

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19:00 MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Alice Foster (AFo) – Chairman
Cllr Selina Musters (SM) – Vice Chairman
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ)
Cllr Beccy Soper (BS)
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt, Ian Jeffries (IJ) TVBC (part of the meeting), David Drew (DD) HCC (part of the meeting), Nicky Goodridge (NG) Danebury School (part of the meeting) and 3 residents

As certain guests needed to leave early/arrive later the agenda was altered to accommodate requests and so the items do not follow the same order as the original agenda.

- 1) **Apologies:** Cllr Kirsty Dominick-Gibson (KDG); Cllr Angie Filippa (AF); Colin McIntyre (CM), Leckford Estate; Cllr Sarah Johns needed to leave at 9pm
- 2) **Declarations of interest:** AFo declared an interest in the tree work application at No 1 The Grange.
- 3) **Minutes of PC Meeting of 8th July 2024**
 - Unanimously agreed for adoption and signed by AFo.
- 4) **Points from the Floor**
 - A resident raised that the grips on Church Road near the Cemetery are blocked. These are the responsibility of Leckford Estate. **ACTION:** Clerk to escalate.
- 5) **Danebury School (NG)**
 - NG gave a positive update on the school following recent changes. The school is now fully staffed and there has been some cosmetic as well as technology upgrades to the school. The new signage has the availability of a community hall. The GCSE results showed a higher proportion of the school achieving better grades. A current big issue is transport to Andover and the school is considering buying/hiring mini buses but they would need drivers. If anyone would like to help contact NG. There is a potential that the PC newsletter could be used as part of a media project. **ACTION:** NG to liaise with Lois Opperman and Nigel Rugman
- 6) **PC Newsletter (Lois Opperman & Nigel Rugman)**
 - a) Printing Issues – The provider of the printing has become unpredictable and the newsletter team provided a list of examples to show they are not happy with the current level of service. Alternative quotes have been obtained and discussed from Instant Print and Parish Magazine printing. The Parish Magazine printing service is cheaper, delivered and the quality is known as they are used for the Parish Benefice magazine. Unanimous vote to move the printing to Parish Magazine printing. **ACTION:** Newsletter team to take forward
 - b) Delivery – Discussed and agreed under minute number 12e.
 - c) Letters Page – The editor advised they will be including a letters page in future editions
 - d) Advertising – the newsletter continues to be self-funding, so there are no plans to increase the cost for the annual adverts. The current tariff is in line with other local newsletters. There has been an approach by a charity about discounted advertising rates. Agreement that a charity (with a registered number) can advertise for half the normal price. **ACTION:** Clerk to take forward with Newsletter team
 - e) Front Page – It was agreed that the PC would discuss with the newsletter team the content on the front cover and provide the content. The PC would have the final say on the theme. Likely themes would be Fete and Remembrance, leaving 4 other issues per year to be provided by Cllrs. Cllrs to agree the content of the front page before the deadline for each issue. The deadline for submission for the next edition is 15th Sept.
- 7) **HCC Report (DD)**
 - August and September updates provided by DD and are available on the Longstock website
 - DD provided a report from Cllr Nick Adams-King regarding the new housing targets following the change in government and the infrastructure issues this may cause. The PC has not received official communication from TVBC but it appears that the housing targets for TVBC will increase by 75%. The PC felt this issue should be highlighted to residents through the newsletter and website. **ACTION:** AFo and SJ
 - CG asked if DD was happy to support a grant application to purchase equipment and training to enable a band of volunteers to maintain the footpaths now HCC will no longer provide this service. DD confirmed his support. **ACTION:** Clerk and CG

8) TVBC Report (IJ)

- Summary provided of Mid-Test Matters that will be available on the Longstock website
- IJ confirmed that new housing targets have been provided and TVBC are working through the impact on the 2040 TVBC Local Plan. No details available at this time.

9) Planning

- a) 24/01966/FULLN Lillie Cottage – Erection of ancillary building - It was unanimously agreed that the PC would have NO OBJECTION the proposal.
- b) Tree works – both at The Old Forge and land opposite to No1 the Grange – PC unanimously agreed no objections to either
- c) Previous applications TVBC decisions: Charity Farmhouse Variations – Approved. The Willows tree works – Approved.

10) Highways

- a) The Clerk maintains a spreadsheet of all reported concerns. Any questions – refer to the Clerk.
- b) Issue raised for reporting – Two blocked drains need to be reported again; opposite the Cowshed and near the Corner on Longstock Road. **ACTION:** Clerk to report
- c) Request to approach HCC about moving the 30 speed limit further up Bottom Road past Tamlyn. PC Supported. **ACTION:** Clerk to report

11) Finance

- a) Monthly Finance Report – Clerk pre circulated PC Bank account status also showing approved July and August payments and income receipts. Reviewed and approved. The Bank balance is £16,608.81 at end of Aug. Cllrs noted the income and expenditure. Clerk advised the second part of the precept has been received on 02/09/2024.
- b) Insurance Renewal – Increase of 6% on last year's renewal. In order to ensure rate stability there is an option to set up a 3 year binding LTA with Hiscox. Unanimous agreement from PC to enter into a LTA with Hiscox.
- c) .gov.uk domain – Clerk is in the process of receiving quotes and will present in October.

12) Councillors' Reports

- a) Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF absent)
 - No update
- b) Allotments, Cemetery and Henry Smith Charity. (KDG absent)
 - Henry Smith – Funds have been received. Following the removal of the pensioners' fuel allowance this may impact some villagers. Agreement to bring to the next meeting ideas of how we promote HSC and to whom.
- c) Footpaths and Lengthsman and Past Chairman Board (CG)
 - Footpaths
 - i) The sign at the Southern end of FP5 has been knocked over, a replacement will be ordered.
 - ii) To mitigate the gap left by the withdrawal of the footpath cutting teams, the Clerk, Belinda Baker and CG have agreed we should identify villagers who would be willing to cut back footpaths occasionally. Then we would apply to HCC for funding for: Purchase of a petrol brush cutter and hedge trimmer; Purchase of recommended safety equipment; Funding for H&S training for a few volunteers to operate the equipment safely.
 - iii) Cllr Drew has yet to provide the number for the HCC Countryside Services.
 - Lengthsman
 - i) In August the Lengthsman tidied up around the Bunny bench and cleaned the Notice Boards. In September he is tasked to: Clear undergrowth from the pavements running up Salisbury Hill to the school; Do a litter pick; Spend 3 hours at the Village Hall directed by Cllr Musters. In October he will be asked to clear out the grips between Bottom Road and Southside and tidy up around the Bunny Bench for the winter.
 - ii) As the Council decided not to do any work on the Benches this year, we will have significant underspend on Lengthsman hours this year, (8 hours or approximately 20% of our allocation). **ACTION:** Cllrs are invited to put forward ideas to use up this underspend.
 - Thank you cards to be sent to Craig, David and Glen for the cutting of the playing field prior to the Fete and also to Colin McIntyre for fixing the top of the track. **ACTION:** Clerk
- d) Danebury School, Litter Picking, River Test Pollution, Website and Longstock Road Safety Plan. (AFo)
 - Website - **ACTION:** AF to overview and remove out of date information.

e) Environment, Trees, Dog Waste & Newsletter (SJ)

- Newsletter – Discussion regarding distribution. It was agreed this would rotate around the PC, starting with SM for the next issue. BS and CG would also attend to learn where the distributors are. **ACTION:** SJ liaise with newsletter team

f) Village Hall and Street Lights (SM)

- Village Hall – All good apart from SSE believe the Village Hall has been applied with an incorrect VAT level and that it owes £700 for the past 2 years. This is being challenged.

g) Playground (BS)

- The Playground committee has split the playground project into parts so that funding can be obtained in stages and small improvements are made to the playground sooner rather than later. The first part will be to replace the zip wire, the basket swing and the slide and provide a keep fit ‘Surfer’ for adults and teens. Total cost £27, 866 including installation. A grant has been applied for £20,000 from the Rural England Prosperity Fund with the remaining funded from the playground fund. Once confirmation received about how much grant (if any) we might be awarded, then stage 2 will commence to secure funding for more equipment and a lottery grant will be applied for.
- A donation will be forthcoming from the Fête Committee, Trout ‘n’ About volunteers and Stockbridge Craft fair. A Games evening is in the planning stages.

13) Longstock Fete

- Vote of thanks to the Fête Committee and volunteers who made the Fête a great day. It is believed the weather may have had an impact on attendance. Details to follow about the amount of money raised and feedback from the day.

14) Correspondence

- Items noted on pre circulated report with the agenda. The PC has been asked to promote an anti-cyber crime event on 29th Oct at 6:30pm being run by Hampshire Police at Stockbridge Town Hall. Clerk has written a piece for inclusion in the Newsletter

15) Remembrance Sunday & VE-Day 80

- Remembrance Sunday is 10th November. It is unclear yet who will conduct the service. The Peat Spade will provide coffee and cake as well as a curry lunch. A notice will go into the newsletter. It is yet to be decided who will be available to lay the wreath.
- Agreement by PC to donate £125 to RBL for the wreath
- There is a desire for VE-Day 80 to be commemorated in a similar way to D Day 80 with the lighting of a lamp of peace. The PC will support and agree actions in the New Year.

16) Matters Raised and for possible inclusion on next meeting’s agenda

- The Bunny Posts (CG)

17) Date of Next Meeting

- Agreed as Monday 14th October at 7:00pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:30pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Month: July & Aug 2024 Date of PC Meeting: 09/09/2024

Bank Account Status as at 31/08/2024

Current Account	£16,608.81
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Income Received in July & Aug 2024

(Items included in the current account balance above)

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
BACS	02/07/2024	Meon Hill Farm	Contribution	£ 780.00
BACS	03/04/2024	S & J Maddocks	The late Hazel Fakes - Cemetry	£ 160.00
BACS	22/07/2024	The Ecology Store	Newsletter Advert	£ 125.00

BACS	22/07/2024	Rawlings	Newsletter Advert	£	85.00
BACS	23/07/2024	Sun, Stone & Vine	Newsletter Advert	£	25.00
BACS	01/08/2024	Officers Mess	Newsletter Advert	£	85.00
BACS	06/08/2024	Private Donation	Playground Fund	£	100.00
BACS	29/08/2024	Soup & Sandwich	Playground Fund	£	26.70

Payments Approved in July & Aug 2024

(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
BACS*	01/07/2024	SSE	Streetlights	£ 65.52
BACS*	01/07/2024	S Foster	Playground & Cemetery grass cut (Apr-July)	£ 550.00
BACS*	10/07/2024	Plan-et x2	NHP consultation	£ 1,440.00
BACS*	10/07/2024	Playsafe	Playground repairs	£ 2,802.00
BACS*	10/07/2024	Wessex Woodland	Allotment tree maintenance	£ 1,536.00
BACS*	10/07/2024	Rob Alnutt Building	Cemetery island replacement border	£ 300.00
BACS*	31/07/2024	SSE	Streetlights	£ 63.37
BACS*	01/08/2024	Sarsen Press	Newsletter printing	£ 360.00

* Faster Payment authorised by Cllrs

Invoices received and requiring authorisation for payment

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
None				

Mrs G. Bulpitt

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