

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
1900 MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2021 IN THE VILAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Sophie Walters - Chairman
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF) – Vice Chair
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)
Cllr David Burnfield (DB)
Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG)
Cllr Alice Foster (AFo)

In attendance: Clerk Mark Flewitt (MF), Tony Ward (TW) TVBC Councillor, David Hall (DH) Governor of Test Valley School, and Toni Wilden (TWi) Head Teacher at Test Valley School

1. **Apologies:** David Drew (DD) HCC Councillor, due to other PC commitments and Colin McIntyre (CM) of Leckford Estate, due to work travel commitments.

At this point MF advised that two further Planning Applications had been received from TVBC after the publication of the PC Agenda, but with response cut-off dates before the scheduled October PC Meeting. The Planning Application details had been circulated to PC members in advance of this meeting. On this basis it was unanimously agreed that these two Planning Applications could be considered at this meeting.

2. **Minutes of PC Meeting of 26th July.**

The minutes were unanimously agreed for adoption and were signed by SW.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- **Highways & Traffic.**
 - **21556657** – Pothole at 20 Roman Road. Work completed. **ACTION:** Closed
 - **21560535** – Road Drainage problems at The Grange. HCC has passed work to relevant dept. No further news. **ACTION:** MF to monitor
 - **21562764** – Road signs and markings at Bottom Road. HCC have updated the website, but no work done yet. **ACTION:** MF to advise DD for follow up
 - **21572729** – Pothole at top of Bottom Road. Work completed. **ACTION:** Closed
 - **HCC Mowing Damage** – MF to forward details to DD for follow up with HCC contractors. See also Item 6.e Environment below. **ACTION:** MF/DD/DB
- **Dog Walkers** – SW advised that TVBC will follow DEFRA policies and will monitor. **ACTION:** Closed
- **Traffic Speed on Bunny** – MF to share background contacts with DD at HCC. **ACTION:** MF/DD
- **War Memorial Cleaning** – MF confirmed that ex-PC member John Eastwood will clean the rest of the Memorial. **ACTION:** Closed
- **Disused Chalkpit** – MF confirmed that the formal agreement has been signed to allow access during works at the adjacent Tamlyn property. **ACTION:** Closed

- **Village Litter Pick** – TWi confirmed that TVS would like to be involved, and will provide some potential dates in October. **ACTION:** TWi to advise
- **New Model Code of Conduct for Councillors** – Still pending with TVBC. **ACTION:** MF to monitor
- **Stockbridge Surgery** – MF confirmed that he has advised the surgery of the PC's concerns. The surgery acknowledged the issues raised and they are working to deal with them. **ACTION:** Closed
- **Die-back Ash Tree at Recreation Ground** – SW confirmed that the tree is basically healthy, but with initial faint signs of die-back, so will be left for the time being. **ACTION:** Closed
- **TVBC Tree-Planting** – MF advised that we await further information from TVBC. The PC will need to decide in due course the location for the tree-planting. **ACTION:** MF for October PC meeting

At this point SW invited TWi to provide an update on TVS. These points are covered in item 6.d Test Valley School below

4. **Planning Applications.**

- The Willows – 2-storey extension. PC Support. **ACTION:** MF
- Mulberry Lodge – New entrance and extension. CG and MF confirmed conflict of interest as owners of neighbouring properties and did not participate in the discussions. PC agreed Support. **ACTION:** MF
- Westgate – tree works. Site visit agreed for following week. (PMN: PC Support agreed). **ACTION:** MF
- Land adjacent to Upper Manor Farm – new 5-bedroom house. SW confirmed conflict of interest as owner of a neighbouring property, and did not participate in the discussions. The PC requested a site visit to review. **ACTION:** MF
- Church Farm – new stable block. PC Support. **ACTION:** MF

5. **Finance.**

- MF advised that the £4,970 NHP grant has been received from Locality UK. AF will investigate whether the PC's Zoom subscription costs of £160 pa approx. can be covered by the grant as the NHP team are the principal users of the PC Zoom facility. **ACTION:** AF
- MF confirmed that the new fixed rate 2-year contract with SSE has been formalised. Prices have risen and future costs will be higher, increasing the annual charges from £400 to £550 approx. A Direct Debit has been set up for the SSE payments.
- PC Laptop – MF advised that the laptop had been repaired by a local IT specialist at a total cost of £50 covering both parts and labour.
- PC Insurance Renewal – MF advised that the renewal quote had been received from brokers Came & Co. The annual premium has been reduced from £1,140 to £960. DH advised that a neighbouring PC had obtained an even larger reduction by contacting BHIB. DH will provide details and MF will follow up with BHIB. **ACTION:** MF/DH
- MF intends to attend a HALC PC Officers event on 22nd Sept at a cost of £10 + VAT. PC unanimously agreed. **ACTION:** MF

6. **Councillors' Reports.**

- a. **Affordable Housing and NHP.** (AF)
 - No further news received from English Rural on the affordable housing project.
 - NHP – The Steering Group will be re-visiting the schedule to organise the community engagement event for the Autumn. **ACTION:** AF

- b. Allotments, Cemetery, and Trees. (IG).
 - IG advised that it had been an excellent year on the allotments
 - The PC thanked the Allotment Association for the enjoyable BBQ on Sunday 5th September
 - Re Cemetery – MF advised:
 - The funeral for David Taplin was held on 24th August.
 - A query has been received from a grand-daughter of Sir Medford (Michael) Watkins and his wife Lady Edith Watkins, who are buried in the cemetery. The family would like to know where they lived in Longstock. The PC members were not aware, but MF will ask other longstanding villagers. **ACTION:** MF
 - Trees - NTR
 - c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG).
 - Footpaths – Undergrowth around the FP signs on Footpaths 3W, 4S, 5N, 5S, 10W, 11N, and 12E will be cut back. **ACTION:** CG
 - AF advised on fly-tipping on the Roman Road FP12. DB will consider how this might be prevented. **ACTION:** DB
 - Lengthsman – the work schedule for September includes clearing the pavements of undergrowth on Salisbury Hill; tidying up around the Bunny bench, and clearing the grips.
 - PC approved that CG will also buy Cuprinol for future use on the benches. **ACTION:** CG
 - d. Test Valley School and Website. (AFo).
 - TVS – Twi updated the PC on recent developments at the school
 - Pupils have now been back for 3 weeks and the new school uniforms have been very positively received. Year 7 has seen a good increase in numbers and events to promote the Sept 2022 intake are already starting.
 - SW reminded TWi that Henry Smith funds are available to Longstock residents who may need some financial support for school costs. TWi will review. **ACTION:** TWi
 - Parking remains an issue, but the school field cannot be used for additional parking as per green space regulations
 - The school is planning a new rainbow/cloud mural with a “paving path” to tell local stories. TWi asked the PC to consider providing some financial support for the mural.
 - The PC had already mooted the idea of a Prize/Trophy which could be awarded every year “in perpetuity”. TWi thought that this might be appropriate to mark a special contribution in the lower school, perhaps in overcoming adversity. SW proposed that the PC consider a contribution for both the mural and a trophy. **ACTION:** SW/AFo
 - The swimming pool is still scheduled to be decommissioned, but the school will listen to alternative plans in an October meeting.
 - AF asked about links with the Army, and TWi confirmed that the school has strong links, and has appointed an “Army Advocate” to foster the relationship. At present there are no Army Cadet activities, but TWi confirmed this will be kept under review.
 - Website – AFo advised that Longstock Neighbourhood Facebook Group has been set up, to share local information and activities..
 - The FB Group will not carry any advertising, and any inappropriate posts will be removed immediately
 - e. Environment (DB).

- DB asked for PC approval to develop an initiative for wildflower planting in the 7 acres of land on the Salisbury Hill dual carriageway. Groundwork and other charities may be able to provide advice and support. TW advised that Imogen Colley at TVBC may also be able to advise on funding opportunities at TVBC and HCC. Unanimous PC support for this initiative. **ACTION:** DB
- f. Village Hall and Streetlights. (SM).
- SM advised that everything is fine with the Village Hall and the streetlights.
- g. Playground and Henry Smith Charity. (SW)
- SW confirmed that a working party will meet at the Recreation Ground on 18th Sept to undertake repair work. **ACTION:** SW
 - Re HS – SW advised that the HS Lunch is to be scheduled for early December. Dates to be confirmed shortly, subject to availability of the caterer. **ACTION:** SW/DB
 - SW reminded to PC to advise of any Longstock residents in need of financial support. **ACTION:** All.
- h. Leckford Estate. (CM). - NTR
- i. HCC. (DD)
- The HCC report had been distributed in advance.
- j. TVBC. (TW)
- TW had distributed his Mid-Test Matters report in advance.
7. **Sgt Thomas Adams – War Memorial**
- CG had distributed in advance some background information on this soldier who was killed in action in WW1. A memorial cross was placed on his parents’ grave in the Church Cemetery, but his name does not appear on the War Memorial.
 - CG will put a note in the Newsletter to try to find more information, and will also research in the HCC Records for any PC Minutes which may indicate whether he was considered at the time the War Memorial was commissioned. **ACTION:** CG
8. **Correspondence**
- MF advised of a forthcoming TVAPTC Conference on 9th Oct concerning Resilience issues. MF will forward details to the PC. **ACTION:** MF
 - MF confirmed that a formal response has now been received from the ICO following the review of the FOI request complaint. The ICO has confirmed that PC’s handling of the FOI request was correct, and that the PC does not need to take any further action.
 - Model Publication Scheme – MF will be updating the information provided on the website, and may approach PC members for additional information in due course, **ACTION:** MF
9. **Any Other Business/public comment.**
- SM advised that the village fete had been very successful with much positive feedback. 200+ adults and 80+ children attended the event. A surplus of £3,500 was generated.
 - CG confirmed that the Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the War Memorial will be held on 14th November, and that the Peat Spade has once again generously offered to provide refreshments afterwards.
 - The PC will ask for the wreaths to be placed by a serving member of the Armed Forces. **ACTION:** SW/DB

- DB advised that a commemoration event for Alexander (Sandy) Burnfield will be held on Sunday 26th Sept.
- DB also advised that local resident Rupert Compton is very ill.
- DB asked MF to report to HCC Highways a pothole next to the drain at the bottom of “suicide corner”. **ACTION:** MF
- SW asked that the future use of the disused chalkpit on Bottom Road be added to the agenda for the next PC meeting, **ACTION:** MF

11. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 11th October at 7.00 pm – in the Village Hall (tbc)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Cheques Signed:

1185	DP re PC Laptop repairs	£50.00
1186	SSE (Electricity)	£35.84
1187	IG re mowing contract	£500.00