

Longdon Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of Longdon Parish Council held 7.00pm on Tuesday, 9 April 2019 at Longdon Village Hall

Present: **Parish Councillors:** G Duckett, C Stevens, H Hulme, A Fullwood, J Watkins-Smythe, C Webb, B Butler
Other Councillors: None
Clerk: G Duckett (Acting Clerk)
Public Attendees: 2
Councillor Apologies: H Meere and Ken Taylor.

Min No.	Item	Action
134 134.1	Apologies & Acceptance of Absence Councillor K Taylor and Heather Mere submitted apologies for the meeting.	
135 135.1	Declarations of Interest None reported	
136 136.1	<p>Chairman to close meeting for public session</p> <p>Mr Davis is invited to speak by G Duckett about a concern on a planning application <u>19/00076/FULH</u></p> <p>Mr Davis – Makes argues that the proposed development will be overbearing and ultimately blocking his view of Cannock Chase and that bats were present. He also references that two of his neighbours have written letters Sue Lake and Gill Hamlett. Pictures are then showed around the council of the proposed development.</p> <p>G Duckett – Makes a point that from a planning perspective, the only real case may be that the development appears over bearing/developed.</p> <p>C Webb – Comments that the presence of bats should be enough for an enforcement officer to attend the site for an inspection. He further adds that the neighbourhood plan is legally binding and that references should be made on how the development contradicts the plan.</p> <p>Full Council meeting re opened</p>	G Duckett – to do some further checks on validity of any objections made from the Parish council.
137 137.1	<p>Minutes of Monthly Full Council Meeting held on 12 March 2019.</p> <p>The minutes of the 12 March 2019 meeting were approved as a correct record. It was noted that there was a typing error in the time of the meeting and Councillor M Tittley was removed from "Other Councillors"</p> <p>It was resolved to approve and accept the minutes of the full Parish Council meeting held on 12 March 2019 as a correct record subject to the hand written amendments detailed above.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr J Watkins Seconded Brian Butler</p>	CS

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<p>138</p> <p>138.1</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>All matters had been dealt with or were to be/had been discussed on the agenda apart from:</p> <p><u>Malthouse tree issue</u></p> <p>C Stevens – mentions that he’s added some further commentary which supports the tree issue raised with Staffordshire county council.</p> <p>G Duckett – Asks C Stevens to send the email correspondence onto the Clerks email for audit purposes.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>C Stevens – to send on further email correspondence to the Clerk email address</p> <p>CS</p>
<p>139</p> <p>139.1</p>	<p>Outside Bodies Feedback</p> <p>There was no feedback to report.</p>	
<p>140</p> <p>140.1</p>	<p>Environment Issues</p> <p><u>Best Kept Village Competition (BKV)</u></p> <p>A Fullwood – Comments that entries have been made for Longdon, Longdon Green, Upper Longdon and Gentleshaw. She says that the total payment made is £80.04.</p> <p>C Webb – Adds that we need to ensure that the Longdon Green is mowed ahead of the Inspectors for this year’s B.K.V.</p> <p>G Duckett – Responds, this is scheduled to be cut within the month of April.</p> <p>A Fullwood – B.K.V Posters have been received and are ready to be distributed. She asks if C Stevens can put up posters in Gentleshaw. She further asks C Stevens to check whether Gentleshaw school had received the request to create some posters. The BKV banner is on order for Longdon village. She also adds that the tubs in upper Longdon entrance have now been refilled.</p> <p>G Duckett – Comments that the flag is looking rough on Longdon village hall and asks if B Butler can order a new one. She also adds that the dog bin by the village hall needs scrubbing down.</p> <p>J Watkins – Offers to help scrubbing down dog bin.</p> <p>J Watkins – Comments that the Swan with two necks pub flower baskets need some attention for the B.K.V competition. He offers to ask the pub about this.</p>	<p>C Stevens – To put up B.K.V posters on Gentleshaw notice board and Church.</p> <p>Also, to check with Gentleshaw school if posters have been created and report back to A Fullwood.</p> <p>B Butler – To order new flag for Longdon Village hall</p> <p>J Watkins – To start scrubbing down dog bin and to ask pub about flower baskets for B.K.V.</p>

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	<p>A Fullwood – Suggests we need to agree a date for putting everything in place (Posters, Banners, bunting etc) ahead of the B.K.V competition.</p> <p>Councillors agree the weekend of the 27th April.</p> <p>A Fullwood – Comments that the Longdon life magazine needs a half page entry to be completed. She offers to do this. She further adds that copies of Longdon life will need to be distributed to all villages. Gentleshaw will require 80 copies.</p> <p>C Stevens – Agrees to distribute these and asks for A Fullwood to let him know when ready.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>A Fullwood – Add half page entry for upcoming Longdon life magazine.</p>
<p>141</p> <p>141.1</p>	<p>Annual Parish Assembly</p> <p>It had been agreed that Parish Meeting would take place on 1st May 2019.</p> <p>G Duckett – Comments that there has been a mix up in the booking of the venue for the annual assembly. She needs to seek some legal advice to see what we do about the annual assembly if we are unable to make the 1st May date. She further adds she will chase this up.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>G Duckett – seek advise.</p> <p>CS</p>
<p>142</p> <p>142.1</p>	<p>Clerk Vacancy</p> <p>H Hulme – Comments that 2 candidates were interviewed for the position Chris Gracey was the successful candidate who already acts as a parish clerk for Essington, the post had been accepted subject to satisfactory references being obtained and the usual 3 month trial period. Cllr Hulme also adds that the unsuccessful candidate had been notified.</p> <p>G Duckett – Comments that she has spoken to the WI about having a permanent base for the Clerk for several hours per week, the WI have responded saying there is space. Costs and actual times will be agreed and reported back to Council</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>CS</p>
<p>143</p> <p>143.1</p>	<p>Correspondence Report</p> <p>None received</p> <p>Noted</p>	
<p>144</p>	<p>Accounts for payment</p> <p>Approval of the following payments was debated by the council; B.K.V competition entry payment of £80.04 – Approved B.K.V bunting payment of £59.94 – Approved WI heating grant for £200 – Approved</p> <p>Proposer – G Duckett, Seconder – J Watkins</p>	

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145	Planning Applications	
145.1	<u>19/00153/FULH - (Full Application (Householder)) Park House, Lower way, Upper Longdon, Rugeley</u>	
	No objections	
145.2	<u>19/00343/FULH - (Full Application (Householder)) The hollies, Chapel Lane, Gentleshaw, Rugeley</u>	
	The council objects to this development as per the following reasoning.	
	Resolved to ask the Clerk to submit the following comments:	
	We cannot see any difference between the plans in this application and the plans previously submitted on this site which was refused by Lichfield District Council and the refusal was upheld on appeal.	
145.3	<u>19/00076/FULH - (Full Application (Householder)) Cringleford, Lower way, Rugeley</u>	
	Resolved to ask the Clerk to submit the following comments:	
	Council agreed to send in objection based on the over development of the plot	
146	Any other business (AOB)	
146.1	C Webb – Makes his leaving speech saying the following;	
	He joined in 2010 and since his time on the council he really feels that the parish has made a real difference to those in the community. He feels that the councillors have done so much for the village and he wishes us well for the future.	
	He also apologises for his recent poor attendance due to his ongoing health issues.	
	The councillors all wish him farewell and thank him for his contribution to the council.	
146.2	G Duckett – Also added thanks to Councillors who were not standing for re-election Heather Mere, Phil Couchman, Brain Butler and Ken Taylor for all their hard work on the council.	
147	Items for Future Meetings	
147.1	Resolved to add the outstanding items above to future agendas and to contact the Clerk with any further items for future meetings.	
148	Dates of future meetings	
148.1	The following meeting dates were agreed:	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14th May at 7pm, Longdon Parish Council – WI Hall, Longdon	
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The meeting ended at 21.00pm

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