

## Longdon Parish Council

**Minutes of Meeting of Longdon Parish Council held 7.00pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at WI Hall Longdon.**

**Present:**           **Parish Councillors:** C Stevens, H Hulme, J Watkins-Smythe, G Crowe, T Johnson  
**Other Councillors:** District Councillor R Strachan, County Councillor M Titley  
**Clerk:** C E Gracey  
**Public Attendees:** J Allen  
**Councillor Apologies:** None

Min No.	Item	Action
167 167.1	<p><b>Appointment of Acting Chairman for the meeting or Chairman until the AGM in May 2020</b>  <b>Resolved:</b> Cllr. C Stevens will Chair this meeting.</p>	
168 168.2	<p><b>Apologies &amp; Acceptance of Absence</b>  None</p>	
169 169.1	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b>  None reported</p>	
170 170.1  170.2	<p><b>Chairman to close meeting for public session</b>  Members welcomed co-opted Cllr. T Johnson to the Council</p> <p>J. Allen commented that the group involved in the proposed extension to the churchyard will be known as Friends of Longdon Churchyard Extension with the Vicar being the Chairman. The group now have pledges of funds to purchase land of £3,500 and asked the Council to consider a grant of £500 as a pledge at this present time. Members commented that a completed application form was required and the clerk will forward this J. Allen. J. Allen went to commented that the proposed considered land was at the top of the field adjacent to the church and that no formal correspondence has been sent to the diocese from the group at this time, the next meeting of the group is Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August @ 11.30 on the church. The Council confirmed that they had written diocese but to date had not received a reply. Cllr C Stevens commented that it would be prudent to enquire as to how much the land is being sold for before a decision is reached to purchase.</p> <p><b>Full Council meeting re opened</b></p>	CS
171  171.1	<p><b>Council Minutes: To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Monthly Full Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 meeting were approved as a correct record.</p> <p><b>It was resolved to approve and accept the minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 as a correct record. Proposed J Watkins-Smyth, seconded by G Crowe. &amp; carried.</b></p>	
172  172.1	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>155.1 Malthouse Road tree issue – Cllr. M Titley will follow up.</p>	

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	<p>156.1 Cllr. G Crowe attended the churchyard meeting &amp; had asked J Allen to come to the meeting and update Council as discussed in public session.</p> <p>157.1 BKV no feedback at present, signage to be left in situ until the end of the summer.</p> <p>163.1 HS2 update from Cllr. M Titley</p> <p>Cllr R Strachan updated the meeting on the Green Belt Consultation and asked Members to submit comments.</p> <p>Members discussed the Parish Council Forum, Members unfortunately were unable to attend as it clashed with our Parish Council meeting, but have received the draft minutes.</p> <p>Land transfer at Gentleshaw – Cllr C Stevens will be the signatory on the documents.</p> <p>Cllr C Stevens commented on the broken &amp; impassable stile in the Gentleshaw area, he has passed details on to the clerk to report, the clerk confirmed that it had been reported via email as the online system would not accept the data in the form given.</p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	<p>CEG</p> <p>CS</p>
<p><b>173</b> 173.1</p>	<p><b>Outside Bodies Feedback</b></p> <p>Members discussed the representative for the Longdon Cotton Almhouses Committee and agreed to leave the vacancy on the agenda for the forthcoming meetings as the vacancy was from November 2019.</p>	
<p><b>174</b> 174.1</p>	<p><b>Environment Issues</b></p> <p><b>BKV</b> -Details should be available towards the end of the summer and possibly by the next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>175</b> 175.1</p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>19/00866/FUL Russell Bank Farm Dark Lane Upper Longdon Replacement Stable Block – no objections or comments</p> <p>19/00971/FUH The Cottage Chapel Lane Gentleshaw Erection of single storey detached garage including demolition of existing outbuilding – no objections or comments</p> <p>19/00076/FULH Cringleford, Lower Way Upper longdon Erection of single storey outbuildings to front to form double garage &amp; gym/games room &amp; single storey extension to rear to extend seating area &amp; utility – no objections or comments</p>	
<p><b>176</b> 176.1</p>	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>A51 longdon footpath from Rugeley to Lichfield impassable with debris from over hanging trees &amp; shrubs – Cllr. M Titley commented that the trees &amp; hedgerows were the responsibility of the landowners and not Staffs</p>	

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	CC. Members discussed the problems and agreed to leave this item on the agenda, until solved.	
<b>177</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
177.1	No spreadsheet statistics presented as no access to online statements and no papers statements supplied.	
<b>178</b>	<b>Correspondence Report</b> -The clerk confirmed that all correspondence received by email was forwarded to Councillors for their information. No action was required and included the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LDC – Parish forum 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 minutes sent to Cllrs 3/7/19</li> <li>• SPCA newsletter 28.06.19,</li> <li>• Consultation on Statement of Public Involvement</li> <li>• Colton PC requesting details on the gateway scheme, information passed to Council, reply to Colton PC following information supplied.</li> <li>• Lichfield DC proms 2019 details passed to Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>Noted</b></p>	CEG
<b>179</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Accounts for payment</b>	
179.1	Approval of the following payments was considered by the council; WCVA PAYE May June £217.21 – approved C E Gracey Clerks July salary £ 398.73 – approved C E Gracey Clerks June expenses £47.24 – approved Came & Company Insurance 2019-20 £467.52 approved Longdon Flower Group Grant £130.00 approved St. James the Great Grant £250.00 approved  <b>Proposer – H. Hulme, Seconder – J Watkins-Smythe &amp; carried</b>  <b>Bank Account</b> – Members discussed the present position, Cllr. Smythe will visit the bank again.  <b>Noted</b>	
<b>180</b>	<b>Adoption of documents: Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Complaints Procedure, Code of Conduct, Publication Code</b>	
180.1	Proposed by H.Hulme seconded by The Chairman C Stevens & carried.	

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<b>181</b>	<b>Dates of future meetings</b>	
181.1	<b>The following meeting dates were agreed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 @ 7.00pm at Gentleshaw &amp; Cannock Wood Village Hall</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 @ 7pm at WI Hall Longdon</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 @ 7pm at WI Hall Longdon</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
	<b>The meeting ended at 8.20pm</b>	

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