

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
1930 MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Sophie Walters (SW) - Chairman
Cllr David Burnfield (DB)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr John Eastwood (JE)
Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF)

In attendance: Clerk Mark Flewitt (MF), and later Andrew Gibson (AG), HCC County Councillor, and Tony Ward (TW), TVBC Councillor

1. **Apologies.** Colin McIntyre, Leckford Estate, and from Andrew Gibson and Tony Ward for late arrivals.
2. **Minutes of Meeting of 7th October.**
The minutes were unanimously agreed for adoption and signed.
3. **New Parish Councillor**
SW introduced AF, the new Parish Councillor, to her first meeting, and she was warmly welcomed by all Councillors. AF was asked to check that her Parish Council email address is correctly activated and working for all future communications. **ACTION:** AF
4. **Matters Arising:**
Highways & Traffic.
 - **21412799** – Bottom Road potholes: DB advised that additional scalplings have been added to improve the situation. **CLOSED**
 - **21414966** – The hole at the bottom of the drive to the old dairy now LOYO. This will be repaired by Leckford Estate **ACTION:** CM in hand – still pending
 - **Recreation Ground car park** – Leckford Estate to start work in Spring 2020. A proposed schedule of work timing will be provided. HCC Archaeological Dept must be advised in advance when work starts. **ACTION:** CM and MF
 - **21457516** – Empty grit bin at Longstock Park/Garage Cottages has been reported and registered, but not yet filled. **ACTION:** MF
5. **Planning Applications.**
 - No new planning applications to report
 - Barn Cottage – Councillors expressed concern at the lack of progress on the works and the state of the site. Of particular importance will be the levelling of the mounds of earth at the back and the reinstatement of the hedge at the front where the temporary site access has been made.

6. **Finance.**
- Half-year audit - MF reported that the interim mid-year internal audit has been completed and signed-off. Copies of the accounts were circulated. A £45 fee for the Auditor for the 2018/19 full year audit was agreed. **ACTION:** MF
 - Section 106 funds update – MF reported that TVBC have now confirmed that the reported S106 funds of £11,182 do not exist, as the 2013 planning permission development project for the outbuildings at Charity Farm was never undertaken. **CLOSED**
 - GDPR Fee – MF advised that under GDPR regulations the Parish Council is required to pay an annual Data Protection fee and re-register as a Data Controller. The fee is £40, reduced to £35 for payment by DD. **ACTION:** MF
 - Binding of Parish Council Minute Books – SM advised that an updated quote of £200 had been obtained for a 250 sheet bound volume. Unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** SM
7. **Neighbourhood Plan (NP).**
- SW confirmed that the NP Steering Group (SG) is chaired by AF who provided an update for councillors. **ACTION:** AF
 - AF reported that the initial village questionnaire had generated a very high level of enthusiastic responses. Among the issues raised have been: young families, internet speed and traffic.
 - The responses will now be collated and analysed to identify residents' priorities and to set the NP's vision and objectives. This will be followed up with an all-community event in the New Year (Jan/Feb). **ACTION:** AF
 - The on-line process to access the various grants from TVBC and central government to be initiated. **ACTION:** AF/MF
 - Grants can be obtained to cover costs related to the NP, including work on a business plan, rentals, printing, consultancy costs etc.
 - SM confirmed that, as a PC sponsored group, the Village Hall would be available free of charge for the monthly NP SG meeting.
 - JE asked whether the NP Project Plan would be available to the Parish Council. AF will check with the consultants Plan-et re any possible copyright issues. **ACTION:** AF
 - AF confirmed that the monthly SG meetings are announced on the village notice boards and on the website. A possible Facebook page is under consideration. **ACTION:** AF
 - The SG Terms of Reference have been drafted and will be formally submitted to the Parish Council for approval at the next PC meeting. **ACTION:** AF
8. **Longstock Village Website.**
- JE asked that all Councillors should review the website link he had circulated and provide feedback to him. **ACTION:** ALL
 - The new website is based on the Houghton village website hosted by Hugo Fox, which provides this service to hundreds of councils.
 - It is understood that Hugo Fox do not use the information on their websites for commercial purposes, but JE will check the security issues on the website. Is this a Secure Website, and what are the consequences of this? **ACTION:** JE
 - Councillors discussed the issues of the hosting of the website, and the ownership of the domain name, and what interactivity (including receiving emails etc) will be available. Will Jones has quoted £100pa to host the

website, but DB felt this should be in the region of £20pa. Points to be clarified. **ACTION:** JE

- SW will check with Jan Greep about transferring the village historical information to the new website once it is operational. **ACTION:** SW
- We have received a £450 invoice from Will Jones's business (WDPJ Media) for the originally contracted website work. SW asked that we hold off on payment until some of the outstanding questions have been clarified. **ACTION:** MF

9. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). NTR from DB

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG).

- 2½ available allotment plots were reported at the Allotment Association AGM in October, but it is hoped that some of these will be taken up in the Spring.
- MF reported that the ashes of Ian Reid (husband of Maureen Hine) were buried in the ashes plot in October.

c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG).

- CG reported on Footpath 12 at Roman Road that Daniel Busk, the landowner has not yet complied with his responsibility to cut back the hedges. **ACTION:** CG
- The Lengthsman's next jobs will be the noticeboards, the Test Valley School area, and general litter
- Questions were raised about the Telephone Box – why the light above is not working, and whether a side panel needs replacing. **ACTION:** CG and DB
- Footpath 9 – AG advised that the Carriage Society has asked that the surface be improved to allow horse-drawn vehicles to use it. Although HCC has a statutory duty to maintain this restricted byway, Councillors expressed concern about use by trailbikes, which had been a problem to householders near this path in the past.

d. Test Valley School. (AF).

- New Councillor AF agreed to be delegated as Longstock PC's portfolio holder for Test Valley School. **ACTION:** AF
- Swimming Pool - AF reported that funds have been raised via the PTA to pay for repairs to the lining in time for the 2020 season. The PTA also advised SM that a cover will be bought to extend the season, and it is hoped that the pool will be made available for the whole village. Donations have been received from the Upper Test Valley Vintage Club, and from Trout 'n About.
- SW and AG intend to attend the School Prize evening on 21st Nov. **ACTION:** SW and AG

e. Environment and Website. (JE).

- JE and CG will continue to work on the Longstock Resilience Plan. **ACTION:** JE and CG
- Wheelabrator Incinerator at Barton Stacey – public consultation events are being held on this project which will create an enormous 50m-high construction visible from all around this area of Hampshire, even though none

of the waste to be processed will come from HCC. The sponsors have bypassed HCC and other local interests by going directly to the Secretary of State for approval. Although many people feel that this project would be better situated on a brownfield site, it is thought the sponsors' economic case will be led by the fact that they already own the land. JE will attend and report back. **ACTION:** JE

f. Village Hall and Street Lights. (SM).

- The Heritage lights have now been installed and local comments have been very positive.
- We still await the installation of the modern light in Houghton Road due to a missing component. This light will be the template for the remaining lights to be replaced. SM to coordinate. **ACTION:** SM
- SSE have asked for more information on electricity consumption of the new lamps in order to reduce the bills. **ACTION:** SM
- Our Insurers have asked for more information to confirm that the new lights are covered for insurance. **ACTION:** SM and MF
- We still await £1k from HCC towards the cost of the streetlights, but hopefully HCC now have all the necessary information. **ACTION:** MF and AG
- Nothing to report on the Village Hall

g. Playground and Henry Smith Charity (SW)

- On Henry Smith SW advised that she is in contact with Stockbridge Surgery, Stockbridge Primary School and Test Valley School to identify potential beneficiaries of the £1,675.37 we currently have available. The report to the Charity is pending submission. **ACTION:** SW

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). NTR due to CM's absence

10. **Remembrance Sunday.**

- CG confirmed the event was once again very well attended. Thanks were due to Daisy Burnfield for laying the Parish Council wreath, to the Peat Spade for laying on coffee and cakes, to Tim Nedas for providing the music, and to MF for helping to organise and coordinate.

11. **2020 Meeting Dates**

- The 2020 Longstock Parish Council meetings were set as follows:
 - o 13th January, 10th February, 9th March, 20th April, 11th May, 8th June, 20th July, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December.

12. **Correspondence**

- a) Test Valley Culture 2020 Events. JE will monitor. **ACTION:** JE
- b) HCC Vision for Hampshire 2050 - Briefing and Workshop on 9th Jan. MF (+ one Councillor?) to attend. **ACTION:** MF (+1?)
- c) MF will reply to a request from WYG Consultants for the dates of the 2020 Parish Council meetings. WYG were involved in previous planning applications adjacent to Roman Road. **ACTION:** MF
- d) Greener Futures – SM attended a meeting involving representatives from Wherwell, Chilbolton and Leckford. SM will continue to monitor. **ACTION:** SM
- e) HALC AGM – MF attended and highlighted:

- HCC will reduce their HALC grant from £60k to £20k
- Longstock's membership fee will increase from £237 to £243
- It is expected that HCC will reduce or eliminate the financial support for Lengthsmen as part of their cost-cutting drive. Other reorganization steps with District Councils may also be considered
- Berkshire has contracted to use HALC to support their parish and other local councils

13. Any Other Business/public comment.

- a) TW mentioned that the Neighbourhood Plan will be helpful in accessing other funding pots in future.
- b) IG asked what steps are being taken to increase the availability of charging points for electric vehicles. TW advised that TVBC car parks will all have charging points in future
- c) DB once again highlighted the excessive speed of vehicles, including the school buses on the Danebury Road, and the risk of injury to the passengers/schoolchildren and other road users and pedestrians.
- d) AG advised that parking in Stockbridge is again being studied. Parking meters may be HCC's preferred solution.
- e) AG asked that the Parish Council submit a request for a further £500 grant to make up the full £1.5k promised. **ACTION:** SW and MF
- f) The 2020 Henry Smith Charity lunch will be on 11th February. DB to book caterers. **ACTION:** DB

14. Date of Next Meeting. Monday 16th December, then Monday 13th January.

Cheques Signed:

1111	Sarsen Press (Newsletter)	£170.10 (Cancelled)
1112	SM re Sarsen Press	£170.10
1113	DW Windsor re Streetlights	£6,188.10
1114	Patrick Coates re Audit	£45.00
1115	SSE re Electricity	£34.73

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30.