

Appendix A

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE GREENS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE OF LONGDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE W. I. HALL, LONGDON, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2009

Present: Cllr. S. K. Welch (Chairman); Cllr. B. J. Butler; Cllr. Mrs. G. D. Duckett; Cllr. R. C. Hemmingsley (Chairman of the Council); and Cllr. A. J. Juxon.

Also present was the Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies, all members of the Committee being present.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion proposed by Cllr. Mrs Duckett and seconded by Cllr. Juxon, the minutes of the previous meeting, held in the W. I. Hall, Longdon, on Tuesday, July 21st, 2009, were approved and signed.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

All business relating to the previous meeting were dealt with in the main body of the meeting.

5. ROLLING PROGRAMME

(i) Play Area

Cllr. Juxon presented the draft of a submission to the Diocesan Glebe Committee, including a statement and plans.

This was approved by the Committee, and Cllr. Juxon was thanked for his endeavours.

The Clerk was instructed to send the submission to the Glebe Committee and a copy to the Rev. Rob. Farmer, Assistant Priest at St. James Church.

(ii) Shropshire Brook

Cllr. Welch noted that the brook above the ford had been dredged, and appeared to be running well, though the recent dry weather had reduced the volume of the flow.

(iii) Bench at top of Grange Hill, Upper Longdon

Cllr. Welch said that he would asking Alan Johnson, of Aqua Jet Services, to make and install this bench.

5. MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GRASSED AREA OPPOSITE GENTLESHAW SCHOOL, NOW KNOWN AS "GENTLESHAW GREEN"

Cllr. Welch suggested holding a site meeting which would include John Smith, Lichfield District Council's Greens and Open Spaces Strategy Manager, and Sue Winson, Head Teacher of Gentleshaw Primary School, as soon as the work of clearing the area had been completed.

It was agreed that this meeting should take place on Saturday, November 7th, at 9.00 a.m.

It was hoped that, if Mrs. Winson was not available, some other representative of the School could attend.

6. TREE SURVEY

Cllr. Welch said that he would check all dead trees which had been recorded in the survey and arrange for them to be removed.

He would also remove some of the lower branches from the trees lining Upper Way.

7. MEMBERSHIP OF THE OPEN SPACES SOCIETY

After Cllr. Welch had pointed out that the principal object of the organisation was to promote open access, it was agreed, on a motion proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Duckett and seconded by Cllr. Butler, that the Parish Council's membership of The Open Spaces Society should be renewed, the subscription of £40.00 to be met from the Committee's budget.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AT DISCRETION OF CHAIRMAN)

(i) Cllr. Duckett pointed out that the benches erected at the junction of Borough Lane and High Street with the A51 were overgrown by uncut grass, it was agreed that the Parish Council should be recommended to adopt these areas as part of its mowing contract.

(ii) Cllr. Juxon asked for the ties securing the trees on Longdon Green to be removed lest they should obstruct their growth.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 19th, 2009, in the W. I. Hall, Longdon, commencing at 7.30 p.m.