

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
1930 MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Sophie Walters (SW) – chairman
Cllr David Burnfield (DB)
Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG)
Cllr Rebecca Griffiths (RG)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)

Clerk John Musters, Mr Colin McIntyre (CM) (Leckford Estate), and Mr Mark Flewitt. Mr Nigel Melville joined for Item 2 and County Councillor Andrew Gibson for Item 5.

1. **Apologies.** Cllrs Charles Grieve (CG) and John Milne (JM), and Borough Councillors Peter Boulton and Daniel Busk.

2. **School Governor Update.** Nigel Melville was welcomed to the meeting and gave a useful half-hour briefing to councillors on his perceptions as a governor of Test Valley School after two years in the job. He left after answering questions.

3. **Minutes of Meeting of 14th January.** Adopted and signed.

4. **Matters Arising:**

a. **Highways.** (1) The damaged railings over one of the carriers on the Bunny had been repaired. (2) Clerk had reported the toppled grit bin by Terstan and asked for it to be relocated to more level ground on the verge on the other side of the access track. (3) Following a meeting between chairman, clerk and the householder of South Lodge, clerk had reported the large potholes by the grass triangle at the foot of Bottom Road and noted the concern of those at South Lodge over the speed of farm vehicles at that point. Councillors were equally concerned about the encroachment of the bank at South Lodge onto the road, causing drivers to go wider and damage the grass triangle. DB agreed to have words with all his drivers and to undertake local repairs to the grass and put a temporary fill of scalpings into the potholes. (4) Clerk would contact the clerk at Wherwell about the potholes on the Fullerton road. (5) Lengthsman would be tasked to move the old notice board from the cemetery; its final position had not been decided.

ACTION: Cllr Burnfield, Clerk

b. **Meritorious Work Award.** Councillors agreed CG's proposal to shelve the idea through lack of support.

c. **Newsletter Update.** Rosie Flewitt and Heli Cole had successfully produced the February/March edition. SM had undertaken to continue supplying the editors with material for future issues for as long as they were otherwise too busy.

ACTION: Cllr Musters

d. **Meeting Dates 2019.** Changes to meeting dates were confirmed: APA and April monthly meeting would slip one week to 15th; December's would slip one

week to 16th; and October's would come left one week to 7th. Clerk to inform TVBC and *Andover Advertiser*.

ACTION: Clerk

e. **Henry Smith Charity.** Numbers for the annual lunch were 27 and counting. DB said that the caterer would charge £10.50 per head. As to grants from the Charity, the surgery and schools were keeping an ear open for potential recipients and SM would look at eligible passengers of the Neighbour Care scheme.

ACTION: All

5. **County Councillor.** Briefly, before heading off to other meetings, he focused on two items (council tax and the school swimming pool) that he had mentioned in his monthly report, e-mailed to all in advance.

6. **Planning Applications.** **Test Lodge** (form courtyard and two-storey rear extension) – TVBC permission. **Carbery House** (replace roof tiles – listed building application) – TVBC consent. **Overstock House** (demolish existing house and replace – revised application) – TVBC permission. Land at **Langtry House** (minor variations to approved scheme for detached dwelling) – TVBC permission.

On planning generally, chairman had heard from our County Councillor that a pre-app had been submitted for a major development in fields behind the school. Chairman had attended a 'Community Planning Meeting' in Stockbridge the previous week; the group was taking soundings to see if Longstock would consider 'jointery'.

7. **Finance.** Clerk had submitted a revised Precept bid for £8,000 and reclaimed VAT for 2018.

ACTION: Clerk

8. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). DB had been unable to go to the launch event of the Hampshire Housing Hub in Winchester on 5th February, but had asked the organizers for notes and slides. SM had asked the Rural Housing Enabler if, in principle, they ever bought houses for rent, as opposed to only having new low-cost ones built. They thought there would not be an obstacle to that, but it would need to be costed since affordable rent was pegged to local housing benefit and was 20% less than the market rate.

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). The Diocese had agreed terms of a renewed 3-year lease of the Glebe for allotments from 25th March, at £520 per year.

c. Footpaths. (CG). NTR.

d. Test Valley School. (RG). NTR.

e. Environment. (JM). NTR.

f. Village Hall and Street Lights. (SM). Hall – the lights in the hall were now just as much of a headache as replacing street lighting! SM had spoken to an

electrician about re-running the cabling such that ‘tubes’ and ‘uplights’ were no longer radio controlled. Street lights – finally the figures she had been chasing for so long had arrived. Councillors agreed to divide the replacement work: order now the four ‘heritage’ lights in the main part of the village, as well as the column at Carbery crossroads, and one other ‘modern’ type (probably the one in Houghton Road). SM calculated that would cost £6,860 plus a £500 licence. With money that we have, plus the hall committee having agreed to underwrite the one by the hall and grants expected from County and Borough Councillors (£1,000 and £800 respectively) the first phase was affordable. The second phase, to replace the remaining eight, would be further down the line, for which a matching grant from TVBC’s Community Asset Fund (CAF) would be sought. SM and the clerk had met TVBC’s Community Engagement Officer on site in January and discussed aspects of the CAF scheme; any application would need to be supported by three quotations.

ACTION: Cllr Musters

g. Playground and Website. (SW). The safety rope taken from the barrier had still not been recovered from the trees; CM would see to it.

ACTION: Mr McIntyre

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). New apple trees had been planted, and the road into the nursery/farm shop had been resurfaced. SM mentioned the Longstock & Leckford WI Centenary commemoration in July this year at Longstock House. CM suggested combining the event with a private visit to the water gardens. SM to e-mail him with details.

ACTION: Cllr Musters

9. **Correspondence.** In addition to regular e-updates from HALC, there had been: (a) County Councillor’s monthly report and update from Highways, passed to all; (b) TVBC’s instructions for local elections in May, passed to all; (c) HALC, re requirement to make website accessible to all by September 2020.

10. **Any Other Business/public comment.** Councillors re-signed the Summons to Attend Meetings (signed originally in 2015) to take account of gmail addresses.

11. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 11th March at 1930.

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The Chairman closed the meeting at 2120.