

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
1930 MONDAY 14th JANUARY 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Sophie Walters (SW) – chairman
Cllr David Burnfield (DB)
Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Rebecca Griffiths (RG)
Cllr John Milne (JM)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)

Clerk John Musters, Mr Colin McIntyre (CM) (Leckford Estate), and
Mr Mark Flewitt.

1. **Apologies.** County Councillor Andrew Gibson (AG) and Borough Councillor Peter Boulton (PB).

2. **Minutes of Meeting of 3rd December.** Adopted and signed.

3. **Matters Arising:**

a. **Highways.** (1) The highways engineer had said that no additional funding had been passed down to that level (from central government) so the Bunny would “continue to receive routine safety inspections and any defects identified would be repaired”. (2) Clerk would report the damaged railings over one of the carriers on the Bunny. (3) County Councillor’s monthly report said that grit bins should have been filled by the end of December; councillors were asked to check bins near where they lived (clerk would report the toppled bin by Terstan). (4) Lengthsman’s work this month included a thorough litter pick in verges and cleaning road signs and road side markers.

ACTION: All, Clerk

b. **Meritorious Work Award.** CG had put some thoughts on paper and would e-mail these to councillors for discussion next time. JM, while supporting the idea in principle, warned that such a scheme could be fraught with problems.

ACTION: Cllr Grieve

c. **Newsletter Update.** SM had retrieved the laptop and would meet with Rosie Flewitt and Heli Cole who had agreed to produce the next edition. Clerk would ensure this edition included notices about the annual Henry Smith lunch in March, the change of clerk in April and council elections in May.

ACTION: Cllr Musters, Clerk

d. **Henry Smith Charity.** Councillors agreed Tuesday 12th March for the Henry Smith lunch; they would meet at 7 the previous evening ahead of the monthly meeting to set out tables and chairs.

ACTION: All

4. **Planning Applications.** **Test Lodge** (form courtyard and two-storey rear extension) – remains with TVBC for decision. **Carbery House** (replace roof tiles –

listed building application) – remains with TVBC for further ecology report. **Overstock House** (demolish existing house and replace – revised application) – PC support, on grounds of changes made to earlier approved scheme. **Barn Cottage** (minor change to west window in scheme already approved) – TVBC permission. Land at **Langtry House** (minor variations to approved scheme for detached dwelling) – remains with TVBC for decision. **Oakferns** (extensions to three sides of existing house, rebuild garage) – TVBC permission.

ACTION: Clerk

5. **Finance - 2019/2020 budget and Precept.** Clerk reported a 3rd quarter reconciled balance of £7,336.08; CG signed the reconciliation statement. Next year's Precept bid for £7,000 had gone in and clerk would send the annual VAT reclaim shortly. (PMN: a revised Precept bid for £8,000 would be submitted with agreement of councillors out of committee; this to allow for lack of external funding for street lights replacement (see 7f)).

ACTION: Clerk

6. **Parish Council Elections 2019.** Parish Council elections would take place on Thursday 2nd May. All seven places on the council were up for re-election and at this stage all current councillors appeared willing to stand again. Clerk explained the timescale for distribution and return of candidate forms and ramifications of contested and uncontested elections. There would be an admin charge of about £30 in the latter event and a contested election would cost in the range £770 to £960.

7. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). DB would go to the launch event of the Hampshire Housing Hub in Winchester on 5th February.

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). Two ponds had been installed in the allotments. The allotments BBQ this year would be earlier, probably in June.

c. Footpaths. (CG). CG had sent in our priority cutting bids for 2019 and reported that path 6, damaged earlier by cattle, was now in a better state.

d. Test Valley School. (RG). NTR.

e. Environment. (JM). The bollard by the church lych gate had been replaced yet again; this time anchored more securely. JM was dismayed by the amount of litter in verges through the village and would welcome anyone joining him for a litter pick next time he drives through in his tuk tuk.

f. Village Hall and Street Lights. (SM). She said we were 'almost there' with plans for the five 'heritage' lights and expected to confirm the order soon. She would have the manufacturers set them for dimming between midnight and 0600. DB would provide a cherry picker platform to enable her to measure the exact diameter of the three poles that were to be fitted with a bracket light. Clerk said PB had promised £800 from his TVBC councillor's fund towards the cost, and he had asked TVBC to assess our eligibility for matching funding from the Community Asset Fund. (PMN: AG would allocate £1,000 from his HCC councillor's fund after May, but he regretted

that the HCC Community Capital Fund could not help us. TVBC Community Engagement Officer had sent a potentially helpful reply about Community Asset Funding and would meet with the clerk and Cllr Musters in the village later this month).

ACTION: Cllrs Burnfield and Musters, Clerk

g. Playground and Website. (SW). The H & S check file was missing again. The safety rope taken from the barrier was reported as being still up in the trees; CM would have it recovered.

ACTION: Mr McIntyre

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). Willows were being cleared from the Danish Dock and he reported a spate of fly tipping and hare coursing at Charity Down.

8. **Clerk's handover.** Mark Flewitt would take over on 1st April, the start of the new financial year. He and the clerk would meet as often as required over the next ten weeks to go through procedures etc. Two tasks would be delegated from the handover date: CG would take over as point of contact for the lengthsman, and RG would become the Henry Smith liaison (PMN: on reflection, chairman agreed to take over as Henry Smith contact point and cheque signatory).

ACTION: Chairman, Cllr Grieve, Clerk

9. **Correspondence.** In addition to regular e-updates from HALC, there had been: (a) County Councillor's monthly report and update from Highways, passed to all; (b) TVAPTC minutes of 22nd November, passed to chairman, DB and IG; (c) Hampshire Countryside Access Forum update on current issues, passed to CG; (d) CPRE Hampshire notice of panel forum on 8th February, passed to all – JM would attend.

10. **Any Other Business/public comment.** IG despaired that he had noticed Highways salting a road on one day, only for their road sweeper to sweep the same stretch of road the very next day.

11. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 11th February at 1930.

Cheques Signed:

082	Sarsen Press	Printing newsletter 238	£ 149.04
083	SSE Contracting	Street lights maintenance	£ 130.22
084	SSE	Street lights electricity supply	£ 118.73

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2115.