

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

**PRESENT**

Mr J Barber	Mr C Duxbury
Mr R Bourne	Mr P Harris
	Mr M Johnson
Mr T Cooper	Mrs S Jones
Mr C Dewbury	Mr M Lampard

Also present Mr P Jarrett (Clerk)  
Mrs C Sweet (Chair - Open Spaces) - part  
Mrs H Mehaffey – Chair of School Governors – part  
Mr De Watteville and his architect – part

**06/123 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs J Clear & Cllr J Neal

**06/124 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 11 SEPT. 2006**

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

**06/125 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON CURRENT AGENDA**

There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda.

**06/126 PLANNING**

**06/126.1 CURRENT APPLICATIONS**

**06/02766/FULLN** – Replace existing outbuilding with extension to link house to provide entrance hall, kitchen, sitting room, boot room and log store – The Cottage, Longparish – Mr & Mrs J De Watteville.

**06/02772/LBWN** – Replace existing outbuilding with extension to link house to provide entrance hall, kitchen, sitting room, boot room and log store, together with internal alterations – The Cottage, Longparish – Mr & Mrs J De Watteville

*Mr Dewbury declared a non-pecuniary interest, and opted to remain.*

Mr De Watteville was invited to introduce his proposals, which were then discussed in detail

**UNANIMOUS DECISION – NO OBJECTION** but the Council expressed regret that the building had been allowed to fall into such a poor state of repair over several years, and that this deterioration had progressed more rapidly of late.

**06/02623/FULLN** – erection of steel framed storage building on site of existing poultry sheds to be used for agricultural and forestry storage – Patchington Farm, Longparish Road, South Harewood, Andover – Test Development company

Councillors were concerned about vehicle movements. Mr Johnson will contact the applicants to obtain further information, discuss with councillors by email and advise the Clerk of the outcome.

**Action MJ**

**06/02891/TREEN** – Lower crown raise, dead wood and reduce width of Malus Transitoria (apple), dead wood and remove limbs of Acer Negundo Variegatum (Variegated Maple) – The Tile House, Longparish – Mr CRJ Fleming

This application was referred to the Tree Warden, who has subsequently offered **NO OBJECTION**, but recommends that ‘the Malus Transitoria be treated with care and sympathy, as it is not a common tree.’

**HCC Application** – To develop a waste recycling facility for farm, construction and demolition waste, including soil screening, concrete crushing, material and container storage at land off A303, Near Longparish, Andover – MrB Faulds

Considerable discussion took place on this application, with particular consideration being given to noise and vehicular movements. The Council decided that more time was needed to examine the application, and that a sub-committee comprising Mr Johnson, Mr Cooper, Mr Barber, Mrs Jones, Mr Lampard and Mr Dewbury would consider the matter further.

#### 06/126.2 **PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS**

**06/02256/TREEN** - Remove T1, T2 & T3 pines – 3 Park view Cottages, Longparish - **NO OBJECTION**

**05/02110/FULLN** - Erection of double garage, fence, etc. Brook House Mill Lane Longparish - **REFUSE**

#### 06/126.3 **SOCIAL & AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Mr Johnson reviewed the progress of the Housing Task Group set up last summer following the publication of the Village Plan. The Village Plan

through its consultation processes had identified a potential housing need in the village, some concerns about sustaining facilities against the background of a falling population and a shortage of young people between 16 and 29.

Recent developments have included a Housing Needs Survey conducted by Community Action Hampshire which identified a need for up to 23 units of affordable housing to meet the needs of young people, families and older villagers. This recent survey confirms 2 earlier surveys.

The Housing Group believes the solution to this need is a two phase development so that the initial development is modest allowing the opportunity for further assessment.

However until the publication of the new Local Plan in August 2006 this aspiration was blocked by planning considerations. Under the established Rural Exceptions policy and prior to the introduction of a new policy ESN06 a development of this kind was only possible if a landowner was willing to release land at heavily discounted values. We could not identify a landowner prepared to provide land in this way

Policy ESN06 developed to meet the needs of villages such as Longparish permits a 'mixed' development of mainly 'affordable' housing alongside some 'open market' houses and one of the objectives of the policy is to overcome the problems of land availability described above.

In addition to the requirement to demonstrate 'affordable' housing need the policy includes some other important criteria that include a demonstration of community support for such a scheme and what the planners call 'community gain' whereby the economics of the market housing funds improvements to village facilities or infrastructure that are helpful in improving the sustainability of small villages such as ours. Through the Village Plan consultation process we identified gains such as an all weather footpath from North Acre to the school; church and halls, the provision of additional parking in certain parts of the village and a need for refurbishment of the village hall.

The Housing Group has prepared a programme of consultation that over the next 3 months should create the opportunity for every member of our community to express their views on the principles and benefits of the proposal for a modest mixed development of this kind.

At the same time the Housing Group will continue to work alongside TVBC and landowners with regard to identifying potential sites and also with organisations like Housing Associations who have relevant advice to offer through their experience in this field.

Discussion ensued, and a variety of views were expressed.

06/126.4 South East Regional Housing - Report deferred to next meeting.

#### 06/127 **FINANCE**

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

**Village Hall Fund** – Mr Barber referred to the forthcoming Finance Committee meeting and asked for the views of members of the Council regarding the use of the £42,000 currently held in the HCC fund. Mrs Jones advised that repairs and improvements to the Village Hall had been deferred while it was possible that the Community Hall would replace the Village Hall. It now appears certain that the Village Hall will be needed for the foreseeable future and the hall committee is considering what needs to be done. Financial support from the Council will be much appreciated.

Mr Bourne and Mr Johnson both suggested that, in view of the cost to the school of free use of the Community Hall by the Council, future meetings of the Parish Council should again be held in the Village Hall. This proposal will be entered on to the next Council agenda for full consideration.

#### 06/128 **OPEN SPACES**

Mrs Sweet reported that:

- HCC has 'dredged' the blocked roadside ditch upstream of the Ash Burn Rest.
  - The next Clean Up day will be 18<sup>th</sup> November 2006.
- Remaining items will be deferred to the next meeting.

#### 06/129 **ROADS & BRIDGES**

Mr Bourne reported that the road repairs to the B3048 in East Aston are still awaited.

Mr Barber advised that Mr Milne of Hampshire Highways had requested a meeting about the footpath between the school and the village hall car park. It has been arranged for 16<sup>th</sup> October 2006 and representatives of interested groups have been invited.

#### 06/130 **FOOTPATHS**

Mr Lampard reported that:

- The grant towards the cost of a footpaths leaflet has been approved.
- The Firgo Farm footpath has kindly been repaired by Mr Tacchi.

#### 06/131 **COMMUNICATIONS**

Nothing to report

## **06/132 VILLAGE PLAN AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Noted that the Community Association has arranged for a series of films in the Village Hall through Movieola. The next film is 'Brokeback Mountain' to be shown shortly.

## **06/133 SCHOOL/PLAYGROUP AND COMMUNITY PROJECT**

Mr Barber introduced Mrs Helen Mehaffey, the Chair of School Governors and invited her to address the Council. The following items were noted:

In response to questions asked at the last meeting, she said that, of the 101 children in the school, 42 were 'local' – including those from Hurstbourne Priors; and of the 13 Governors, 8 were from the 'catchment' area.

Having concluded her valuable work on the travel plan, Mrs Darrah has retired from the governing body.

There are to be two open days shortly, for the parents of children in Year R.

The plans for a separate play area for children in Year R have now been prepared.

Mr Howie, Chair of the Management Committee has prepared a paper on Community Hall access, which has now been considered by the governors, together with comments from Mrs Goodliffe and Mrs Barber, members of the Management Committee. The school has resolved to retain booking and key holding for the next nine months. Hopefully 'sensible' costings will be determined by the end of that nine month period. Noted that the 'marginal' costs – eg electricity & oil – have not yet been accurately identified – particularly during the winter months.

A recent BBQ held at the school patio, left slippery grease and broken glass; in future BBQs will be permitted only on the grassed areas.

The school improvement partners, for the new school improvement plan, are to be in place by January 2007. There is to be closer working relationships with accredited partners (eg retired Headteachers or School Inspectors). The School Improvement Plan has been considered by governors, but the Governors Action Plan is yet to be completed.

Interviewing for teachers in KS1 and KS2 posts, are to be conducted next week.

## **Comments & Queries raised**

Mrs Jones believes that some male teachers are urgently required.

The meeting noted that Mrs Jones had resigned from the Management Committee as she felt that the governors did not take notice of their work or consult them in reaching decisions. In the light of this Mr Barber asked about the future of the committee. Mrs Mehaffey advised that the governors valued the work of the committee and wished it to continue. Mrs Mehaffey assured members that there will be no further discussions or decisions affecting the Community Hall without consultation with the Management Committee.

Mr Barber asked about availability of accommodation, apart from school uses? Mrs Mehaffey said that by 2010, the school must provide extended (out of hours) day facilities. Mr Barber reminded the meeting that, originally, commercial activities were intended to take place in the 'old' school buildings, in order to overcome VAT difficulties with the new build. Mrs Mehaffey replied that the implications are still being considered by the school. There is the potential for a claw-back of VAT of around £177k – 90% of which would, however, be funded by government.

Mr Barber also noted that the Parish Council is not permitted to give grants for educational or church use. The Council has therefore set aside £3,000 in its budget for the current year as seed corn funding to enable the Community Association to seek grants of up to £12,000 towards equipping the Community Hall. However the Community Association would not be involved in the management within this financial year, as previously anticipated and he asked whether it would be possible to make use of the funds. Mrs Mehaffey advised that it is unlikely that any of the Parish Council provision allowed for in the current budget will be requested for community use at this time.

Mr Johnson asked whether the Parish Council should move back to the Village Hall. Mrs Mehaffey replied that she is happy for the PC to remain.

Mr Barber asked about the detailed running costs of the buildings – these are still awaited. Mrs Mehaffey agreed to ask the finance committee if they would provide them to assist the Council in understanding the charges. They were provisional figures and would be reviewed in the light of experience over the next nine months.

Mr Johnson was very disappointed that it was taking so long to resolve the issue of costs. It appeared unlikely that the matter would be resolved until at least 18 months after the hall was opened. Mrs Mehaffey said that it is the school's intention that both the main hall, and the Ellicock room should be made available to all. The community is welcome to use the halls as often as they wish. There is one regular booking for a dancing class. She added that the problems relating to

the Ellicock room alarm system have now been resolved, and that room is now separated from the main school system.

Noted that the very large electricity bill is still being investigated..

Mrs Mehaffey said that the Prospectus can be provided in electronic form for distribution.

Mr Barber thanked Mrs Mehaffey for her report.

**06/134 VILLAGE HALL**

Noted that Mr David Gould is the licensee for both the Village and Community Halls.

**06/135 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**06/136 DATES OF MEETINGS, EVENTS AND ANY OTHER REPORTS**

The next meeting of the TVAPC will be held on 9 November 2006.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Community Hall on 13 November 2006.

The village Clean Up day will take place on 18 November 2006.

**06/137 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.40

**APPENDIX 1**

**Financial Report  
 Period from 11-Sep-06 to 3-Oct-06**

Income	Previous years		Year to 31 March 07		
	Year to 31/3/05	Year to 31/3/06	Budget	Total so far	Total for period
Precept	15,000	15,000	15,000	15000.00	7500.00
Bank Interest	0	0		0.00	0.00
Cemetery fees	132	608	250	240.00	0.00
Handbook sales	33	0	30	0.00	0.00
Grant Ashburn Rest	0	0	3,425	1000.00	0.00
Grant Village Plan	0	2,738	0	0.00	0.00
Grant Equipment	943	0		0.00	0.00
Donations	398	0		0.00	0.00
Allotment rents received	36	36		36.00	0.00
Parish Paths Partnership	0	0		0.00	0.00
VAT refund	547	2,193		0.00	0.00
Other	0	845	150	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,089</b>	<b>21,420</b>	<b>18,855</b>	<b>16276.00</b>	<b>7500.00</b>

**Expenditure**

Clerks Pay/Expenses	1,720	1,712	1,900	993.25	316.57
General Admin	1,653	1,755	2,000	1535.22	52.80
Elections	0	0		0.00	0.00
Open spaces	6,030	6,098	6,650	2927.29	1163.99
Communications	609	677	1,480	197.92	0.00
Paths	0	0	300	0.00	0.00
Capital Expenditure	0	730		0.00	0.00
Village Hall	500	34	500	0.00	0.00
Village Design Statement	0	0		0.00	0.00
Village Plan (production)	363	3,968		0.00	0.00
Village Plan (implementation)	0	3,095	3,000	0.00	0.00
Transfer to Village Hall fund	5,000	0		0.00	0.00
Community project		3,592	3,000	0.00	0.00
Ashburn Rest			4,850	5128.95	0.00
Other	200	0		0.00	0.00
VAT	556	1,255		90.87	43.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,630</b>	<b>22,917</b>	<b>23,680</b>	<b>10873.50</b>	<b>1577.11</b>

Transfer from HCC investment			3,000	
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>6508</b>	<b>5,011</b>	<b>3,186</b>	<b>10413.46</b>

**Invested with HCC**

At start	34007	40,634	42,403	42402.62	
Add Interest	1628	1,768	1,400	0.00	0.00
Transfers from (- to) bank	5000	0	-3,000	0.00	0.00
At finish	40634	42,403	40,803	42402.62	

### Cheques drawn in period

<b>Date</b>	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>VT</b>	<b>Net</b>
11-Sep-06	709	Eclipse Pest control	Mole control	90.00		90.00
11-Sep-06	710	EM Christian	Grass cutting	120.00		120.00
11-Sep-06	711	Trim & Strim	Grass cutting x 2	260.00		260.00
11-Sep-06	712	Trim & Strim	Grass cutting	40.00		40.00
11-Sep-06	713	Clive Kent YKW	Grass cutting x 2	390.00		390.00
11-Sep-06	714	Consultants	Internal audit	293.75	43.75	250.00
11-Sep-06	715	PH Jarrett	Clerk's Salary	316.57		316.57
11-Aug-06	716	Inland Revenue	Clerk's Salary	89.29		89.29
11-Sep-06	717	R Bourne	Travel expenses			
11-Sep-06	717	R Bourne	- Pimperne	52.80		52.80
11-Sep-06	718	P Harris	Bench repair	13.99		13.99

**APPENDIX 2**

**Correspondence: 11 September – 4 October 2006**

**Received**

	<b>FROM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
1	Rekk Limited	6 Steps to a successful youth shelter – booklet (CS)
2	NALC	Annual Reports and Accounts
3	HAPTC	The Employment Equality (Age) Act
4	HCC	Hampshire Now – Priorities Special Edition
5	HCC	Supply Base magazine
6	HCC	Planning Hampshire's Future – September edition
7	HAPTC	Link Local Transport Plan/Countryside Access Plan Priority Schemes (PH)
8	HAPTC	Temporary Use of Allotment Land
9	HCC	Hampshire Minerals And Waste Development network – Newsletter 3
10	ID Asset	Graffiti, Fly Posting, Fly tipping and Vandalism (CS)
11	Hampshire Police Authority	Appointment of Independent Members to Hampshire Police Authority
12	APFA	Playgrounds and Equipment (CS)
13	AJ Wells & Sons	Vitreous Enamel Parish Council Signage (CS)
14	defra	Guidance on Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act - Addendum

**Sent**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>e-mail/post</b>
Clerk	HCC Roads	Damage to B3048	Post
M Lampard	Andrew Jones	Diversion of Footpaths 33 & 13	Post