

Longdon Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of Longdon Parish Council held 7.00pm on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at W I Hall Longdon

Present: **Parish Councillors:** H Hulme, G Crowe, T Johnson, J Watkins-Smythe, C Stevens
Other Councillors:, County Councillor M Tittley District Councillor Rob Strachan
Clerk: C E Gracey
Public Attendees: Mr W Rose
Councillor Apologies: None

Min No.	Item	Action
235 235.1	<p>Appointment of Acting Chairman for the meeting or Chairman until the AGM in May 2020</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr. Craig Stevens will chair this meeting.</p>	
236 236.1	<p>Apologies & Acceptance of Absence</p> <p>None</p>	
237 237.1	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>None reported</p>	
238 238.1 238.2 238.3 238.4	<p>Chairman to close the meeting for public session -this will be limited to 15 minutes (5 minutes per speaker)</p> <p>Mr W Rose commented on open space land owned by the parish council at the far end of Church Way which is presently a maintained grass area, and asked the Council to consider using part of the area as a wild seed meadow, leaving the remainder for dog walkers & children. He showed some photographs of similar areas and commented on the procedure & maintenance. He has spoken with the Staffordshire Wild Life Trust and passed details of a contact who would come & give advice to council. Members discussed the proposal and to contact the expert, ask if he would attend the next meeting & speak to members.</p> <p>Mr W Rose commented on an Elder tree that has fallen down on Berkley Way junction Beech Walk, work had been carried out but debris has been left on the footpath, the clerk will follow up.</p> <p>Mr W Rose commented on Lysway Lane which floods on regular basis when the ditch is full of silt and in need of attention, the ditch is responsibility of Seedy Mill Golf Club, County Councillor Martyn Tittley commented that the ditch has collapsed following a road accident, Staffs CC have carried out some remedial work but additional work is required. The clerk with follow up with the golf club.</p> <p>District Councillor Rob Strachan commented on the following:</p> <p>LDC are in the process of considering the precept for 2020-21 and whilst County & District Councils budgets are subject to restriction, parish councils have the ability to raise their precepts to reflect present policies and this should be considered when setting the precept.</p> <p>Local plan being compiled with no considered release of green belt land and parish council should consider reviewing the neighbourhood plan accordingly.</p> <p>The Chairman closed the public session at 7.15pm</p>	CEG CEG CEG

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239	Council Minutes: To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 12th November 2019	
239.1	The minutes of the Monthly Full Council Meeting held on 12 th November 2019 were approved as a correct record. It was resolved to approve & accept the minutes of the 12th November 2019 as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr. Craig Stevens(Acting Chairman) seconded by Cllr. Trevor Johnson and carried.	
240	Matters Arising	
240.1	227.5 Broken Stile in the Gentleshaw area, Members discussed the outstanding work.	
241	Website	
241.1	The clerk will reissue the information to Members for consideration at the next meeting.	CEG
242	Outside Body Representatives Feedback	
241.1	Nothing to report	
243	Environment Issues	
243.1	Information Boards – The clerk will contact suppliers for an updated cost and Lichfield DC with regards to amending the colours of the walks to co-ordinate with walk leaflets.	CEG
243.2	Grass cutting – The clerk will arrange for 3 tenders for the 2020-21 year.	CEG
243.3	Tree rear of 9 St. James Close work has been carried out by homeowner, further works required.	
243.4	Trees Upper Way – Quotes to be obtained to carryout work	CEG
243.5	Wild Seed Meadow – As discussed in public participation.	
244	Planning	
244.1	19/01609/FUH Brook Cottage Chapel Lane Gentleshaw - Two storey extension to rear, alterations to existing side extension, erection of detached garage & alterations to existing driveway. No objections/comments	
244.2	19/01657/FUH Redhill Cottage Redhill, Bardy Lane, Upper Longdon - Renovation & extension of existing cottage & barn, recladding of existing cottage structure & rebuilding of existing barn structure. Reallocation & extension of agricultural & landscape maintenance store. – no objections/comments	
244.3	19/01388/FUH The Cottage Ford Lane Longdon - Conversion of existing stables to form living accommodation & internal alterations to existing house – no objections/comments	

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244.4	19/01641/FUH 22 Stockings Lane Longdon - Installation of step lift to front of property for wheelchair access & erection of retaining walls – no objections/comments	
244.5	19/01723/FUH Cringleford Lower Way Upper Longdon – 2 storey extension to detach garage – no objections/comments	
245	Highways	
245.1	Footpath 73 – No information the clerk will follow up with Staffs CC	CEG
246.1	A51 footpath Impassable overgrown trees& shrubs – no work carried out, the clerk will follow up with Staffs CC	CEG
	2045pm Cllr. Martyn Tittley left the meeting	
247	Finance	
247.1	Precept 2020-21 – Members considered the budget for the year and agreed to increase the precept by 9% proposed by Cllr. Trevor Johnson seconded by Cllr. Helen Hulme and carried.	
247.2	Budget 2020-21 To be compiled from the agreed figures and ratified at the next Council meeting.	CEG
248	Correspondence Report -The clerk confirmed that all correspondence received by email was forwarded to Councillors for their information. Included the following:	
248.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Roy estimated cost of website redesign email to Council 13th November 2019 • SPCA bulletin 14th November 2019 emailed to Council 14th November 2019 • Lichfield DC information on Cils expenditure emailed to Council 14th November 2019 • Richard Meere comments on Remembrance Sunday emailed to Council 14th November 2019 • Mrs Shanahan flooding on Borough Lane 14th November 2019 emailed to Council 14th November 2019 • County Cllr. Martyn Tittley response on the fallen tree on the Old Road A51 emailed to Council on 14th November 2019 • Lichfield DC information on Christmas City Tours & Carols emailed to Council 1st December 2019 • Gareth Hare LDC advice on trees on Upper Way emailed to Council on 2nd December 2019 • Power to People requesting support for the Local Electricity Bill emailed to Council on 2nd December 2019 • Local plan review consultation dates from LDC emailed to Council on 2nd December 2019 • Press release on Local Plan Review from LDC emailed to Council on 2nd December 2019 • Press release on Christmas tours in Lichfield emailed to Council 2nd December 2019 • Website message from resident re the post box emailed to Council 2nd December 2019 • Website message from resident re tree fallen in her garden emailed to Council 2nd December 2019 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website message from Head at St. James School re commemorative plaque for remembrance Sunday emailed to Council 2nd December 2019. • Email from resident re wild seed meadow Longdon emailed to Council 4th December 2019 • Link to footpath guide on Two Saints Way emailed to Council 4th December 2019 • Details of the next Parish Forum emailed to Council on the 4th December 2019 • Information on managing Cannock Chase emailed to Council 9th December 2019 • Information on school admissions from Staffs CC emailed to Council 9th December 2019 • SPCA bulletin 12th December 2019 emailed to Council 15th December 2019 • Lichfield DC ecology award emailed to Council 15th December 2019 • Staffs CC asking for Christmas volunteers emailed to Council on 16th December • LDC newly published plan emailed to Council on the 16th December 2019 • LDC tree prosecution emailed to Council on 23rd December 2019 • SPCA bulletin 26th December 2019 emailed to Council 26th December 2019 • LDC strategic plan focus group information emailed to Council 26th December 2019 • Midway Surveying Ltd details of proposed works at Gentleshaw emailed to Council 29th December 2019 • LDC consultation dates on the masterplan emailed to Council 31st December 2019 <p>21.06pm Members agreed to a 15 minute extension</p>	
249	Accounts for payment	
249.1	<p>Approval of the following payments were considered by Council:</p> <p>South Staffordshire College – printing of the Summer & Autumn edition of Longdon Life - £1226.05 approved</p> <p>C E Gracey Clerk December salary - £429.50 approved</p> <p>C E Gracey Clerk Backpay on salary increase August-November -£123.28 approved</p> <p>C E Gracey Clerk November expenses photocopying & postage - £6.12 approved</p> <p>WCAVA Clerks salary November & December PAYE - £251.20 approved</p> <p>C E Gracey Clerk January salary dated 31/01/20 - £429.50 approved</p> <p>Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw New Village Hall hire March, June & Sept 2019 - £110.75 approved</p> <p>Resolved proposed by Cllr. Helen Hulme seconded by Cllr. John Smythe-Watkins and carried.</p>	
250	Items for future meetings	
250.1	BKV to be included in the agenda to consider forward planning.	CEG

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251	Councillor vacancies in the parish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-option • Reduction in Councillor numbers 	
251.1	Members agreed to further discussion at the next meeting	
252	Swan with Two Necks Public House	
252.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset of Community Value – Members discussed the building and agreed to obtain the forms for consideration 	CEG
253	Dates of upcoming meetings	
253.1	The following meeting was agreed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th February 2020 7pm @ WI Hall • 10th March 2020 7pm @ CW&GVH 	
	The meeting ended at 9.21pm	

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