

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL
1900 MONDAY 6th DECEMBER 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), David Drew (DD) HCC Councillor from 8.05 pm onwards, Tony Ward (TW) TVBC Councillor from 7.40 pm onwards, and 10 local residents

1. **Apologies:** David Drew (DD) HCC Councillor, for late arrival due to other PC commitments; Tony Ward (TW) TVBC Councillor, for late arrival due to another PC meeting; Colin McIntyre (CM) of Leckford Estate, due to Covid regulations; Toni Wilden (TWi), Head Teacher at Test Valley School, and David Hall (DH) TVS Governor, due to prior engagements.
2. **Minutes of PC Meeting of 8th November.**
The minutes were unanimously agreed for adoption and were signed by SW.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - **Highways & Traffic.**
 - **21560535** – Road Drainage problems at The Grange. With HCC. No further news. **ACTION:** MF/AFo to monitor
 - **21562764** – Road signs and markings at Bottom Road. Work due by mid-December. **ACTION:** MF/DD to chase
 - **24214172 HCC Mowing Damage** – DB in contact with HCC, See also Item 6.e Environment below. **ACTION:** MF/DB
 - **21590392 Pothole at Suicide Corner** – to be assessed by HCC. DB to improve water run-off at corner. **ACTION:** MF/DB
 - **21590244 Damaged bridge on Bunny** – passed to HCC contractor. **ACTION:** MF to monitor
 - **Traffic Speed on Bunny** – See item 7 re 20s Plenty.
 - **Village Litter Pick** – To be deferred to Spring 2022 due to Covid and TVS availability. **ACTION:** AFo/MF
 - **TVBC Tree-Planting** – DB/SW confirmed that the oak tree has been planted in the Cemetery. **ACTION:** Closed
 - **New Model Code of Conduct for Councillors** – TVBC Legal Services confirm that this will be reviewed in New Year. Some elements may be adopted, and TVBC will advise. **ACTION:** MF to monitor
 - **Platinum Jubilee – June 2022** – SW advised that plans are still ongoing with local villages, including a 2-day event at Terstan. Further details pending. **ACTION:** SW
 - **CO2 Monitors** – PC unanimously agreed not to buy monitors, but to ensure adequate air circulation during meetings. **ACTION:** Closed

4. **Planning Applications.**
 - Old Thatch – Garden Annexe. Following site visit in November PC unanimously ratified PC Support. **ACTION:** MF
 - Bumblebee Cottage – Gymnasium. Neighbour Mr Worden expressed concern at the ongoing works over more than 2 years, and the related noise and general disturbance. He also pointed out that the new proposal refers to a gymnasium, which was already included in a previous application for a pool house. There was concern that the new space may simply be used for additional accommodation. PC to request a site visit. **ACTION:** MF

5. **Finance.**
 - MF had circulated the signed accounts for the ½ year internal audit in advance of the meeting.
 - PC members confirmed they had no further questions, and MF will arrange for ½ year accounts to be published on the PC website. **ACTION:** MF
 - Draft PC Budget 2022/23 – following the comments in the November PC meeting MF had distributed in advance the updated draft 2022/23 budget figures.
 - PC members confirmed no further questions, and unanimously approved the budget. The Precept will remain unchanged at £8.5k, and MF will arrange for the budget figures to be published on the PC website. **ACTION:** MF/AFo
 - PC unanimously authorised the payment of £45 to the internal auditor Mr Patrick Coates as his annual audit fee. **ACTION:** MF
 - The NHP SG is seeking confirmation on the application of the £14.39 monthly Zoom Pro subscription to the NHP Grant. **ACTION:** AF

6. **Councillors’ Reports.**
 - a. Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)
 - AF confirmed that John Lewis Partnership will not be able to decide on alternative sites and projects for Affordable Housing until the New Year.
 - English Rural have provided details of the 50+ registrations of interest for affordable housing, and the SW advised that at least 40 have already been confirmed as “bona fide” applicants as per the conditions for local connections.
 - AF highlighted the difference between “social housing”, which is related to the TVBC housing lists, and “affordable housing” which prioritises local connections.
 - AF confirmed that the NHP Community Engagement event, long delayed during the Covid-19 pandemic, would be held on 7th December, including a film featuring a wide range of local residents.
 - b. Allotments, Cemetery, and Trees. (IG).
 - Cemetery – IG confirmed he would complete the mowing work in the next few days. **ACTION:** IG
 - Cemetery – MF advised that the ashes of Mrs Duncan were placed in her husband’s grave on 23rd November.
 - Trees – IG observed that the heavy ivy growth on trees on Church Road had been ringed, which will help their survival
 - c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG).
 - Footpaths – NTR
 - Lengthsman – CG advised that there is spare capacity in the budget for additional work. The cleaning of the benches has been hindered by their damp condition. SM suggested that they be placed in a barn to dry out before cleaning. **ACTION:** CG
 - d. Test Valley School and Website. (AFo).

- TVS – DH had circulated to the PC in advance of the meeting a letter commenting on;
 - A. of the departure of Ms Wilden as Head at the end of the term and thanking her for her excellent work in transforming the school,
 - and B. the TVS Governors’ positive reaction to the latest approach about a new swimming pool.
 - TW recommended that contact be made with the TVBC Head of Leisure and Community about the operational issues of swimming pools. **ACTION:** AFo
 - AFo displayed the PC trophy to be presented at the school awards ceremony.
 - Website – all updated
- e. Environment (DB).
- DB confirmed he has made contact with Mr Ripley of HCC about the dual carriageway. Discussions will continue, but if the PC can prevent the Spring mowing that will be a major success. **ACTION:** DB
- f. Village Hall and Streetlights. (SM).
- SM advised that the VH is operating relatively normally, with hirers responsible for ensuring Covid regulations are complied with.
 - Streetlights – As agreed at the November PC, SM has commissioned the cleaning of all the lights after some initial logistical problems with the supplier about the number of lights. 8 modern style lights have already been cleaned and 1 modern style and the 5 Heritage style lights will be cleaned shortly. SM will monitor the cleaning and the bill. **ACTION:** SM
- g. Playground and Henry Smith Charity. (SW)
- Playground - SW advised that maintenance and repair work has been completed, with many thanks to the team that carried out the work.
 - The inspection rota will be updated to include new volunteers who have stepped up. **ACTION:** SW
 - HS – SW advised that the HS Lunch will be held on 7th December, with 60+ attendees signed up.
 - Cheques have been distributed and gratefully received.
 - A further £1.5k is still available, and SW asked the PC and members of the public to advise her if they are aware of any local residents who are struggling financially at the moment. **ACTION:** All
- h. Leckford Estate. (CM). – Not present
- MF to ask CM that the drains on Church Road be cleared. **ACTION:** MF/CM
- i. HCC. (DD)
- The HCC report had been distributed in advance.
 - AFo will upload the HCC Reports on the PC Website. **ACTION:** AFo
- j. TVBC. (TW)
- TW had distributed his Mid-Test Matters report in advance.
 - AFo will upload the TVBC Mid-Test Matters Reports on the PC Website. **ACTION:** AFo
7. **20s Plenty for Hampshire**
- MF advised that this matter had been raised at the recent HALC AGM, but the approval motion was deferred due to the submission of several amendments.
 - A new proposal for HCC had been circulated in advance of the PC meeting, recommending that 20 mph limits be established in residential areas across

the county, including in rural areas.

- Various PC members commented both in favour and against this initiative.
- Local residents at the meeting were strongly in favour of a 20 mph limit.
- It was agreed that the NHP event should allow residents the opportunity to make their views known, and this should be reported back to the PC. **ACTION:** AF/SW
- PC members commented on volunteers in neighbouring villages using speed guns and advising the Police of excess speeding. MF will investigate: **ACTION:** MF
- AFo also highlighted the benefit of painted pedestrian areas at the side of the road, as used in local villages. AFo will follow up. **ACTION:** AFo

8. **Correspondence**

- MF advised of an approach from GoCompare to upload a flooding advice document on the website. The PC unanimously decided not to proceed on the basis this would be equivalent to allowing advertising. MF to respond. **ACTION:** MF
- MF advised that TVBC has launched an iPad loan scheme for vulnerable and digitally excluded residents. The iPads are lent for 6 weeks with access to a variety of tutorials. PC members to consider potential users and advise. **ACTION:** All
- MF advised that he has spoken to the ICO about the SAR received in Jan 2021. The ICO confirmed that the PC did not comply with the 1 month response deadline. MF explained that we appeared to have misunderstood the ICO Help Line advice, but in any case ICO confirmed that no further action was necessary as the PC had clearly made every effort to respond fully. **ACTION:** Closed
- An updated Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) had been circulated to the PC.
- MF has reviewed the TVBC consultation on a revision of requirements to validate planning applications. No further actions required. **ACTION:** Closed
- NALC has published guidance on website accessibility for people with disabilities or impairments. MF to review, **ACTION:** MF

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

- Mrs Milne asked that the road and the culverts on Church Road be cleaned. DD will contact HCC Highways about the road cleaning, and MF will ask CM that Leckford Estate clear out the culverts: **ACTION:** MF/DD/CM
- IG highlighted parking issues on the A30 bridge and outside Windover Farm. DD will advise of new PCSO for contact. **ACTION:** DD
- Members of the public expressed thanks to the PC for their work over the past year, and also expressed support for affordable homes projects

10. **Date of Next Meeting.** The scheduled meeting on Monday 10th January 2022 may be cancelled due the non-availability of the Clerk.

Next meeting Monday 7th February 2022 at 7.00 pm – in the Village Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Cheques Signed:

1194	IG re Mowing	£500.00
Direct Debit	ICO Registration Annual Renewal	£35.00
Direct Debit	SSE (Electricity supply)	£47.28