regarding the Supplementary Planning Document (Open Space, Sport and Recreation), part of the Cannock Chase Local Development Framework.

With it he had enclosed a copy of the Draft Document, which was now subject to a six-week consultation period starting from Friday, 29th June and lasting until 4. 25 p.m. on Friday, 10th August 2007.

(iv) The Clerk reported that he had received from Cheryl Rice, Partnership Support Officer, Lichfield District Council, an email dated 27th June 2007, in which she informed the Council that the Lichfield District Safer Community Partnership had set up a Community Engagement Group to look at ways to engage Lichfield District residents and gain their view on issues which affected their lives in any way.

The Group was at present trying to set up a diary of events around the area and would like to know about parish newsletters and websites.

The Clerk would send Ms. Rice a copy of the August issue of "Longdon Life", which would include a full-page Village Planner.

(v) The Clerk reported that he had received from David La Trobe, Honorary Secretary of Longdon Cricket Club, a letter dated 29th June 2007, thanking the Council for its continued support of the Club.

The Chairman pointed out that no Grant Application Form had been sent to Mr. La Trobe prior to making the grant, and it was agreed that, now the Council had introduced a Grant Application Form, it should, in future, be punctilious in requiring its completion before considering any request.

(vi) The Clerk reported that he had received from Charlotte Green, Community Development Officer, Community Council of Staffordshire, an undated letter advising the Council that a small amount of funding was available from DEFRA which would allow all parishes in Staffordshire to complete a Parish Plan, if they had not already done so.

Parish Councils could apply for up to £1000 towards the Plan, but must then contribute a further five per cent in cash and twenty per cent in volunteer work.

However, Longdon Parish Council had no plans for preparing a Parish Plan.

18. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk reported that, in addition to the above correspondence, he had received the following communications:

- (i) From Beth Harries, Solicitor, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council:

Executive Arrangements – Forward Plan 2006/07 – July – Version 1
(issued on 15th June 2007 and effective for the period 1st July 2007 to 30th July 2007).

- (ii) From Heather Gibbons, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council:

Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 8th July 2007;
Calendar of Meetings, fortnight ending 24th July 2007.

- (iii) From The Licensing Officer, Democratic, Development and Legal Services, Lichfield District Council:

Licensing Act Applications registered during w/e 15th June 2007;
Licensing Act Applications registered during w/e 22nd June 2007;
Licensing Act Applications registered during w/e 29th June 2007;
Licensing Act Applications registered during w/e 6th July 2007.

- (iv) From The Electoral Registration Officer, Lichfield District Council:

Monthly Applications for 2nd July 2007.

- (v) From The Development Services Directorate, Staffordshire County Council:

Staffordshire Public Transport Map 2007 (2 copies);
Bus/Rail Services Timetable – Lichfield & Rugeley Area: June 2007 (3 copies).

- (vi) From The Planning Policy Manager, Directorate of Regeneration, Stoke-on-Trent City Council & The Planning and Housing Strategy Manager, Regeneration and Planning Services, Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council:

North Staffordshire Core Spatial Strategy: Revised Preferred Options Report.

(This Report would be subject to a six-week period of public consultation commencing on Monday, 18th June 2007, and ending on Monday, 30th July 2007)

- (vii) From The Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association:

Chief Executive's Circular 34;
"Welcome New Councillor" (July 4th) – additional event booking form;
"Welcome New Councillor" modules 1 to 4 – booking forms;
Chairmanship Skills modules 1 & 2, 3 and 4 – booking forms;
Promotion Leaflet: LaMIS (Land Management Information Service);
Leaflet: Community Empowerment Awards.

- (viii) From The National Association of Local Councils:

"LCR": Volume 59, No. 2 – July 2007.

(ix) From The Open Spaces Society:

Annual Report and Accounts 2006.

(x) From The Sustainable Staffordshire Forum:

“Sustainable Staffordshire”: Issue 21, Summer 2007.

(xi) From The Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Archive Services:

“from Time 2 Time”: Issue 14, Summer 2007.

19. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

(i) Cllr. Welch drew the attention of the Council to the presence of a car for sale on the verge at the entrance to Bardy Lane at its junction with the A51.

The Clerk thought that the verge on both sides of Bardy Lane was in the parish of Armitage, but it was agreed that, since this was an unauthorised use of highway verge and the vehicle was a potential distraction to passing motorists, its presence should be made known to County Councillor Lewis.

(ii) Cllr. Stanfield reported that a second building had now been erected at Badger Brook Farm, in Giddywell Lane.

A large building was also being erected at Rookery Farm.

The Clerk was instructed to ask whether these buildings had received the appropriate planning approval.

(iii) Cllr. Parsons reported that there had been complaints about activity at Red Hill Barn, where a vermin-extermination business was based.

The Clerk was instructed to ask whether this use of the site needed planning approval.

(iv) The Clerk reported that the redundant bus stop opposite The Windmill Inn, at Gentleshaw, was leaning at a perilous angle.

He was instructed to arrange for its removal.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 11th, 2007, in the W. I. Hall, Longdon, commencing at 7. 30 p.m.