

Longstock Parish Council – Meeting from 4th March 20 Update

Longstock NHP

Engagement

Following on from February's Parish Council meeting, the SG continued to prepare in earnest for our up and coming community engagement events. However, due to the impact of the coronavirus, I'm sure you won't be surprised to learn that we have now taken the decision to postpone both events until further notice. Although there has been no formal government advice on gatherings, the SG felt that the health and safety challenges a community event presented, plus the number of older residents who may have been fearful of attending, made the event unviable.

Quite a significant amount of preparation had already taken place such as Plan-et creating bespoke presentations for us and holding dates in their diaries. As at 15 March, Plan-et and Sarah Hughes from TVBC have been stood down until further notice.

Selina, in case I forget, please could I cancel our village hall bookings on the following dates;

Sunday 29th March 20

Thursday 2nd April 20

Funding:

Since LPC's last meeting, the SG have received grant funding in the form of a one-off payment of £1000 from Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) and the first instalment of £3060 from our Locality grant.

The first invoice from Plan-et of £2,448 ex VAT has been paid. Unfortunately this amount included the delivery of presentations at our postponed community engagement events - Plan-et will honour the delivery of these presentations at dates to be confirmed.

In the last couple of days I've received an email from Locality asking for any unspent funding for this financial year to be returned. We will need to reapply for next year's grants once the process reopens again at the end of April / beginning of May, so there will be a period of intermission. I am now in the process of reviewing the method to return unspent funding and will update Mark as soon as I've identified how this will be achieved.

Angie Filippa

NHP Chair