

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LONGPARISH PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON
10 APRIL 2006 AT 19.30**

PRESENT

Mr J Barber	Mr C Duxbury
Mr R Bourne	Mr M Johnson

Also present Mr P Jarrett (Clerk)
Cllr. J Neal
Mrs C Sweet (Chair - Open Spaces) for Minute 06/
Mrs C Dowler
Mrs M J Darrah
Mrs M Barber

Presentation on the Longparish Housing Needs Survey

Prior to the Parish Council meeting, Mr Johnson introduced Mr John Lancaster, the Rural Housing Enabler for Community Action Hampshire. Mr Lancaster, a qualified planner, said that he has been in this post for three years, having undertaken similar work previously in other authorities.

Mr Lancaster presented a video which described the role of the 'enabler' in the provision of affordable housing in villages. He reported that the Longparish Housing Needs Survey was one of ten which he had carried out, and provided members with an Executive Summary résumé.

Some 303 households had been surveyed to assess local housing needs. He said that the response had been good, with 29% of questionnaires being completed and returned. 'At least twenty four households are in housing needs, and would like to stay in the parish.'

He reported that house prices are high, with an average semi-detached property costing £240,000. The greatest need for new accommodation is from people in the 35-65 age group, with a large demand also in the 16-34 age band

In discussion, he agreed that the principal difficulty is the provision of 'Rural Exception' land for such schemes – usually a site not currently planned for development, and costing around £10k per housing plot. The 'missing link' is finding a landowner willing to sell agricultural land, rather than development land. However, the new policy is for 'mixed development' which may prove more attractive to landowners.

At the end of the presentation, Mr Barber thanked Mr Lancaster, and asked that a copy of the video be made available for Parish Council use. Mr Lancaster agreed to provide this.

06/47 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mt T Cooper, Mr P Harris, Mrs S Jones & Mr M Lampard

06/48 **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 13 MARCH 2006**

The Minutes were approved unanimously, and were signed by the Chairman

06/49 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON CURRENT AGENDA**

There were no matters arising from the previous agenda.

06/50 **PLANNING**

06/50.1 **CURRENT APPLICATIONS**

06/00972/FULLN & 06/00976/LBWN – Convert redundant stable block into additional bedroom and living accommodation for Riverbarn Cottage together with internal and external alterations - River Barn, Southside Road, Longparish – Mr David Pretty

The Council decided to object as it wished to see the NE and SW elevations preserved. It hoped that the applicant might consider submitting a modified plan.

06/00660/FULLN – Change of use of agricultural buildings and land to garden centre and nursery, with associated parking. – Land at Fox Farm, London Road, Andover Down, Andover – Mr I Shaw.

The Council considered that there was insufficient information within the application to make a decision. It therefore resolved to object.

06/50.2 - Local Plan Review – Part 2 – Copies available at www.testvalley.gov.uk or at Planning Reception, Beech Hurst – **Defer discussion to later meeting.**

06/50.3. **TVBC RESULTS OF EARLIER APPLICATIONS**

06/00039/FULLN - Erection of replacement detached dwelling -.Eastfield House Forton - **PERMISSION**

06/51 **FINANCE**

Monthly Account Summary - The Financial Summary for the last month was reported by the Clerk (Appendix 1)

06/52 **OPEN SPACES**

Mrs Sweet reported the following:

Ashburn Rest – Approval has been granted by Vitacress for a grant of £1k towards the cost of restoration.

Playground and Skate Ramp

A quotation has been received for repair to the **skate ramp**. The figure of £770.80 was approved unanimously.

Playground **signs** are to be erected, and **graffiti** is to be removed.

The **bench** has now been repaired, and is ready for installation. A concrete base is required of the same size as that for the present bench.

Following his recent risk assessment course Mr Bourne advised members that all play equipment is to be inspected weekly, and the inspection recorded. The record is to be kept for fifteen years. **Action – Mrs Sweet will discuss the form of the record with Mr Cooper.**

Mr Bourne reported that representatives of Thrupton PC had visited the Longparish playground. They were very impressed, and considered it to be ‘the best and cleanest they had seen’.

Village Hall Access Drive

Tarmac has been laid – cost to be under £500.

Clean-up day

Four working parties are to be set up for the Clean-Up day on 22nd April. It will not involve the river this time. Noted that clearance of the Larkwhistle Farm path is to be held over temporarily, pending the owner’s permission

There is no further progress in the removal of remains of the portacabins from the football field.

06/53 **ROADS & BRIDGES**

Mr Bourne reported that:

Pot holes ‘as big as saucepans’ in the road are to be filled in before Easter.

Contractors are to remedy frost damage in the road at the north end of the village under the guarantee.

The lay-by at the top of Southside Road is to be repaired.

Recent 'fly-tipping' was removed very promptly by TVBC.

Thrupton PC wish to establish an 'adopt-a-road' scheme similar to that in Longparish. They had sought, and been offered, advice on its implementation from Mr Bourne.

06/54 FOOTPATHS

Noted that Mr Barber is to discuss the proposed Hurstbourne Priors footpath with the owner of the land. He reported that he and Mr Lampard had walked the new route and considered that it would be a big enhancement to local footpaths.

06/55 COMMUNICATIONS & VILLAGE PLAN

Mr Bourne complimented the caterers of the New Villagers event.

Mr Barber reported that the new Community Association will be holding a summer event of 10 June. The programme would commence with an early morning 'nature ramble' at 07.00, and would carry on throughout the day with a variety of different events, including a breakfast, pub lunches, a treasure hunt, and cream teas, with football being offered live on the football field and (it was hoped) on TV in the Plough! Line dancing, a disco and live music will be held in the evening.

06/56 SCHOOL/PLAYGROUP COMMUNITY PROJECT

Mr Barber reported that birds had occupied the playgroup nesting box, and their activities were being observed by the children over a 'Bill Oddie type' TV link.

06/57 VILLAGE HALL

Noted that the Village Hall AGM is to be held on Tuesday 25 April at 8pm in the Village Hall.

06/58 CORRESPONDENCE

A summary of correspondence was presented by the Clerk, and is attached as Appendix 2.

06/59 DATES OF MEETINGS, EVENTS AND ANY OTHER REPORTS

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Community Hall on 8 May 2006.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 15th May 2006.

Mr Bourne reported that he had attended the HAPTC Risk Management course. He is now able, officially, to carry out risk assessments on behalf of the Parish Council, if required.

06/60 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.10.

APPENDIX 1

Financial Report
Period from 13-Mar-06 to 9-Apr-06

Income	Previous years		Year to 31 March 06		
	Year to 31/3/04	Year to 31/3/05	Budget	Total so far	Total for period
Precept	15,000	15,000	15,000	15438.00	0.00
Bank Interest	45	0		0.00	0.00
Cemetery fees	417	132	250	607.50	36.00
Handbook sales	0	33	30	0.00	0.00
Grant VDS	1,000	0		0.00	0.00
Grant Village Plan	2,300	0	2,300	2300.00	0.00
Grant Equipment	1,850	943		595.00	0.00
Donations	980	398		250.00	0.00
Allotment rents received	0	36	36	36.00	0.00
Parish Paths Partnership	0	0		0.00	0.00
VAT refund	1,720	547	974	2193.02	1243.94
Other	285	0		0.00	0.00
TOTAL	23,597	17,089	18,590	21419.52	1279.94

Expenditure

Clerks Pay/Expenses	1,516	1,720	1,900	1712.46	369.39
General Admin	1,738	1,653	2,200	4750.36	0.00
Elections	21	0	0	0.00	0.00
Open spaces	4,902	6,030	7,500	6928.22	2231.61
Communications	911	609	980	3042.73	93.75
Paths	0	0	300	0.00	0.00
Capital Expenditure	2,531	0	1,000	3592.34	0.00
Village Hall	500	500	500	34.01	0.00
Village Design Statement	1,469	0	0	0.00	0.00
Village Plan (production)	1,583	363	4,345	1601.69	0.00
Village Plan (implementation)	0	0	3,000	0.00	3000.00
Transfer to Village Hall fund	5,000	5,000	0	0.00	0.00
Community project			4,000	0.00	0.00
Other	0	200	700	0.00	0.00
VAT	974	556		1254.86	4.66
TOTAL	21,145	16,630	26,425	22916.67	5699.41

Transfer from HCC investment 4,000

Closing Bank Balance	6049	6508	2,673	5010.96
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Invested with HCC

At start	27939	34007	40,634	40634.39	
Add Interest	1067	1628	1,400	894.37	0.00
Transfers from (- to) bank	5000	5000	-4,000	0.00	0.00
At finish	34007	40634	38,034	41528.76	

Cheques Drawn in period

DATE	Cheque	TO	FOR	GROSS	VAT	NET
13-Mar-06	667	PJ Dale	Cemetery paths	2135.00		2135.00
13-Mar-06	668	EM Christian	Grass cutting	70.00		70.00
13-Mar-06	669	Hill & Valley	Magazine	93.75		93.75
13-Mar-06	671	HCC	Anti-graffiti wipes	11.23	1.67	9.56
13-Mar-06	672	PH Jarrett	Salary	288.13		288.13
13-Mar-06	673	Inland Revenue	Income tax	81.26		81.26
13-Mar-06	674	Mrs C Sweet Community	Decorating materials Start-up grant + mem.	20.04	2.99	17.05
13-Mar-06	675	Association	Fee	3000.00		3000.00

APPENDIX 2

Correspondence: 12 March – 9 April 2006

Received

	FROM	SUBJECT
1	Highways Agency	Roadworks leaflets
2	HCC	Market Town Project – News update leaflet
3	HCC	External Funding Fair - The Castle Winchester – 19 April – 10.00-16.30
4	TVBC Mayor	Spring Charity dinner – 6 May – Romsey - £37.50
5	TVBC Mayor	HM The Queen 80 th Birthday – invitation for tea!
6	LCA treasurer	Receipt with thanks for £3000 grant
7	TVBC	Local Plan Review – Proposed Modifications 2006 – Part 2 (are available at the Council's website www.testvalley.gov.uk)
8	HCC County Supplies	Set up of PC Account No. 1045620
9	HAPTC	Chairmanship Skills course in four Modules
10	TVBC	Big Lottery funding for Test Valley – Parish Play Questionnaire 2006
11	defra	Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 – a guide for PCs
12	HCC	Hampshire Now magazines
13	Hants Fire & Rescue Service	Integrated Risk Management Plan
14	Society of Local Council Clerks	Regional Conference – Reading – Thursday 1 st June 2006 – Subject: 'Partnership, Performance & the Practitioner'
15	TVBC	Core Strategy Development Plan Document
16	Postwatch	.Pillar Talk. – on new postal services – with DVD presentation

Sent

	TO	FROM	SUBJECT
1	HCC	Clerk	BOAT at Upper Mill
2	Mrs K-M Dinesen	Clerk	Letter of thanks for clearing tree at Lower Mill
3	County Supplies	Clerk	Request for an Account