

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
19:00 MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2023 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Alice Foster (AFo) – Chairman
Cllr Selina Musters (SM) – Vice Chairman
Cllr Kirsty Dominick-Gibson (KDG)
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ)
Cllr Beccy Soper (BS)
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt, Colin McIntyre (CM) Leckford Estate, Ian Jeffries (IJ), TVBC Councillor (part of the meeting), David Drew, HCC Councillor (part of the meeting), 2 others

- 1) **Apologies:** Nicky Goodridge TV School. KDG, DD and IJ will arrive later in the meeting.
- 2) **Declarations of interest**
 - None declared
- 3) **Minutes of PC Meeting of 13th July 2023**
 - Unanimously agreed for adoption and signed by AFo after amendment of a small typographical error.
- 4) **Points from the Floor**
 - Issue was raised about the dog waste being left outside the Cemetery and also along the Church Road track. SJ suggested that each event should be logged with TVBC and after a certain number of events this triggers a visit by TVBC Dog Warden. SJ will also speak to the TVBC Dog Warden to identify what powers/help available. There could be an option to have a poo bag dispenser near the Cemetery which may encourage people to pick up after their dog. **ACTION:** SJ to investigate options and present to PC.
 - A representative of Charity Down Farm explained that they are working on a number of initiatives for organic farming and wish to get the community involved eg provision of veg boxes. Will engage the community in the next few months and may link to the local schools. Further information to follow.
- 5) **Planning**
 - a) 23/02101/FULLN - Church Road – Erection of 5 affordable dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping, installation of package treatment plant and construction access – The PC felt the affordable housing scheme was needed by the local community. Vote – 6 Support and 1 abstention. PC to advise TVBC that it strongly supports the development.
 - b) 23/02079/LBWN & 23/02078/FULLN– Kingfisher Lodge - Single storey extension and alterations at Kingfisher Lodge to construct exercise pool with jacuzzi and associated plant room shed. The scheme is not visible from the highway - Unanimous PC Support
 - c) 23/02080/FULLN – Kingfisher Lodge - Workshop extension to existing double garage with proposed Studio/Annexe over, widening of existing internal drive to accommodate Workshop extension together with replacement main Entrance Gates and provision of Gates to Right of Way Access from Lindens. Unanimous PC Support
 - d) 23/01897/FULLN - 6 Verlynch Cottages - Installation of 10 solar panels and an air source heat pump. Unanimous PC Support
 - e) 23/02183/FULLN – Charity Down Farm - Operational works in association with the upcoming change of use of the agricultural building to a C1 aparthotel. Concern was raised about insufficient details of the ‘aparthotel’ had been provided. However at this stage permission is requested for operational works prior to change of use. Unanimous PC Support for the operational works.
 - f) 23/02263/TREEN - Tickle Trout Cottage – Tree works. PC No objection.
- 6) **Leckford Estate**
 - CM gave an update on the Estate workings. The Bio-methane plant is not far off being operational and will be one of only a few in the UK. There will be a press release to follow. The aim is to run the majority of the Estate vehicles on bio-methane rather than diesel.
 - There are plans to do work on the empty houses and yard at Leckford. There is a lot of work to do as the houses are in a poor state of repair and the Estate is looking for a way to finance the renovations.
 - Chairman thanked CM for the kind use of the Water Gardens that generated a successful fundraising event. CM advised that he was happy to support and will provide the Water Gardens to the PC for an annual event.

7) Speedwatch Team

- Awaiting for a visit from Mayur Patel, HCC to identify suitable SID locations. **ACTION:** Clerk to continue to liaise with Derek Hallé (Stockbridge PC)
- CM would be interested in Leckford village being involved in this project. **ACTION:** Clerk will copy CM into correspondence.

8) Correspondence

- Items noted on previously circulated report with the agenda. No further action.
- SM gave an update on the Village Fete. Unfortunately the net figures from the evening BBQ are not yet available. However the daytime activities raised £4,244 net. The Fete Committee has decided that the split of the proceeds will be 80% to the Church and 20% to the Playground fund. The BBQ proceeds may be split differently, once the amount is known.
- PC gave a vote of thanks to Selina and John Musters and Lois Opperman in particular and all volunteers that made the day a great success.

9) TVBC Report

- IJ arrived at 8pm and presented his report. Mid-Test Matters previously circulated. Clerk requested an update on the grant request for a dog waste bin. **ACTION:** IJ will investigate; email to be sent by Clerk as a reminder.
- IJ left the meeting after his report.

10) Dog Waste Project (SJ)

- CJ in contact with the TVBC Dog Warden. The advice given is that all instances of dog waste being left should be reported to TVBC. The more reports, the more likely the Dog Warden will take action.
- Signs are still being placed next to dog waste that has not been removed by the owner. SJ has cleared up the poo and will continue to put signs up as necessary.
- We need a more visible sticker on the green bin at the Cemetery highlighting that this bin can be used for dog waste. **ACTION:** SJ
- The TVBC Councillor Grant application for the dog waste bin at the recreational ground is in process.
- CM suggested that a dog poo bag dispenser may encourage people to use them. They have them on the estate. **ACTION:** SJ to investigate the potential of a dispenser at the Cemetery.

11) Playground (BS)

- Fundraising - Very successful Water Gardens event (£1,598.80 raised) and funds to be received from the Fete.
- The next fund raising event is the Halloween Quiz on 27th October. Final details to be confirmed. The plan is to have an event every month on the first Friday to support the fundraising.
- BS to draw together two groups of volunteers, a fundraising group and a grant application group to ensure we have a clear plan of what we are trying to achieve and by when.

12) Highways

- **24231815** - Drains blocked on Longstock Road – Re-opened **ACTION:** Clerk to continue to monitor
- **21664083** – Drains blocked outside The Cowshed. Now fixed. **ACTION:** Clerk to monitor at next large rain event to see if it has been fixed satisfactorily
- **21651522** – Trees on Salisbury Hill – Updated in June by HCC that still progressing. **ACTION:** Clerk already escalated with DD from a health and safety perspective and will chase again
- **7123888** – SJ enquiry about the mowing of the dual carriageway. Still progressing. **ACTION:** Clerk to monitor
- **21682588** - Pot hole on the left hand side of Roman Road on entering the bus bay. HCC have reported that they cannot locate the problem. **ACTION:** Clerk to send photos of the hole and what3words location
- **21690519** – Ash tree near Field House has Ash Dieback. **ACTION:** Clerk to monitor
- **18266157** – Loose stones accumulated at the bottom of the hill at Ratz Lodge. TVBC responsible to sweep the road. **ACTION:** Clerk to monitor
- Issue was raised about the overgrown nettles on the Salisbury Hill footpath. The Lengthsman is scheduled to do the section from the crossroads to the bus bay in the next month. Need to escalate the car park section near the bus bay. **ACTION:** Clerk to report
- A new 'HGV unsuitable' sign has appeared at the end of The Bunny at the junction with the A3057. Is it possible to have one at the other end of The Bunny at the Peat Spade? **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate

13) Finance

- **Monthly Finance Report** – pre-circulated. No outstanding invoices to pay.
- **Insurance** – The insurance quote from the Brokers (Gallagher) has risen by £108.71 (9%) to £1,278.97. The asset value has been increased by 8%. This is in line with the agreed budget. PC agreed to renew the Insurance

at this level. **ACTION:** Clerk

- **Bank Mandate** – Addition of KDG and BS as signatories to the Parish Bank Account mandate – still ongoing. **ACTION:** Clerk

14) Cemetery (KDG)

- Regulations – Already pre-circulated with previous comments added. The PC unanimously agreed to adopt the version already circulated. **ACTION:** Clerk to add to the website and Cemetery Notice board.
- The Cemetery Plan on the Cemetery notice board has faded and needs replacing. Suggested that a quality plan is printed from Sarsen Press as the ink they use is more robust. PC agreed to the additional printing costs and CM offered the use of the laminator at Leckford Estate office. **ACTION:** Clerk

15) Past Chairman Board (CG)

- In hand. **ACTION:** CG to present ideas at next PC with costings.

16) Remembrance Sunday (CG)

- PC will hold the traditional service on Sunday, 12 November 2023 at the War Memorial.
- Clerk to arrange the wreath and police notices. PC agreed a donation of £125 to the Royal British Legion for the wreath. CG to ask serving personnel in the village if they can lay the wreath. If not, then the Chairman will lay the wreath. BS to provide The Last Post. CG has arranged with The Peat Spade to provide coffee and cake. In addition there will be an opportunity to have a curry lunch after for £23 per head. **ACTION:** CG to provide details for the Newsletter.

17) Greening Campaign (SJ)

- The aim of the campaign is to engage communities to reduce their carbon footprint and improve energy efficiency, along with other initiatives such as re-wilding.
- If a community wish to undertake a project then the Greening Campaign can offer support.
- The cost to join the Greening Campaign is a one off £50 plus £126 to print 300 cards for each house plus community events.
- CM explained there was a biodiversity Officer at Leckford Estate who can support and Charity Down Farm also can provide help on a local level.
- PC agreed that they were in support of the ethos of the Greening Campaign but wanted to gauge support and commitment in the local community before joining. **ACTION:** SJ to take forward.

18) Councillors' Reports.

a. Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)

- AF – Refer to Church Road development
- NHP – The NHP committee had a Summer break and engagement event likely to take place in November.

b. Allotments, Cemetery and Henry Smith Charity. (KDG)

- Allotments – there are 2 vacant allotments. The BBQ will not take place.
- Cemetery – comments that the Cemetery (and recreation ground) have been nicely maintained. KDG to send a thank you to the groundsman.
- Henry Smith – One grant has been awarded. KDG had a meeting with the Head of Stockbridge Primary School and agreed a process for nominations to support certain Longstock children to attend school trips who would not normally be able to attend due to financial pressures. A similar meeting is proposed for TV School. **ACTION:** KDG. All grants provided going forward will be overviewed by two Councillors (KDG and BS) to provide an audit trail.

c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG)

- Footpaths –
 - HCC has confirmed that the annual cutting of Footpaths 3, 6, 11 and 12 should be completed by the end of September.
 - The FP sign by Roman Road was broken by some revellers. The identity of the culprits is known and the Chairman offered to ring the suspected person to request a letter of apology.
 - Replacement of the signs on Restricted Byway 9 where Ratz Lodge crosses the road and the one at the bottom of Restricted Byway 12 (beside Roman Road) are in hand.
- Lengthsman – The Lengthsman is on reduced hours at the moment. The Bown bench has been removed from the Cemetery. The Bunny bench and noticeboards have been cleaned. Clerk will continue to remove 'historic' notices from the boards. During September the Lengthsman will litter pick and cut the vegetation on the footpaths on Salisbury Hill. October will see him clear the drainage grips and tidy up the area around The Bunny

bench. He will also do a further 4 hours work at the Village Hall. SM will arrange to reimburse him for 2 of these hours of work.

d. Test Valley School (TVS), Litter Picking, Website and Longstock Road Safety Plan. (AFo)

- Website – All up to date
- Road Safety Plan – the next stage is to ask Parishioners for their views. This will be done at the same time as the NHP consultation.
- TVS – Academisation has been delayed.

e. Environment. (SJ)

- Already discussed as separate item.

f. Village Hall, Streetlights and Newsletter. (SM)

- Newsletter – Lois Opperman who is the editor of the newsletter is unavailable at the moment. SM will do this issue (Oct/Nov). A contingency may be required to provide Publisher for the Parish Council laptop. **ACTION:** to be discussed at the next PC

19) HCC Report

- DD arrived to at 9:20pm to provide his report. Previously circulated and will be added to the website.

20) Matters Raised for next month's agenda

- Date for the NHP and Longstock Road Safety community consultation
- Provision of Publisher for the PC laptop, to use for the Newsletter
- D-Day 80

21) Date of Next Meeting

- Agreed as Monday 9th October at 7:00pm. Proposed future meeting dates for the rest of 2023 in view of the change to Monday meetings – 13th November and 11th December 2023.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Month: July&Aug 2023 Date of PC Meeting: 11/09/2023

Bank Account Status as at 31/08/2023

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| Current Account | £ 11,663.60 |
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Income Received in July&August 2023

(Items included in the current account balance above)

| Type | Date Received | From | Description | Amount |
|------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|
| BACS | 03/07/2023 | Greenfield Pigs | Newsletter Advert | £ 85.00 |

Payments Approved in July&Aug 2023

(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

| Type | Date issued | Payee | Detail | Amount |
|--------|-------------|---------------|---|----------|
| BACS * | 14/07/2023 | Daniel Robins | Grass cutting contract - Apr, May, June | £ 625.00 |
| BACS * | 21/07/2023 | SSE | Street light electricity | £ 48.05 |
| BACS * | 31/07/2023 | Sarsen Press | Newsletter printing | £ 325.00 |
| BACS * | 12/06/2023 | Sarah Johns | Refund for Dog waste signs | £ 29.97 |
| BACS * | 21/08/2023 | SSE | Street light electricity | £ 45.35 |

* Faster Payment authorised by Cllrs Musters and Foster

Income to be received in July&Aug 2023

(Items received and NOT yet included in the current account bank balance above)

| Type | Date Received | From | Description | Amount |
|------|---------------|------|-------------|--------|
| None | | | | £ - |

Payments Approved in July&Aug 2023

(Items NOT included in the current account bank balance above)

| Type | Date issued | Payee | Detail | Amount |
|------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|
| None | | | | |

Projected Bank Account Status (including all April approved items)

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| Current Account | £ 11,663.60 |
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