

	<p>9.8 – Footpath 51 Will Rose informed the meeting that the replacement sign had not yet been received from the County Council</p> <p>10.1 – New village signs and planters on verge adj A51. Clerk to email Councillors on receipt of quotes.</p> <p>10.3 - Reflective posts on Borough Lane. Cllr Stanfield advised Members that the County Council had agreed to provide these.</p> <p>10.4 – Lane on south side of High Street Longdon and visibility splays at Junction with A51. Cllr Stanfield informed Members that part of the land on the South side of High Street belonged to the County Council. He had a meeting on site with an officer of the County Council but given the difference in levels between the existing highway and the adjacent land the provision of a footpath was considered to be too expensive. The officer also expressed the opinion that the cutting back of the bank at the junction with the A51 to improve visibility could destabilise the hedge. Whist excepting the County Council’s view regarding the footpath Members did however consider that there was some scope to remove a small part of the bank and agreed that a letter and plan should be sent to the CC with a request that the matter be reviewed</p> <p>10.7 – Speed of traffic on A51. Clerk to remind Cllr Tittley of the parish councils request for the positioning of a safety camera unit.</p> <p>10.8 – Removal of Telephone Boxes. It was agreed that Clerk should write to BT to request that when the telephone boxes are removed at Grange Hill, Upper Longdon and Brook End, the concrete bases are removed and the area left safe.</p> <p>11.4 - Dark Lane: SCC have advised that a Temporary Notice for the road closure was put in place following an embankment collapse in 2012. This was emergency closure with a view to a permanent closure. The Temporary Notice has expired but the Road Closed signs remain. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Council to express members concern and request removal of the signs and reopening of the road or the appropriate Closure Order be made without further delay.</p>	<p>Clerk to email Cllrs</p> <p>SCC to follow up</p> <p>Clerk and Cllr Stanfield</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk to write to BT</p> <p>Clerk to write to SCC</p>
<p>18</p> <p>18.1</p> <p>18.2</p>	<p>Best Kept Village</p> <p>In 2016 – BKV awarded High Commended for Upper Longdon and for Longdon/Longdon Green. Cllr Fullwood has received the judges’ comments which advise how improvements could be made:</p> <p><u>Upper Longdon:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to distribute more BKV notices for display in residents homes • Children’s posters to be more prominent • More Parish Council info was needed on Notice Boards. • Sites of interest needed to be marked on map for judges: seats and benches / windmill / village features etc • Bench in Shavers Lane needs some attention. • Difficult to assess the amount of community awareness and 	

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<p>18.3</p>	<p>involvement in BKV.</p> <p><u>Longdon/Longdon Green:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to assess the amount of community awareness and involvement in BKV. • May judges noted that difficult to secure notices to notice boards • More Parish Council info was needed on Notice Boards. • Some areas of long grass and weeds at rear of church by footpath and gate – was this identified as nature conservation area – in which case signs need putting up. • Bench round the tree in the church grounds was rotten. • Weeds around the edge of the village hall needed clearing. • Telephone box was not good with build-up of debris but surrounds were tidy. • Planters and finger posts to be marked as key features on the map for judges. • Map needs revision to identify all features and correct inaccuracies which had occurred over the years. 	<p>Clerk to write to Church with these comments.</p>
<p>18.4</p>	<p>It was agreed that:</p>	
<p>18.5</p>	<p>1. As soon as an application for BKV is made, the school will be approached to hold the children’s poster competition so that the winners can be used to promote BKV in peoples homes.</p>	
<p>18.6</p>	<p>2. That Mrs E Overton of Longdon Post Office be invited to become one of the judges for the poster competition.</p>	<p>Clerk to contact BKV re deadline.</p>
<p>18.7</p>	<p>3. Maps would be revised to take account of the BKV judges comments.</p>	
<p>18.7</p>	<p>Planters</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the planters around the village. It was agreed that H&OS replace the existing rotten planters with plastic ones when the need arises providing there was sufficient monies in the budget. It was noted that Mr Silvester had purchased a replacement planter with the agreement of Cllr Stanfield and would be reimbursed for the tub and the compost at full council.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Stanfield; Seconded Fullwood</p>	
<p>19 19.1</p>	<p>Items for Discussion</p> <p><u>Precept Request</u></p> <p>Cllrs discussed the programme of works for Highways and open Spaces Committee. The following costs were agreed to be put to full council for inclusion in the Precept request:</p> <p>Mowing Contract: £5,000 LDC Dog Bins: £850.00 Best kept Village: £500.00 Street Furniture: £1,000 Footpaths: £2,000 Arboreal Maintenance: £1,500 Cycle Path: £2,500 Metaled Footpaths: £2,500</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Fullwood; Seconded: Cllr Meere</p>	

19.2	<u>Mowing Contract</u> This would be considered at the next meeting when all quotes had been received.	
19.3	<u>Tree Survey</u> Three quotes were received to cover the one area between Berkeley Way and Beech Walk: James Tonks Tree Surgery: £475 + VAT; Midland Forestry: £520 + VAT and Woodman Tree Services: £350 +VAT.	
19.31	Cllrs agreed to commission the survey through Woodman Tree Services at a cost of £350 + VAT. Proposed: Cllr Taylor; Seconded: Cllr Meere	Clerk to commission the work
19.4	<u>Footpaths and Bridleways</u> Footpath 52 at Upper Longdon – An officer of the County Council has visited the site and has verbally indicated that in his opinion the fence that has been erected to contain the footpath is not in the correct position. He has written to the landowner advising him of his findings and it was agreed to wait for the land owner response before further consideration is given to this matter.	
19.5	Temporary Cameras There were concerns that cameras had appeared at various locations around the parish (now removed) and it was unclear what they had been monitoring. Clerk to seek clarification from SCC.	Clerk to write to County Council
19.6	Stockings Lane. Cllr Taylor reported that he had received enquires from local residents who were concerned that a section of Stockings Lane had been dug up on the 13 th December to provide what appeared to be a new sewer connection. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the appropriate authorities to seek clarification	Clerk to write
19.7	Footpath 36 – the new post was installed and the gate rehung and new direction discs have been placed.	
19.8	Footpath 38 / 39 – junction with Smithy Lane and Footpath 68 / 69 – near Broomey Fields. Will Rose reported that the footplates on two stiles needed attention. Councillors agreed that providing the work to the two stiles did not cost more than £50 each, NJP Maintenance should be engaged to undertake the work as soon as possible.	Clerk to commission work
19.9	Footpath 0.402 - Lysways Lane – one of the posts needs re-bedding. Will Rose has been in touch with the land owner who has agreed to carry out the work.	
19.10	<u>Heavy Lorries</u> The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from a local resident expressing concern that heavy lorries were passing through Upper Longdon. Cllrs also expressed similar concerns in respect of the use of other lanes. It was agreed to write to seek the advice of the County Council as to what	Clerk to write to county council and resident

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	action, if any, could be taken	
19.11	<u>Ford Lane Road Sign</u> Clerk to write to County Council to ask for replacement of Ford Lane road sign adjacent to the bridge off Brook End.	Clerk to write to SCC
19.12	<u>Lighting on Grange Hill / Huntsmans Hill</u> The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from a local resident regarding overhanging vegetation blocking light and lack of lamp posts in this area. Cllrs felt that given the rural nature of the roads, increase lamp posts would not be supported and did not consider that the vegetation referred to had any material adverse effect on the lighting. Clerk to reply to resident.	Clerk to write
19.13	<u>Footpath south side of High Street</u> Dealt with earlier in the meeting	
19.14	<u>Possible Cycleway</u> Footpath on right hand side from Longdon to Brereton Hill –It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Council to see what action they were proposing to take regarding the lack of maintenance of this footpath and its possible dual use as a cycleway and footway and costs associated therewith.	Clerk to write to SCC
20	Councillors Reports	
20.1	None	
21	Suggested Date of Future meetings	
21.1	Date to be arranged as soon as the mowing quotes had been received.	

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting 9.18pm

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