

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19:00 MONDAY 8th JULY 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Alice Foster (AFo) – Chairman
Cllr Selina Musters (SM) – Vice Chairman
Cllr Kirsty Dominick-Gibson (KDG) (arrived at 7:30pm)
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF)
Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ)
Cllr Beccy Soper (BS)
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt, Ian Jeffries (IJ) TVBC (part of the meeting) and 0 residents

- 1) **Apologies:** Cllr Charles Grieve (CG), Colin McIntyre (CM), Leckford Estate; David Drew (DD) HCC; Nicky Goodridge TV School
- 2) **Declarations of interest:** None for this meeting.
- 3) **Minutes of PC Meeting of 10th June 2024**
 - Unanimously agreed for adoption and signed by AFo.
- 4) **Points from the Floor**
 - None
- 5) **Planning**
 - a) No applications
 - b) Previous applications TVBC decisions: Charity Farmhouse Windows – withdrawn.
- 6) **Highways**
 - a) The Clerk maintains a spreadsheet of all reported concerns. Any questions – refer to the Clerk.
 - b) Issue raised for reporting – Pot holes near the dairy on Red Rice Road need to be reported again. **ACTION:** Clerk to report
 - c) Ash Trees on Salisbury Hill – Update from HCC is a permit was required to close the road whilst the works is carried out. It should be carried out during the school Summer holidays.
 - d) Track leading to the Playground – Leckford Estate maintenance team will undertake some patching of the track and trim the overgrowth before the Village Fete.
 - e) Ash tree outside Terstan – HCC have inspected and decided no action required.
 - f) Traffic Issues on Red Rice Road near its junction with A30 Salisbury Road – HCC have responded by advising they have reviewed the last 5 years accident data for this road and concluded there was no pattern to the accidents that would be successfully mitigated by further changes or signage to the highway. No changes are planned as this is a lower priority.
- 7) **Finance**
 - a) **Monthly Finance Report** – Clerk pre circulated PC Bank account status also showing approved June payments and income receipts. Reviewed and approved. The Bank balance is £22,254.00. Cllrs noted the income and expenditure. Wessex Woodland £1536.00, Playsafe £2802.00, Plan-et £750 (x2), P Allnut £300 and Auditor £50.00 invoices approved and signed by 2 councillors.
 - b) **Audit Timescale** - Clerk advised the Accounts have been signed by the internal auditor Patrick Coates and copies placed on all notice boards and websites. Dates for the exercise of public rights to examine the accounts are 28th June to 4th August. AGAR returns have been made to BDO within timescale.
 - c) .gov.uk domain – Clerk is in the process of receiving quotes and will present in September.
 - d) Electricity Supply for streetlights – SSE Standing charge has increased from 17p pday to 37p pday but the unit rate has dropped slightly by 3p pkw. The result is approx. £140 per year extra which is well within the budget.
- 8) **Councillors' Reports**
 - a) Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)
 - Affordable housing – No update
 - NHP – The end of year grant report has been submitted and Groundworks are happy and there are no funds to return to them. NHP team still in discussion with TVBC about how the Longstock NHP fits with the current TVBC Local Plan and the proposed TVBC 2040 Local Plan, in particular the Local Plan direction for 10 new houses to be built in Longstock. Nothing formal has been received from TVBC. Plan debated and decided to

officially put the draft plan to TVBC for review, which may help to clarify matters and will mean that it could still potentially go to public consultation this year, depending upon the TVBC overview outcome. **ACTION:** AF

b) Allotments, Cemetery and Henry Smith Charity. (KDG)

- Allotments – The annual BBQ will happen this year – detail TBC.
- Cemetery –
 - KDG outlined the current issue when a number of ornaments (including glass ones) and other adornments that had been removed to allow the strimming of the graves. All items removed are held by the Clerk. A sign will be placed in a prominent position at the Cemetery advising that items may be removed periodically to allow maintenance of the graves. **ACTION:** KDG and Clerk
 - Regulations – These are being updated and will be presented for review in September.
 - A request has been received for a polished stone memorial in the ashes section. Whilst this does not currently meet regulations it was unanimously agreed to approve. Other polished gravestones have been erected in the cemetery. This will be reviewed as part of the regulations update.
 - Hazel Fakes ashes have been interred into a grave plot and Stephen Ellis funeral and burial was in June.
- Henry Smith – KDG to apply for further funds.

c) Footpaths and Lengthsman and Past Chairman Board (CG absent)

- CG report provided ahead of the meeting and read by the Clerk.
- Footpaths – SM has already reported to CG the overgrown footpath at Church Lane to Field House. It is impassable due to nettles. It is believed to be on land owned by Charity Farm. **ACTION:** Clerk to discuss with CG as this could be the responsibility of Charity Farm rather than the Lengthsman.
- Lengthsman – In June he cut back the snicket leading to the Recreation Ground, dug out the grips between Bottom Road and Southside and tidied up around the Bunny bench. He also cleared undergrowth around a number of footpath signs. In July he will tidy up around the Bunny bench and do a litter pick.
- Benches – Rich Fillipa very generously donated and put in place the 2 new benches at the War Memorial Ground. The Silver Jubilee benches have been moved to the Recreation Ground. Discussion about the plaques to be provided for the benches and Rich does not really mind – it was agreed one for D-Day and one for the Falklands war. PC to pay for the plaques. **ACTION:** Clerk/CG

d) Test Valley School, Litter Picking, River Test Pollution, Website and Longstock Road Safety Plan. (AFo)

- Website – SM raised that there is some out of date information on the website. **ACTION:** AF to overview and remove as necessary.

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

- SJ has received conflicting information about the A30 verges that HCC would not cut as part of a re-wilding project but then the following week cut the grass. **ACTION:** SJ continues to campaign with HCC
- Environment – The church nature camp was a success and consideration being given to a joint event with the village.

f) Village Hall and Street Lights (SM)

- Village Hall – All good.
- Street Lights – Utili-light have advised the broken streetlight on Houghton Road would need to be replaced as it is a sealed unit and would cost £456. The residents near the light say it is still working. We may be able to clean this locally with necessary H&S. **ACTION:** AFo and SM

g) Playground (BS)

- Following the decision to refurbish some of the elements of the play equipment before the Summer holidays - the wobble bridge has a new section, the climbing net has been replaced and plastic caps placed over wooden ends to help prevent rotting. So far £2,800 spent (inc VAT) with £7,183 left in the fund. The trampoline requires some replacements to give it a new lease of life and quotes are being obtained
- 21st July breakfast event planned, tickets on sale in advance. Grants to be applied for playground funds.
- The Fete committee has decided that the Fete proceeds will be split 50/50 church and playground fund.
- Leckford Estate to obtain a quote to trim the overhanging Chestnut Trees which are on their land. However other trees that are causing an obstruction are in the playing field. Clerk to investigate the lease to determine responsibility. **ACTION:** Clerk
- Vote of thanks proposed by BS for David Burnfield for mending the fence at the playing field.
- Weekly checks are being done and BS to provide an updated rota for the rest of the year. **ACTION:** BS

9) Telephone Box

- The telephone box needs repainting and replacement of a few panes of glass together with the removal of ivy. There is a specialist company that can refurbish and the Clerk will obtain a quote for consideration. There is potentially a grant available from the Rural England prosperity fund to cover repairs. **ACTION:** Clerk

10) Newsletter

- It was agreed that the front cover article should be about the Fete and fundraising. SM and BS to draw up a suggested 250-300 words. In addition the front cover photo should depict in some way the Fete. **ACTION:** SJ
- Photos of D-Day 80 events to be included in the next issue.
- Deadline for articles is 15th July.

11) Correspondence

- Items noted on pre circulated report with the agenda

12) Matters Raised and for possible inclusion on next meeting's agenda

- None

13) Date of Next Meeting

- Agreed as Monday 9th September at 7:00pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Month: June 2024

Date of PC Meeting: 08/07/2024

Bank Account Status as at 30/06/2024

Current Account	£22,254.00
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Income Received in June 2024

(Items included in the current account balance above)

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
BACS	11/06/2024	S&J Maddocks	S Ellis Cemetery	£ 130.00
BACS	28/06/2024	S Musters	Soup & Sandwich Playground donation	£ 26.12

Payments Approved in June 2024

(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
BACS*	14/06/2024	Sarsen Press	D Day flyer	£ 33.00
BACS*	14/06/2024	Sarsen Press	Newsletter printing	£ 320.00
BACS*	14/06/2024	Playsafe Limited	RoSPA report	£ 127.20
BACS*	27/06/2024	Covergirlz	D-Day Event music	£ 450.00

* Faster Payment authorised by Cllrs

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	£ 22,254.00
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Invoices received and requiring authorisation for payment

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
Invoice	17/06/2024	Wessex Woodland	Fell trees at allotments	£ 1,536.00

Mrs G. Bulpitt
 Last logged on 27 June 24 at 03:46 PM

Parish Council of Longstock



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