

Longdon Parish Council

**Minutes of Council Meeting of Longdon Parish Council held 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th September 2020
7pm at Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall, Gentleshaw.**

Present: **Parish Councillors:** H Hulme, J Watkins-Smythe, C Stevens, T Johnson, G Crowe
Other Councillors: County Councillor Martyn Tittley
Clerk: C E Gracey
Public Attendees: N Betteley, S Betteley, J Wheldon, K Wheldon, N Milestone, R Griffith
S Lodge, B Goring, M Zafiri, P Zafiri
Councillor Apologies: District Councillor Rob Strachan

Min No.	Item	Action
324	Apologies & Acceptance of Absence	
324.1	District Councillor Rob Strachan	
325	Acting – Chairman for the Meeting	
325.1	Cllr. Craig Stevens chaired the meeting	
326	Declarations of Interest	
326.1	None	
327	Chairman to close the meeting for the public session – this will be limited to 15 minutes (5 minutes per speaker)	
327.1	<p>10 residents attend the meeting to comment of the recent annual visit from Romany Travellers at Longdon Green. Residents commented on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal abuse from travellers to residents • Nuisance from noise • Nuisance from accumulated rubbish • Criminal activities (residents had reported issues to the police but no one came) • Health & Safety issues • Livestock • Water issues <p>Residents want the parish council to determine the ownership of the land, they also a physical barrier erecting to prevent access in subsequent years. They presented a petition from local residents containing 27 signatures.</p> <p>Residents also commented on the Brook at Longdon Green which floods when it rains, the brook is full of obstructions & debris, caused from overgrown trees & hedgerows on the roadside of the brook along Lysways Lane. The flooding brook has eroded the bank letting the flood water flood the road. County Cllr. Martyn Tittley will check who is responsible for the brook.</p> <p>The Chairman Cllr.Craig Stevens(Acting Chairman) concluded that the parish council will attempt to determine ownership of the land.</p>	

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328	Council Minutes: To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 13th July 2020	
328.1	Resolved that the minutes of the Monthly Full Council Meeting held on 13 th July 2020 were approved as a correct record, proposed by Cllr.Trevor Johnson seconded by Cllr. Gladys Crowe and carried.	
329	Matters Arising:	
329.1	238.1 Reported to Staffs CC reference 4203630 no further information, the clerk will follow up.	CEG
	277.1 The clerk confirmed that the website training is now complete	
	314.1 Signage purchased for public rights of way, not received, the clerk will follow up.	CEG
330	Parish Assembly	
331.1	The 2020 assembly is cancelled due to Covid 19.	
331	Planning	
331.1	20/00974/FUH The Cottage Ford Lane Longdon - Conversion of existing stables in to living accommodation & internal alterations to existing house. - no objection/comments	
331.2	20/00975/LBC (Listed Building consent) The Cottage Ford Lane Longdon - Listed building consent for conversion of existing stable into living accommodation & internal alterations to existing house. - no objections/comments	
332	Outside Body Representatives Feedback	
332.1	None attended - nothing to report	
333	Environment Issues	
333.1	Wild seed meadow - Members concluded that this project will be going ahead next year due to time constraints caused by Covid 19.	
333.2	Dog Fouling - Dogs on leads Cllr.Helen Hulme confirmed that the signage purchased has not arrived as yet, the clerk will follow up.	CEG
333.3	Great British Clean Up - No response has been received from volunteers, the event will go ahead on Saturday 19 th September 2020 meeting at the Village Hall at 10.00am, Mr N Betteley attending the meeting volunteered to help. The website will be updated & posters displayed	CEG
	Romany Travellers Visit - Longdon Green - as discussed in public participation.	
334	Highways & Open Spaces	
334.1	HGV's driving through Upper Longdon, Members discussed the problem of large vehicles driving through the parish. County Cllr. Martyn Tittley commented that he would enquire about a radar device.	

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<p>335</p> <p>335.1</p> <p>336</p> <p>336.1</p> <p>337</p> <p>337.1</p>	<p>Funding for Council Projects</p> <p>Members discussed applying for funding for selected projects, once costs had been sought.</p> <p>Longdon Community Group</p> <p>The group's project of the playgroup is on hold at this present time.</p> <p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that all correspondence received by email was forwarded to Councillors, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response from resident who reported speeding traffic on Upper Way, emailed to Council 16th July 2020 • Email including letter from SCC, from LDC emailed to Council 16th July 2020 – more information required by Council forwarded on 9th September 2020 • SPCA Bulletin dated 16th July 2020 emailed to Council 16th July 2020 • Email from website provider with updates on the proposed revamp, emailed to Council 18th July 2020 • SPCA Bulletin dated 23rd July 2020 emailed to Council 5th August 2020 • Lichfield DC information on parking charges emailed to Council 5th August 2020 • Ground Maintenance Contractor cost of remove tree & comments on hedgerow cutting Emailed to Council 5th August 2020 • Lichfield DC information on new play equipment @ Stowe Fields emailed to Council 5th August 2020 • SPCA Bulletin dated 30th July 2020 emailed to Council 5th August 2020 • Lichfield DC information on pavement licences emailed to Council 5th August 2020 • Balfour Beatty VINCI information on HS2 ground investigations emailed to Council 5th August 2020 • Amey for Staffs CC Highways ref. 4205476 report on speeding traffic on Upper Way, report closed with comments emailed to Council 5th August 2020 • Cannock Chase AONB funding opportunity open, emailed to Council 5th August 2020 • SPCA Bulletin dated 6th August emailed to Council 6th August 2020 • Lichfield DC funding opportunities emailed to Council 6th August 2020 • Staffs CC update on library services emailed to Council 8th August 2020 • Lichfield DC details of new code of conduct forum Thursday 17th September 2020 emailed to Council 11th August 2020 • District Cllr. Rob Strachan email with attached resident email regarding community speed watch in Upper Longdon emailed to Council 12th August 2020 • Application form for co-option received & emailed to Council 12th August 2020 	<p>CEG</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffs CC survey on covid 19 emailed to Council 12th August 2020 • St. James Academy emails asking for funding emailed to Council 12th August 2020 – grant application form to be forwarded on checking form sent with acknowledgement on 12th August 2020 • SPCA Extra Bulletin dated 12th August 2020 emailed to Council 12th August 2020 • SPCA Bulletin dated 13th August 2020 emailed to Council 13th August 2020 • Resident email regarding speeding traffic at Upper Longdon emailed to Council 13th August 2020 • Cllr report of blocked gully @ Church Hill Longdon Green reported to SCC ref. 4208588 reference number to be forwarded to County Cllr. Martyn Tittley – Cllr Trevor Johnson to obtain costs to carry out the work. • Staffs CC temporary traffic regulation order for Upper Way Upper Longdon emailed to Council 18th August 2020 • Resident response to the closure notice for speeding traffic on Upper way, emailed to Council 20th August 2020 • LDC email in response to defects on noticeboards in Upper Longdon emailed to Council 20th August 2020 • SPCA Bulletin dated 19th August 2020 emailed to Council 19th August 2020 • LDC email about r-opening the visitors centre emailed to Council 19th August 2020 • LDC email re Annual Canvass & Canvass Reform emailed to Council 20th August 2020 • SPCA email detailing future training courses available emailed to Council 25th August 2020 • SPCA Bulletin dated 27th August 2020 emailed to Council 27th August 2020 • SPCA details of National Pay Award 2020-21 emailed to Council 28th August 2020 • Staffs CC update on library services emailed to Council 31st August 2020 • Email from the editor of LL emailed to Council on the 7th September 2020 Members agreed to postpone publishing Longdon Life until further notice, due to covid 19 & government guidelines. 	<p>CEG</p> <p>CEG</p>
<p>339 339.1</p>	<p>Accounts for payment</p> <p>Approval of the following payments were considered by Council:</p> <p>C E Gracey Clerk August salary - £429.50 approved</p> <p>C E Gracey Clerk August expenses (signage, photocopying & postage) - £24.27 approved</p> <p>WCAVA Clerks (payroll fees for August) - £114.00 approved</p> <p>G C McCulloch (Ground maintenance August) £910.00 approved</p> <p>E Roy (Website revision) £425.00 approved</p> <p>CW & GVH (Hall hire March &September) £60.00 approved</p> <p>C E Gracey (September salary) £429.50 approved</p> <p>G C McCulloch (Ground maintenance September) £360.00 approved</p> <p>WCAVA(payroll fees for September) £131.60 approved</p> <p>T. Johnson (Plant pot & compost) £51.00 approved</p>	

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	Resolved proposed by Cllr.Craig Stevens(Acting Chairman seconded by Cllr. Helen Hulme and carried.	
340	Asset of Community Value – Swan with 2 Necks PH	
340.1	Cllr. Trevor Johnson commented that this matter is progressing well & ongoing.	
341	Council Vacancies	
341.1	The Council have received an application for co-option from a resident, Cllr. Helen Hulme proposed that he be co-opted seconded by Cllr. Craig Stevens (Acting Chairman) and carried. The resident will be informed and asked to join the next meeting on the 13 th October 2020.	
342	Items for future meeting - To consider items for inclusion on future agenda (no decision will be taken on this item)	
342.1	Members discussed the venue at WI Hall where the guidelines are for no more than 10 persons, as council will total 6 plus the clerk & possibly 2 other councillors there is one space for members of the public. The council concluded that the next meeting will be held at the WI Hall & a notice will be put on the website asking residents to contact the clerk if they wish to attend.	CEG
342.2	Upper Longdon -traffic calming	
342.3	Surplus budget	
342.4	Longdon Green	
343	Dates of upcoming meetings	
343.1	The following meeting was agreed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13th October 2020 W I Hall Longdon • 10th November 2020 W I Hall London 	
	The meeting ended at 8.45pm	
Noted	At the end of the council meeting Members stood for a minute silence for the sad passing of Heather Meere, Phil Couchman & Tony Nicholls they had all served this parish with their hard work & commitment.	

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