

**LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**19:00 MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 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 Sarah Johns (SJ)  
Cllr Beccy Soper (BS)  
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt and 1 resident

- 1) **Apologies:** Colin McIntyre (CM), Leckford Estate; Ian Jeffries (IJ) TVBC; Nicky Goodridge (NG) Danebury School; David Drew HCC and Cllr Charles Grieve
- 2) **Declarations of interest:** None declared.
- 3) **Minutes of PC Meeting 11th November 2024**
  - Unanimously agreed for adoption and signed by AFo.
- 4) **Points from the Floor**
  - Question about the Church Road Affordable Housing timeline and criteria. AF gave an update.
  - The state of the edge of the road from The Bunny footbridge to the eel traps bridge. **ACTION:** Clerk to report
- 5) **Planning**
  - a) 24/02743/TREEN – 15 Longstock – Tree works PC DECISION: No Objection
  - b) Previous applications TVBC decisions: Tickle Trout Cottage, tree works (no objection) Charity Down Farm, erection of Grain Store (permission granted)
- 6) **NPPF Update and NHP (AF)**
  - Affordable Housing – No further update received from English Rural and anyone interested in the properties should be urged to register with Hampshire Home Choice.
  - NPPF Update – Most Borough Councils have written to the government regarding the achievability of the target. HCC have requested transitional arrangements. Everyone is still awaiting the final NPPF.
- 7) **Highways**
  - The Clerk maintains a spreadsheet of all reported concerns. Any questions – refer to the Clerk.
  - Issue raised for reporting – Fullerton Road has a number of pot holes.
  - Concerns expressed that large vehicles are still using The Bunny even though there is now a 3T restriction. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact CM to remind Leckford Estate workers
- 8) **Finance**
  - a) Monthly Finance Report – Clerk pre circulated PC Bank account status also showing approved Nov payments and income receipts. Reviewed and approved. The Bank balance is £22,837 at end of Nov. Cllrs noted the income and expenditure.
  - b) PC Budget process for 2025/2026 – Following discussion at the last PC meeting, Clerk provided a revised YTD PC income and expenditure, projected year end position, variance to 24/25 budget and proposed budget for 25/26 for discussion. It was resolved unanimously that the amount of Council Tax Precept for 2025/2026 be raised to £9,900 (a 10% rise). It was also resolved unanimously to agree the budget lines for expenditure as laid out in the Clerk’s report. **ACTION:** Clerk to advise TVBC and upload the 25/26 budget to the website.
- 9) **Councillors’ Reports**
  - a) Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)
    - See item 6
  - b) Allotments, Cemetery and Henry Smith Charity. (KDG)
    - Cemetery – A tree has fallen down in the corner and CG has added this to the Lengthsman’s tasks.
    - Henry Smith – No applications. Unanimously agreed to repeat the seniors’ lunch at the end of Feb/early March. **ACTION:** KDG and SM to investigate catering costs and propose a date.

- c) Footpaths and Lengthsman and Remembrance (CG)
  - Footpaths
    - Cutting back of Footpaths 6, 9 East and 12 action in hand.
  - Lengthsman
    - November tasks: Litter pick, clean notice boards.
    - December/Jan tasks: cut up and dispose of fallen branch in the Cemetery, litter pick and wash all road furniture.
  - Telephone Box – Clerk to check what grants maybe available to renovate the telephone box. **ACTION:** Clerk.
- d) Danebury School, Litter Picking, River Test Pollution, Website and Longstock Road Safety Plan. (AFo)
  - Danebury School – Prize giving went well. The trophies will require engraving with the winner **ACTION:** AFo. Also request if a new trophy is required in view of the change of name of the school, a suggestion was to have this as a LPC trophy? **ACTION:** AFo
- e) Environment, Trees, Dog Waste & Newsletter (SJ)
  - Newsletter – Terms of reference still outstanding and meeting likely to take place in January. Agreed a meeting to take place before the PC meeting every two months to discuss PC content/front page article. **ACTION:** AF, SJ and AFo
- f) Village Hall and Street Lights (SM)
  - Village Hall – No issues. Two lights have been replaced in the hall at a cost of £700.
- g) Playground (BS/SM)
  - Donations commitments to follow - £90.00 Xmas card sales, £36.00 Marmalade sales, £300 Stockbridge Community cinema, £500 Upper Test Valley Tractor Club and £1,250 Trout ‘n’ About.
  - Playground equipment for phase 1 has been ordered. This must be installed and invoiced before the end of March 2025 for Test Valley to pay the grant. The Lottery grant was applied for on 12<sup>th</sup> November and we will receive a decision in around 12 weeks (4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025).
  - The trampoline has come to the end of its life. **ACTION:** BS to identify proposals to replace the matting.
  - SM raised about having the playground equipment professionally cleaned after it is installed as part of a maintenance programme. PC agreed that quotes should be obtained **ACTION:** SM and Clerk

#### 10) Correspondence

- Items noted on pre-circulated report with the agenda and PC noted.
- Discussion about the TV Resilience Forum in March and if we should pursue having a contingency/resilience plan for the village. Agreed that BS and KDG will be resilience champions for the PC and will attend the meeting in March along with the Clerk as an information gathering exercise.

#### 11) VE-Day 80

- Ideas requested for the event. This is envisaged to be a low-key ‘bring your own picnic’ style occasion. Likely inclusion on the front page of the next newsletter in Feb?

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

- None

#### 13) Date of Next Meeting

- Agreed as Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7:00pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00pm

### Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Month: Nov 2024

Date of PC Meeting: 09/12/2024

#### Bank Account Status as at 30/12/2024

Current Account	£22,837.36
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#### Income Received in Nov 2024

(Items included in the current account balance above)

Type	Date	From	Description	Amount
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	Received			
BACS	05/11/2024	S Lyne	Newsletter advert	£ 42.50
BACS	13/11/2024	Longstock Flower	Newsletter advert	£ 85.00
BACS	15/11/2024	Access Care	Newsletter advert	£ 50.00

### Payments Approved in Nov 2024

(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
BACS*	12/11/2024	Danebury School	Sponsorship of prize	£ 30.00
BACS*	28/11/2024	ICO	Annual subscription	£ 35.00

\*Approved by 2 Councillors

### 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
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	£ 22,662.36
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### Invoices received and requiring authorisation for payment

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount

Mrs G. Doherty

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Treasurers Account

£ 22,837.36

Treasurers Account

£ 2,982.09

Treasurers Account

£ 852.52