

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19:00 MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Alice Foster (AFo) – Chairman
Cllr Selina Musters (SM) – Vice Chairman
Cllr Kirsty Dominick-Gibson (KDG)
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ)
Cllr Beccy Soper (BS)
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt, David Drew (DD) HCC (part of the meeting), and 2 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 Colin McIntyre (CM), Leckford Estate; Ian Jeffries (IJ) TVBC; Nicky Goodridge (NG) Danebury School
- 2) **Declarations of interest:** None declared.
- 3) **Minutes of PC Meeting of 14th October 2024**
 - Unanimously agreed for adoption and signed by AFo.
- 4) **Points from the Floor**
 - A resident raised the issue of the maintenance of the external appearance of the grounds and house owned by Leckford Estate - 'The Old Farmhouse'. **ACTION:** Clerk to escalate.
- 5) **Planning**
 - a) 24/02246/FULLN Charity Down Farm – erection of a grain store. It was unanimously agreed that the PC would SUPPORT the proposal.
 - b) 24/02275/TREEN Tickle Trout Cottage – Fell 1x Apple, 2x Sycamore, 1x Laurel and crown reduce Yew. It was unanimously agreed that the PC would have NO OBJECTION to the proposal.
 - c) 24/02317/TREEN – Langtry House – Prune 1x Poplar and Reduce 1x Tulip. It was unanimously agreed that the PC would have NO OBJECTION to the proposal.
 - d) Previous applications TVBC decisions: None
- 6) **NPPF Update and NHP (AF)**
 - No update on the Affordable Housing from TVBC. **ACTION:** Clerk to check with TVBC planning
 - The article in the Longstock Newsletter provides an overview of the information provided at the TVAPTC meeting which the TVBC planning team attended. The calculated housing targets for TVBC have doubled from 521 to 924pa. TVBC have to hit the target and it is likely will look more favorably on sustainable development applications. Rural villages will be required to deliver their share of the target. TVBC are re-working their 2050 plan in light of the changes and this could delay any local plans. Any infrastructure requirements for new developments are the responsibility of HCC and there are general concerns regarding this, as expressed by Cllr Nick Adams-King in his recent press release.
 - What this means for the NHP is unclear. Under the TVBC local Plan for 2050 the housing need for Longstock was 10 houses; however this may change under the new policies. Plan-et has offered support with the NHP but the entire NHP grant has been used. PC resolved that it should hold an extraordinary PC meeting inviting the NHP Steering Committee, TVBC and Plan-et to bring together a collective view on progress of the NHP. **ACTION:** AF and Clerk
- 7) **HCC Report (DD)**
 - October update provided by DD and is available on the Longstock website
 - DD advised it was early days for the Government led house building initiative and HCC are looking for some transitional arrangements. Further details will follow in due course.
- 8) **Highways**
 - a) The Clerk maintains a spreadsheet of all reported concerns. Any questions – refer to the Clerk.
 - b) Issue raised for reporting – Large pothole at the end of The Bunny at the junction with A3057 Leckford Lane. Houghton Road on the left hand side before the Houghton sign the road has eroded by the side of the road.

9) Finance

- a) Monthly Finance Report – Clerk pre circulated PC Bank account status also showing approved September payments and income receipts. Reviewed and approved. The Bank balance is £24,222.08 at end of Sept. Cllrs noted the income and expenditure. Invoices approved to pay Gallagher for the insurance and Craig Foster for last quarters grass cutting
- b) Half-year audit – PC agreed to continue to use Patrick Coates for the audit at a fee of £50.00. Accounts being prepared.
- c) PC Budget process for 2025/2026 - For next month the Clerk will prepare an update on the half year 24/25 outturn against budget plus a projected 24/25 end of year. In addition, will provide a first draft of the 25/26 budget for consideration. **ACTION:** All PC members asked to advise of potential 25/26 projects/costs to be included in the draft budget
- d) .gov.uk domain – Hugo Fox, who currently provide and maintain the PC website are now on the government shortlist to allow them to provide .gov.uk domains and emails for Parish Councils and can apply a grant of £100 towards set up. Obtaining a domain is free through Hugo Fox and they will look after set up and maintenance. This will not change the current website. However the cost to provide 5 emails is £9.99+VAT pm or £17.49+VAT pm for 10 email addresses. Each email comes with 10GB of storage, support from Hugo Fox and easy access. There is an acknowledgement that the .gov.uk email addresses enhances professionalism and security. At the moment the government are recommending the change but not making it compulsory. Whilst the £100 grant helps set up there is no support for ongoing maintenance. It was unanimously resolved that the PC would obtain the domain name but would not take forward .gov.uk email addresses at this time. **ACTION:** Clerk

10) Councillors' Reports

- a) Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)
 - See item 6
- b) Allotments, Cemetery and Henry Smith Charity. (KDG)
 - Allotments – The annual BBQ will take place during June 2025.
 - Cemetery – re-drafted regulations will be presented at next months PC. There have been instances of broken glass found from broken vases. KDG will keep checking when she visits the Cemetery.
 - Henry Smith – Funds have been received. Discussed options on identifying anyone who may need help and how we can encourage people to ask for support. Discussed an option to highlight again in the Newsletter. A separate meeting will be arranged for x3 Councillors to consider options for support. **ACTION:** All Councillors advise KDG with any ideas or individuals requiring help.
- c) Footpaths and Lengthsman, Past Chairman Board and Remembrance (CG)
 - Footpaths
 - i) Footpath 9 East continues to cause concern. CG will take forward with David Burnfield and Mr Busk about FP12 requiring a severe cut back
 - ii) Replacement sign for the Southern End of FP 5 has been ordered
 - iii) HCC and removal of cutting services - Clerk, Belinda Baker, her husband, a King's Somborne Councillor & CG met Corinne Davis-Cooke, the HCC Community Engagement Ranger to consider measures to mitigate the gap left by the withdrawal of the footpath cutting teams and there is little financial or practical assistance available from HCC Countryside Services. There were several obstacles and will keep the PC updated
 - Lengthsman
 - i) In September the Lengthsman was unable to complete his work due to an accident.
 - ii) In October he has been asked to: Clear out the grips between Bottom Road and Southside, Tidy up around the Bunny Bench for the winter, spend a further 2 hours on the village hall as directed by Cllr Musters
 - iii) As the Council decided not to do any work on the Benches this year, we will have a significant underspend on Lengthsman hours this year, (8 hours or approximately 20% of our allocation). Cllrs are invited to put forward ideas to use up this underspend.
 - Cllrs to be advised when thank you cards have been issued. **ACTION:** Clerk
 - 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. Cllr Soper will lend her speaker should she be unable to attend. It is yet to be decided who will be available to lay the LPC wreath. The service sheets require updating to reflect The King. **ACTION:** CG

- d) Danebury School, Litter Picking, River Test Pollution, Website and Longstock Road Safety Plan. (AFo)
 - Website – up to date.
- e) Environment, Trees, Dog Waste & Newsletter (SJ)
 - Newsletter – Unanimously agreed to draw up a Terms of Reference for the Newsletter. **ACTION:** AF, AFo and SJ.
- f) Village Hall and Street Lights (SM)
 - Streetlights – budget required annually to clean them. Unanimously agreed. The light by the school at the Salisbury Road car park entrance opposite the steps up to Roman Road is obscured by branches of an overgrown hazel on the school side. **ACTION:** AFo to email the school and seek permission for the Lengthsman to enter the school field and shorten the branches.
- g) Playground (BS)
 - £2,552.71 received from the Fête and £1,250 to follow from Trout ‘n’ About volunteers. The fund now stands at just over £11,100. Still awaiting the decision on the first grant application from the Rural England Prosperity Fund.

11) Correspondence

- Items noted on pre circulated report with the agenda and PC noted.

12) VE-Day 80 (CG & SM)

- 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 on 8th May and PC supportive of an event on Saturday 10th May. Actions to be agreed in the New Year.

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

- None

14) Date of Next Meeting

- Agreed as Monday 11th November at 7:00pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Month: Sept 2024 Date of PC Meeting: 14/10/2024

Bank Account Status as at 30/09/2024

Current Account	£24,222.08
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Income Received in Sept 2024

(Items included in the current account balance above)

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
BACS	02/09/2024	TVBC	Precept	£ 4,500.00
BACS	02/09/2024	R Steel & Partners	Cemetery fees - the late Peter Reeves	£ 320.00
BACS	04/09/2024	Greenfield Pigs	Newsletter advert	£ 85.00
BACS	06/09/2024	TS Plumbing	Newsletter advert	£ 85.00
BACS	16/09/2024	Wessex Heritage	Newsletter advert	£ 85.00
BACS	18/09/2024	Broughton Shop	Newsletter advert	£ 85.00
BACS	30/09/2024	Village Account	Fete Playground Fundraising	£ 2,552.71
BACS	30/09/2024	Village Account	Playground Private Donation	£ 50.00
BACS	01/10/2024	Andover Music	Newsletter advert	£ 42.50

Payments Approved in Sept 2024

(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
DD	02/09/2024	SSE	Streetlights	£ 65.52
DD	27/09/2024	SSE	Streetlights	£ 76.42

Income to be received (Items received and NOT yet included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
None				£ -

Payments Approved (Items NOT included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
None				£ -

Projected Bank Account Status (including all approved items)

Current Account	£ 24,222.08
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Invoices received and requiring authorisation for payment

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
Invoice	24/09/2024	Gallagher	Hiscox Insurance	£ 1,614.77