

Longdon Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of Longdon Parish Council held 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at W I Hall Longdon

Present: **Parish Councillors:** C Stevens, H Hulme, G Crowe, T Johnson
Other Councillors:, County Councillor M Tittley
Clerk: C E Gracey
Public Attendees: K. Taylor, K Morgan
Councillor Apologies: J Watkins-Smythe, R Strachan(LDC)

Min No.	Item	Action
200 200.1	<p>Appointment of Acting Chairman for the meeting or Chairman until the AGM in May 2020</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr. Helen Hulme would take the chair for this meeting</p>	
201 201.1	<p>Apologies & Acceptance of Absence</p> <p>Cllr. John Watkins-Smythe & District Cllr. Rob Strachan tendered their apologies, this was accepted.</p>	
202 202.1	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None reported</p>	
203 203.1 203.2	<p>Chairman to close the meeting for the public session -this will be limited to 15 minutes(5 minutes per speaker)</p> <p>Resident Mr. Ken Taylor commented that he wished to be considered for co-option to the council, the Chairman commented asking Mr. Taylor to apply in writing to the clerk.</p> <p>Resident Mr. Kevin Morgan commented on the neighbourhood plan and that the council should consider it and keep the plan in the fore when consideration is being given to development in the green belt. County Cllr. Martyn Tittley commented that the council should confirm its policy on the green belt to District Cllr. Rob Strachan, Members discussed development in the green belt.</p> <p>The Public Session Closed at 7.10pm</p>	
204 204.1	<p>Council Minutes: To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 10th September 2019</p> <p>The minutes of the Monthly Full Council Meeting held on 10th September 2019 meeting were approved as a correct record.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve and accept the minutes of the 10th September 2019 as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. Trevor Johnson, seconded by Cllr.Craig Stevens & carried.</p>	
205 205.1	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>185.2 Removal of Post Box in Longdon – a reply has been received from Michael Fabricant MP who has already written to royal mail about the removal of the box and is awaiting a reply.</p>	

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205.2	185.3 Proposed Burial Ground – Cllr. Gladys Crowe commented that following attendance at a group meeting, the diocese has confirmed that they are not prepared to sell any land for any purpose. The group are now looking into purchasing a parcel of land from other landowners in the parish. Noted	
206	Outside Bodies Feedback	
206.1	Cllrs. Gladys Crowe & Trevor Johnson attended the annual conference of Cannock Chase AONB – the conference was well attended and discussed the future plans and also monies available for grant funding for appropriate projects.	
207	Environment Issues	
207.1	Noticeboards – A quotation is being compiled for the recorking of the noticeboards across the parish.	
207.2	Footpath 73 – This has been passed to Staffs CC Footpaths & Rights of Way Officer awaiting a reply.	
207.3	Grass cutting in the Parish – Cllr. Trevor Johnson commented on the annual cost and asked Council to consider developing more wild seed areas, Members discussed the proposal and agreed to consult with residents as to what they would prefer.	
207.4	BKV – The Chairman commented that the certificate attained for the commendation would be posted on the notice boards. Members discussed the comments received and agreed to look into the details in the new year.	
207.5	Planters & Flower pots in the Parish – Cllr. Gladys Crowe commented on the pots that need attention for the Autumn. The Chairman confirmed that some of the pots and planters have been adopted by residents, some are refilled for the Autumn but some are left until next Spring.	
208	Planning Applications	
208.1	19/01366/COU Change of use to dog walking field @ Land West of Hood Lane Longdon – query on status more information required from Planning Department.	CEG
208.2	19/01383/FUH First floor extension to side & ground floor alteration to rear @ 18 The Grange Upper Longdon – no objections/comments	

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209	Highways	
209.1	A51 longdon footpath from Rugeley to Lichfield impassable with debris from over hanging trees & shrubs – this problem is considered to be landowner responsibility as the offending trees & hedgerows are on private land, Staffs CC are writing to the respective landowners, awaiting a response.	
209.2	A51 Flooding – work is now complete, our thanks to Tim Heminsley for the work completed in Longdon on the A51. Members discussed new areas of flooding on the A51 towards Lichfield in two separate locations, the clerk will write to Highways Manager Tim Heminsley	CEG
209.3	Poor condition of footpaths & roadway in Longdon – Cllr Trevor Johnson commented on the uneven surfaces & potholes, the clerk will report and forward the reference number to County Cllr. Martyn Tittley	CEG
209.4	Speeding Traffic A51/Brook End – Cllr. Trevor Johnson commented on the problem of vehicles exiting the A51 and speeding along Brook End, Members discussed the problem of speeding vehicles in the parish. County Cllr. Martyn Tittley commented that previous checks have shown reasonable speed but he would carryout further checks when the gateway system is complete, the clerk will confirm this in writing.	CEG
209.5	HGV's using Huntsman Hill – Cllr. Gladys Crowe commented on the number of large vehicles that are using the hill for access, causing damage to the infrastructure of the roadway & verges. County Cllr. Martyn Tittley commented that he will fit a smart box when one becomes available to monitor the usage.	CEG
209.6	Tree in need of work on Malthouse Road Gentleshaw – no work carried out, as the tree is on landowner property.	
209.7	Broken stile in the Gentleshaw area – No work carried out.	
210	Finance	
210.1	No documents produced awaiting bank statement.	
211	Correspondence Report -The clerk confirmed that all correspondence received by email was forwarded to Councillors for their information. Included the following.	
211.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPCA bulletin 19th & 26th September 2019 emailed to Council 26th September 2019 • LDC promoting empty homes in the area emailed to Council 26th September 2019 • SCC response on Footpath 73 query, emailed to Council 26th September 2019 • Response from Michael Fabricant MP re the removal of the post box emailed to Council 2nd October 2019 	CEG

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPCA bulletin 3rd October 2019 emailed to Council 3rd October 2019 • Eric Roy Website provider information on updating site 3rd October 2019 emailed to Council 3rd October 2019 • LDC Polling station review the clerk has completed & returned the form • Moseley Solicitors re transfer of land @ Gentleshaw now complete information emailed to Council on 7th October 2019 • Email from resident re removal of post box, the clerk replied confirming that our MP is now dealing with the matter. <p>Noted</p>	
212	Finance & Accounts for payment	
212.1	<p>Approval of the following payments was considered by the council; WCVA PAYE October £106.20 – approved C E Gracey Clerks October salary £398.73 – approved C E Gracey Clerks September expenses £14.08 – approved G C McCulloch Ground maintenance September £910.00 approved WI Hall (Hall hire for clerk’s attendance on Wednesday May - November) £240.00 - approved</p> <p>Remittance received None</p> <p>Proposer Cllr. Craig Stevens, seconder Cllr. Trevor Johnson & carried</p> <p>Noted</p>	
213	Items for discussion at future meetings	
213.1	Village Shop	
213.2	Closure of village public house	
214	Website Update	
214.1	Members discussed the site and agreed to invite Eric Roy to next meeting to discuss the way forward.	
215	Longdon Life	
215.1	The Chairman commented that all the documents for the Autumn edition were with the editor. Members discussed the delivery and agreed that more volunteers were required.	
216	Dates of upcoming meetings	
216.1	<p>The following meeting was agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12th November 2019 7pm @ WI Hall 	
	The meeting ended at 8.25pm	

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