

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
1930 MONDAY 16th MARCH 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Sophie Walters (SW) - Chairman
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF)
Cllr David Burnfield (DB)
In attendance: Clerk Mark Flewitt (MF), and Andrew Gibson (AG)
HCC Councillor

1. **Apologies:** John Eastwood (JE), Colin McIntyre (CM) and Simon Borthwick (SB) of Leckford Estate, Tony Ward (TW) and Alison Johnston (AJ) TVBC Councillors

2. **Minutes of Meeting of 10th February.**
The minutes were unanimously agreed for adoption and signed.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Highways & Traffic.

- **LOYO Holes** - At the bottom of the drive to the old dairy now LOYO. **ACTION:** CM - in hand within the Leckford Estate work schedule
- **Recreation Ground car park** – Leckford Estate scheduled to start work in Spring 2020, but current Covid-19 crisis may delay. HCC Archaeological Dept to be advised in advance of work. **ACTION:** CM and MF
- **21457516** – Empty grit bin at Longstock Park/Garage Cottages reported and registered. Hantsweb showed job completed. Another chaser has been submitted. **ACTION:** MF
- **21489041** – Potholes on Church Road. Registered and acknowledged on Hantsweb and passed to contractor. **ACTION:** MF
- **21481974** – Dangerous trees on Bunny liable to fall across road, reported on Hantsweb. HCC have advised landowner. **ACTION:** Closed
- **21481978** – Bridge and Rails on Bunny demolished. Reported and acknowledged on Hantsweb and passed to contractor. **ACTION:** MF
- **21489579** - 2 new potholes outside Windover Farm, reported and acknowledged on Hantsweb and passed to contractor. **ACTION:** MF
- **21489073** – pothole at suicide corner, reported on Hantsweb and work completed. **ACTION:** Closed
- **21489064** – pothole on Bunny, reported on Hantsweb and work completed. **ACTION:** Closed
- **HCC Additional £500 Grant** – Pending application. Repairs to Phone Box proposed. **ACTION:** SW/MF

- AF advised of new potholes opposite 20 Roman Road – to be reported on Hantsweb. **ACTION:** MF
 - Bottle Bank – AJ written report that the A30 site had been rejected by HCC on safety grounds. An alternative would be to re-site on land beside the White Hart owned by HCC. A possible joint approach with Stockbridge PC. **ACTION:** AF/AJ
 - Dog Walkers – AJ written report of contact with TVBC Dog Warden. Willing to make site visit to Stockbridge Down. SW mentioned possible National Trust requirement for professional dog walkers to have a licence and insurance for NT land. **ACTION:** SW
4. **Planning Applications.**
- Garage Cottages – conversion of garages and storage space to three 2-bedroom dwellings. Site visit planned, but subsequently cancelled due to Covid-19. Response to TVBC due by 4th April **ACTION:** MF
 - Church Farm – application withdrawn by owner due to inability to reach satisfactory agreement with TVBC’s Conservation Officer, Michael Bullen.
 - Barn Cottage – removal of old windows advised to TVBC for possible review of permission conditions. **ACTION:** SW
5. **Finance.**
- MF advised that a VAT refund for £1,529.60 has been received
 - NDP grant requests have been received for £3,060 (Groundwork UK), and £1,000 (TVBC), and initial £2,448 payment to Plan-et consultants made.
 - Any funds under Groundwork grant unused by 31st March to be returned **ACTION:** AF/MF
 - SW advised that internet banking has been set up with Lloyds Bank to view the PC account.
6. **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).**
- In advance of the meeting AF had already tabled an update on the NDP Steering Group (SG).
 - Due to the Covid-19 crisis the NDP process has been put on hold, and all planned events/meetings suspended or cancelled
 - The consultants will continue working on the draft plan and preparing the housing needs survey for when we re-emerge from the current lockdown. **ACTION:** AF
7. **Land South and West of Test Valley School**
- MF informed that Houghton PC had advised the consultants WYG over their agreement to a public meeting
 - Councillors agreed that Longstock PC should also adopt the same position on a public meeting. MF will advise WYG. **ACTION:** MF
 - SW and MF advised that the Clerk of Stockbridge PC had questioned the wording of the Longstock PC February Minutes on this matter. No changes have been made as the wording correctly reflected the discussions
 - IG mentioned that the issue of Nutrient Neutrality had been raised at the latest TVATPC meeting, and that this may be very relevant in future if the WYG

project is progressed

8. **Longstock Village Website.**

- SW mentioned that Leckford Estate's official photographer may be able to provide some photos for the website
- SW will get the photographer's contact details and follow up. **ACTION:** SW

9. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). NTR

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

- IG reported that almost all the allotment are now occupied (*update 31 March – all plots are taken*)
- Grass cutting will be able to re-start in mid-March

c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG).

- CG reported the responsibility for co-ordination/allocation of time and paying for the work of the lengthsman will pass from Alison Lownie to Belinda Baker at Stockbridge PC. CG will stay in contact on this. **ACTION:** CG
- Shane Ling will provide an estimate for the cost of cleaning the cemetery benches. **ACTION:** CG
- CG and IG will consider whether the cemetery benches should be re-located out of the deeply shaded areas. **ACTION:** CG/IG

d. Test Valley School. (AF).

- AF advised that the new Head (ex-Deputy Head at Westgate School) has made a very dynamic start, including meeting parents personally where necessary

e. Environment and Website. (JE).

- JE/CG's draft Resilience Plan document has been circulated for Councillors to review and comment. **ACTION:** All
- Discussions about the possible GDPR issues of publishing personal contact details
- AF proposed a network of multi-property "mutual check-up" groups
- SW will establish a series of "contact clusters" through the village during the Covid-19 crisis. **ACTION:** SW

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

- SM advised that all Village Hall events have been cancelled for the time being.
- SM has met with the streetlight supplier rep, and he will provide an estimate to supply and fit all the Roman Road streetlights based on the sample installed in Houghton Road. **ACTION:** SM (subject to the Covid-19 situation)

g. Playground and Henry Smith Charity (SW)

- SW advised that work on the new parking spaces was expected for the Easter school holidays (*presumably all now on hold subject to Covid-19*)
- IG observed that the ramps for bikes are rotten and will need to be replaced.

- The basketball boards need replacing, and DB will source new ones. **ACTION:** DB
- SW will arrange for the TVBC team to review the playground. **ACTION:** SW
- *Update – following the Government announcement of a national lockdown and social distancing measures, the playground has been closed for all use*
- SW advised that the Henry Smith Charity funds currently stand at approximately £800.
- SW advised that £30 had been allocated to cover the cost of a visit to St Paul's Cathedral by a young resident

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). NTR

10. **Correspondence**

- To be advised by MF at next meeting

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

- Covid 19. Following a draft written suggestion, discussion took place about the appropriate steps for us to take regarding Covid 19. Accordingly it was agreed that:
 - A scheme be put in place asking certain villagers to assume responsibility for our large number of 'vulnerable people', getting in contact with them and offering assistance should it be required. Afternote: SW has put this system in place and all have been contacted.
 - A notice be put in the Newsletter explaining the above system to villagers. Afternote: Done.
 - Although not unanimously supported, a store of reserve foodstuffs be procured and held centrally to assist those in need. Afternote: SW has managed to acquire this free of charge, and distributed some of this through the village as an Easter surprise.
 - It was agreed that Henry Smith monies be used, when appropriate, to support our 'vulnerable' people.
- AG advised
 - He has been in 2-week self-isolation following his return from Milan
 - Hampshire has a high density of Covid-19 cases, believed to be related to the high numbers of London commuters in the county
 - A new bridge across the River Test to The Mayfly pub from the Test Way is under consideration, due to the danger to pedestrians of crossing the road bridge
 - HCC has 50 crews working on potholes, but that a lot of work is with repeat problems where the drainage has not been dealt with
- DB advised that he has spoken to the Clerk of Wherwell PC about the continued pothole problems on the Fullerton Road. DB will offer to create drainage off the road into the fields. **ACTION:** DB
- MF advised that the 2 annual contracts for the employment of the Clerk, and the grass-cutting are due for review and renewal – to be ratified at the next meeting. **ACTION:** MF
- IG mentioned that the culverts on Church Road need to be cleared by Leckford Estate. **ACTION:** CM
- SM advised that 3 events have been planned for June/July as fund-raising support

for the Fete: cream tea/Prosecco and jazz-folk/BBQ. **ACTION:** SM (subject to Covid-19)

12. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 20th April – Annual Parish Assembly (APA)
– at 7.00pm (*to be reviewed in light of ongoing Government Covid-19 instructions*)

Cheques Signed:

1128	IG re grass cutting	£500.00
1129	SSE re Electricity	£31.68
1130	Sarsen Press re Newsletter	£281.36
1131	HMRC re Clerk's PAYE tax	£800.00
1132	MF re Clerk's annual salary + expenses	£1,319.98

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20.