

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19:00 MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 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; Cllr Johns to leave at 9pm
- 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**
 - Newsletter editorial team discussed content for the next edition. PC voted on the front page topic with 5 for housing and 2 for the playground update. AF will write the front page on affordable housing. Playground will feature on say page 2 or 3 as a newsflash. CG will provide an article on ‘vulnerability and help available’. Request made to promote letters into the editor.
- 5) **Planning**
 - a) Previous applications TVBC decisions: Lillie Cottage, erection of ancillary building (permission granted), No1 The Grange Tree works (no objection), Appeal Kingfisher Lodge, single storey extension (dismissed)
- 6) **NPPF Update and NHP (AF)**
 - Affordable Housing – English Rural are engaging with a contractor to agree a construction contract for the houses in Church Road with a likely project start date of March 2025, taking about 10 months to complete. Interest should be registered with Hampshire Home Choice. PC to promote by AF writing front page of newsletter advising how to register interest. **ACTION:** AF
 - NPPF Update – Clerk attended the TVAPTC call where it was confirmed the final NPPF would be available by the end of the year. TVBC are taking stock of their draft local plan and believe it will take 6 months to have a new local plan once the NPPF received. Plan-et has offered support with the NHP but the NHP grant has been used. Once the NPPF have been received then PC 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) **Highways**
 - The Clerk maintains a spreadsheet of all reported concerns. Any questions – refer to the Clerk.
 - Reported highway repairs are being attended to more quickly than usual. DD will provide feedback to the highways team.
 - Issue raised for reporting – Church Road outside the Cemetery has large ruts; Ash tree on Longstock Road before Field House needs reporting again as it still looks diseased and it will fall on the road.
 - Grit bins to be reviewed to identify if any require filling before winter. **ACTION:** Clerk
- 8) **HCC Report (DD)**
 - November update provided by DD and is available on the Longstock website
 - DD outlined the different strategies that have been agreed to enable HCC to make a £175m saving, full details in DD report. DD requested promotion of the next meeting of the Countryside & Land Association where there will be a lobby regarding the recent government changes to IHT and farms. DD will send text to AFo who will add to Facebook. **ACTION:** DD & AFo

9) Finance

- a) Monthly Finance Report – Clerk pre circulated PC Bank account status also showing approved Oct payments and income receipts. Reviewed and approved. The Bank balance is £22,724 at end of Oct. Cllrs noted the income and expenditure.
- b) Bank Account – Lloyds to commence charging from 14/01/2025, £4.25pm to maintain the PC accounts, both main and Henry Smith account. Potential to make HS account have charity status to avoid the charge?
ACTION: Clerk and KDG
- c) PC Budget process for 2025/2026 – Clerk explained line by line YTD income and expenditure, projected year end position, variance to budget and proposed a starter for discussion of the budget for 25/26. Amendments suggested to the first draft of the budget and PC unanimously agreed in principle the precept would increase for 25/26 to cover the main PC expenditure. Clerk to present various options at the next PC meeting for a decision.

10) Councillors' Reports

- a) Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)
 - See item 6
- b) Allotments, Cemetery and Henry Smith Charity. (KDG)
 - Allotments – There are likely to be some vacant plots in March. Ian Adcock and Andy Gooch have been appointed joint Chairmen of the allotment management committee following the departure of Gareth Evans.
 - Cemetery – A tree has fallen down in the corner and CG has added this to the Lengthsman's tasks for December.
 - Henry Smith – Paid out 3 grants. All Cllrs asked to keep their ears to the ground for anyone that maybe in need of support.
- c) Footpaths and Lengthsman, Past Chairman Board and Remembrance (CG)
 - Footpaths
 - i) Footpaths 6, 9 East and 12 action in hand. Replacement sign for the Southern End of FP 5 has been ordered. Gemma Clinch, is the new North-West Community Engagement Ranger.
 - ii) Draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Anyone interested may give their views on new walking and cycling proposals for Test Valley, as part of a HCC consultation which closes on 17 Nov 2024. Google: northern Test Valley-LCWIP-flyer.
 - Lengthsman
 - i) October Tasks: Clear out the grips between Bottom Road and Southside, Tidy up around the Bunny Bench for the winter, Spend a further 2 hours at the Village Hall
 - ii) November Tasks: Litter pick, clean notice boards and December cut up and dispose of fallen branch in the Cemetery.
 - iii) Cllrs asked to put forward ideas for the Lengthsman
 - Telephone Box – CG to ask if the Lengthsman could do some work under the Lengthsman scheme. DD advised there may be a grant available under the HCC Councillors grant or the TVBC Community Grant.
ACTION: CG & Clerk
- d) Danebury School, Litter Picking, River Test Pollution, Website and Longstock Road Safety Plan. (AFo)
 - Danebury School – The PC has been asked to sponsor a prize at the Annual Presentation Evening for £30. Unanimously PC support. A member of the PC will attend the evening on Thurs 21st Nov at 6:30.
- e) Environment, Trees, Dog Waste & Newsletter (SJ)
 - Newsletter – See item 4
- f) Village Hall and Street Lights (SM)
 - Streetlights – budget required annually to clean them unanimously agreed under finance.
 - Village Hall – There is a leak in the lead in a roof gully and requires repair. Contractors being sought.
- g) Playground (BS/SM)
 - David Burnfield has agreed to remove the redundant playground equipment over the next couple of weeks to make way for the new equipment.
 - Test Valley have awarded a grant of £19,999 from the Rural England Prosperity Fund to the playground which represents two thirds of the cost of phase 1 with the remaining funds coming from the PC held playground fund. Contractors have been engaged with implementation likely to be early March 2025. Phase 1 consists of a

Cableway, Basket Swing and a Double slide for all ages. In addition a Surfer for ages 14+. As the surfer is classed as an adult piece then it must be 25m away from the children's area. Plans are being drawn up as to where the 'adult' equipment will be placed. Grants now being sourced for Phase 2 which consists of Swings, Roll Over Bars, Body Twister and Skier plus a replacement football goal post.

11) Cemetery Regulations

- Updated regulations pre-circulated. It was resolved unanimously that these regulations would be adopted with immediate effect. **ACTION:** Clerk

12) Correspondence

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

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

- VE-Day 80
- Affordable Housing and Leckford Estate

14) Date of Next Meeting

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Month: Oct 2024

Date of PC Meeting: 11/11/2024

Bank Account Status as at 04/11/2024

Current Account	£22,724.86
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Income Received in Oct 2024

(Items included in the current account balance above)

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
BACS	01/10/2024	Andover Music	Newsletter advert	£ 42.50
BACS	03/10/2024	Hampshire Medical	Newsletter advert	£ 10.50
BACS	04/10/2024	Sun, Stone & Vine	Newsletter advert	£ 85.00
BACS	18/10/2024	Winchester Auto	Newsletter advert	£ 85.00
BACS	18/10/2024	Robinsons	Newsletter advert	£ 42.50
BACS	22/10/2024	Haydown Kitchens	Newsletter advert	£ 125.00
BACS	24/10/2024	Access Care	Newsletter advert	£ 125.00
BACS	25/10/2024	R M Jay	Playground Donation - Craft Fayre	£ 452.90
BACS	04/11/2024	Brocks Farm	Newsletter advert	£ 85.00

Payments Approved in Oct 2024

(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
BACS*	07/10/2024	Parish Printing	Newsletter Printing	£ 343.35
BACS*	16/10/2024	C E Foster	Grass cutting contract (Jul-Sept)	£ 550.00
BACS*	16/10/2024	Gallagher	Insurance	£ 1,614.77

*Approved by 2 Councillors

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

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
CHQ	28/10/2024	Patrick Coates	Audit Fee	£ 50.00
CHQ	28/10/2024	RBL	Poppy Wreath	£ 125.00

Projected Bank Account Status (including all approved items)

Current Account	£ 22,549.86
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