

**LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
1930 MONDAY 13th MAY 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, and Tony Ward, TVBC District Councillor (TW).

1. **Election of Chairman.** Having declared her willingness to stand again, and there being no other candidates, Cllr Walters absented herself from the discussions. IG proposed and DB seconded that Cllr Walters be elected chairman for the year. This was supported unanimously by councillors, and she was duly re-elected. SW took the chair for this meeting.

2. **Apologies.** Colin McIntyre of Leckford Estate (CI), and Ian Jeffrey, TVBC District Councillor

3. **Minutes of Meeting of 15th April.** Agreed for adoption and signed.

4. **Matters Arising:**

a. **Highways & Traffic.**

- **21407471** - Grit Bin at Terstan: email sent to County Councillor Andrew Gibson to seek action
- **21412799** – Bottom Road potholes: Scalpings and grass have been laid but problem continues with plants not cutback at neighbouring property. Creating a border with sleepers or similar will not be feasible
- 21414966 – drain at Mary Saunders’ house – no action evident. TW to consult with parish clerk in King Somborne on similar drain problem. **ACTION:** TW

5. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.** Councillors were advised by email in April by SW of this requirement. Forms to be completed and returned to the Clerk for submission, with Longstock Parish Council amended on the form where appropriate. SM will circulate to Councillors the amended forms

**ACTION:** All, SM, Clerk

6. **Planning Applications.** Sindle Cottage tree works – removal of ash damaging wall. No TPO in place, and IG has reviewed. No action required

7. **Finance.** The clerk reported that the 2018/19 internal audit has been completed and signed. The Model Publication Scheme information has been sent to

the village website, but has not yet been published on-line. Clerk to forward the information to SW for her to follow up

**ACTION:** Clerk and SW

8. **Neighbourhood Plan (NP).** SW reported on the current situation with regard to the NP and local activity. A small group in Stockbridge is dealing with this, with conflicting views about alerting developers to potential opportunities while creating a statutory document to defend local interests. Houghton is well advanced in their NP. There has been a pre-app for 700+ houses on the Houghton Road, but the 46 houses above Roman Road will be key to any possible approval, which would be a disaster for Stockbridge and Longstock. TVBC is ahead of schedule on its affordable housing targets.

TW advised that developments in the rural areas do not have official support, but that an NP will provide guidance on any future development proposals. Without an NP TVBC will dictate the policy. To minimise negative impact, King Somborne intend to allocate sites for development for 50 houses over 20 years. The Diocese of Winchester intends to use the KS allotments for development, but will have to provide an alternative equivalent or better allotment site. An NP is 2-3 years of work, and any Village Design Statement will be relevant to the NP.

SW recommends that an NP for Longstock will help to defend the village. We should seek volunteers including 2 parish councillors and 2 villagers to progress this, and look to co-operate with Houghton. TVBC has an officer in place to support local NPs. A Neighbourhood Plan will take up to 3 years of work but will be a powerful tool. Councillors agreed to proceed with the NP initiative, and SW will contact Liz Bourne and Angie Fillipa. **ACTION:** SW

## 9. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). NTR.

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). All grass cutting proceeding correctly

c. Footpaths and Lengthsman. (CG). CG reported that Longstock is entitled to a 50 hour allocation from the Lengthsman, and he will follow up. SM advised that the space next to the new bottle bank location near Roman Road could be cleared. DB mentioned that the footpath from the Bunny down on to the Test Way needs cutting back. Rubbish bags have been dumped next to the old barn at the top of Church Road, which Leckford Estate should clear. **ACTION:** CG and CM

d. Test Valley School. (RG). The PTA has taken over the pool project. A Club 200 has been set up for pool funding purposes. TW advised that TVBC would be able to provide financial help for the pool if it were open to the public. Councillors agreed this would be positive, but previous experience with the school sports hall was not encouraging

e. Environment. (JE). As a newly arrived councilor JE will review the portfolio and report back. TW will forward the King Somborne Resilience Plan to JE for information purposes. The Resilience Plans covers the treatment of vulnerable people in emergencies. **ACTION:** JE and TW

f. Village Hall and Street Lights. (SM). The Village Hall has revised its fire strategy. SM continues to work on the streetlight project, but further delays with the suppliers have resulted from the measurements of the poles. **ACTION:** SM

g. Playground and Website. (SW). The playground continues to be actively used. New boards and nets are to be ordered for the basketball area. SM and DB to handle. **ACTION:** SM and DB

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). Leckford Estate and Longstock Park signage has once again been placed in front of the village War Memorial. CM to advise colleagues to prevent this in future. **ACTION:** CM

10. **Correspondence.** In addition to regular e-updates from HALC we had heard from: (a) TVBC, with notes on meetings re the Wheelabrator project at Barton Stacey – **ACTION:** JE to follow up, (b) our new TVBC district councillors with the Mid Test Matters newsletters, including information from TW on the new Planning Committee arrangements and cabinet positions. 2 of our district councillors sit on the relevant planning committees, leaving Alison Johnston free to speak on behalf of constituents, c) a local resident has written to the Parish Council and to the Peat Spade complaining about the parking at the pub. One solution would be for Leckford Estate to extend the parking area along the Bunny for pub staff **ACTION:** CM, and for the pub to ensure its customers are more thoughtful in their parking **ACTION:** SW, d) HALC has advised of plans for VE Day 75 celebrations in May 2020. More to follow.

11. **Any Other Business/public comment.** JE suggested that Google Drive might facilitate the work of the Parish Council in the distribution and manipulation of documents. He will investigate further. He also asked whether we have a detailed map of the parish. Councillors will investigate

**ACTION:** JE and All

12. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June (and 1<sup>st</sup> July afterwards)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20.