

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
1930 MONDAY 10th JUNE 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: Clerk Mark Flewitt (MF), Colin McIntyre (CM) of Leckford Estate, Tony Ward, TVBC District Councillor (TW) and one Longstock resident

1. **Apologies.** Andrew Gibson, County Councillor
2. **Minutes of Meeting of 13th May.** Agreed for adoption and signed.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - Highways & Traffic.**
 - **21407471** - Grit Bin at Terstan: now sorted - **Closed**
 - **21412799** – Bottom Road potholes: grass turfs have been laid. Scalpings will not be feasible so this matter is now considered **Closed**
 - **21414966** – blocked drain at Mary Saunders’ house – no action evident. TW consulted with the King Somborne PC Clerk, who confirmed that HCC only seem to look at blocked drains once a year. To be re-visited with Hants web and Andrew Gibson
ACTION: MF
4. **Planning Applications.**
 - Oakferns: additional home office above garage to increase approved building height by only 10cm (4”) – no PC visit required and **NO OBJECTION**
 - Charity Farmhouse: external works – site visit set for 11th June at 6pm. After site visit councillors decided to **SUPPORT**, with an additional comment that the proposed works would improve this important property.
 - Halfway Cottage: re-submission of previous plans with additional bat roost access space – no new PC visit required and **SUPPORT** with additional comment about retention of the front beech hedge.
5. **Finance.**
 - The clerk reported that the The Model Publication Scheme information has been sent to the village website, for publication
 - The appropriate Certificate of Exemption for external audit is being prepared for submission
 - The Annual Governance and Accountability Return documents are being prepared and will be displayed as required

ACTION: MF

6. **Neighbourhood Plan (NP).** SW reported that Liz Bourne is willing to help and support our effort. It would be desirable to set up a committee to manage this project, perhaps including 2 village residents and 2 parish councillors. Even if the NP project takes up to 3 years, it will still carry weight in the meantime if Daniel Busk's massive housing development plans come forward beforehand. It is understood that the Busk land has recently been registered for building

TW advised that the NP process can be quicker if it does not include any specific allocation of land for future building sites. The King Somborne NP saved enormous amounts of work and time by restricting the size and number of proposed future building sites. TW also advised of the importance of identifying future housing needs, and that the TVBC website includes a toolkit for this purpose. TVBC have also recently made a new external appointment of Sarah Hughes to lead on "neighbourhood planning", and she will be available to assist on the NP.

ACTION: SW

7. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). NTR from DB, although CM indicated that there might be some progress to report at Leckford Estate in due course

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). Everything in order, and Councillors were reminded of the invitation to the Allotment Association BBQ on 16th June.

c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG). CG reported that Longstock is entitled to a 50 hour allocation from the Lengthsman (= £1,000 at £20 per hour), but that the previous matrix of work shows 61 hours of work. Shane is a local person and has visited the sites. The Restricted Byway sign needs to be repainted, and Footpath 12 needs to be cut. **ACTION:** CG

d. Test Valley School. (RG). The Head is pleased that the pool is to be retained, and at the local support. Up to £1.5k was raised for the school at the Stock Fest event. 3 overseas trips are planned, and new House system will be introduced in September. A further £600 was raised at Stockbridge Fete for the pool, with almost £3k raised for each of the Primary School and the Football Club. A team of fundraisers have made a visit to Testbourne School to see how they manage their outdoor pool. The 200 Club still has only 30 members

Councillors discussed the on-going problem of children meeting before and after school in local farm buildings to smoke and consume other substances, it has been brought to the Parish Council's attention by some very concerned parents. There have also been reports of bullying associated with these groups. SW will follow up with the Police. **ACTION:** SW

e. Environment. (JE). JE has received and read the 20-page King Somborne Resilience Plan, which mainly deals with flooding issues and vulnerable people, and how the local community can complement the work of the emergency services. JE will identify relevant scenarios for Longstock, and will produce a draft document. Relevant contact details are published in the Newsletter. TW provided a detailed parish map as requested. **ACTION:** JE

f. Village Hall and Street Lights. (SM). Very slow progress with the DW Windsor suppliers. SM to press on. The Village Hall has to replace window sills, but otherwise all OK. Fire procedures are provided to all regular users. **ACTION:** SM

g. Playground and Website. (SW). SW and DB will combine efforts to measure the basketball board and net to seek a replacement quote. The playground inspection may call for the replacement of the rope. There have been problems with the transmission of the colour version of the Newsletter to Jan Greep. **ACTION:** SW and DB

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). Open Farm Sunday generated 2,500 visitors. The Growmore Club will hold their event on 18th June in the farm shop. Waitrose will be holding a series of events with visiting chefs through the year. A Longstock and Leckford residents' event will be held on 2nd July. Finally much positive comment about the appointment of the new John Lewis Chair.

8. **Correspondence.** In addition to regular e-updates from HALC we had heard from:

- a) SSE advising the 31st July renewal date for our electricity supply contract. JE offered to investigate possible switching opportunities to save money **ACTION:** JE.
- b) Andrew Gibson's reports on HCC and a Highways update were circulated.
- c) MF confirmed receipt of a Hampshire Public Transport Network map, which is available to be consulted. **ACTION:** MF.

9. **Any Other Business/public comment.**

- a) JE advised that Google Drive might facilitate the work of the Parish Council in the distribution and manipulation of documents. MF and JE have made an initial modest test. More to follow.
- b) a Henry Smith cheque has been provided to the school as requested.
- c) the new Stockbridge sign at the Carbery crossroads appears to be planted in Longstock.
- d) TW asked to be advised of any issues with Aster houses in Longstock. **ACTION:** All.
- e) TW advised that the owner of some objects fly-tipped in King Somborne has been successfully identified and sued.
- f) Bags of sand dumped outside the barn at the top of Church Road have not yet been removed. **ACTION:** CM.
- g) Councillors voiced their congratulations on the latest edition of the Newsletter, and MF will pass these on. **ACTION:** MF

10. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 1st July

Cheques Signed

1097	Hampshire Playing Fields Association	£40.00
1098	TVBC (Re May Parish Election)	£28.80
1099	I. Gibson (Qtrly maintenance contract)	£500.00

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20.