

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

PRESENT

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

Also present Mr P Jarrett (Clerk)

Over 40 Parishioners for the Open Forum around 10 of whom stayed for the Owl's Lodge discussion.

OPEN FORUM ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN LONGPARISH

Prior to the start of the formal meeting of the Parish Council, Mr Barber welcomed visitors from the village, and introduced Mr Mike Johnson, Chairman of the Housing Group, who gave a presentation on the current status of the Affordable Housing proposals for Longparish, and invited questions. The principal responses are summarised below:

1. What is the mandate of the Housing Group?

The Housing Group is one of four groups of volunteers established for implementation of the Parish Plan. The Parish Plan was adopted by the Parish Council after extensive consultation and a copy was provided for each household. The leaders of the four groups are members of the Parish Council's Parish Plan Committee.

2. Did the Housing Group conduct the Housing Needs Survey

The housing survey was conducted by Community Action Hampshire, and not by the Longparish Housing Group - although the Group does support the idea of the survey. The group had no input into the questions which were standard questions used for such surveys.

Mr Barber reported briefly on the survey findings, but encouraged members of the public to attend a planned exhibition of the proposals, for full details of the Affordable Housing issues.

3. How can affordable housing be achieved in the rural environment?

Projects are governed by either one of two Rural Exception Policies:

1. Landowners **give** (or sell at very low price) pieces of land under policy ESN05 – on two previous attempts this was not possible in Longparish, and

Policy **ESN06**, which will allow development for a mixture of affordable and commercial types of housing – but which must be driven by the need for affordable housing and meeting other community needs. A Housing Association is then needed to build the houses. It was noted that a large number of houses (50 say) could change the character of the village; but Mr Johnson confirmed that he is talking about a first phase of 12 affordable homes with up to six commercial units needing 1-2 acres of land.. A second phase of similar proportions might take place but only after careful evaluation and reassessment.

4. Are Affordable and Commercial housing being planned on the same, or separate plots?

Mr Johnson would prefer the integrated approach – and this is supported by Planners.

5. How will the degree of village support be evaluated?

This is not known at present

6. How will the debate be carried further?

1. All those attending were urged to attend the exhibition. Mr Johnson invited those with alternative views to take part in the exhibition with an ‘equal platform’.
2. The Housing group will invite individual queries and comments which they will follow up. The results will be published.
3. The Housing group will be happy to arrange presentations for any individual or group which would like them
4. Mr Barber undertook to arrange a forum at which the issues can be discussed with the benefit of input from experts

Mr Barber noted that any debate on the issue must be an ‘informed’ debate; so the information phase is most important.

7. Why wasn’t the site map distributed initially?

The map was initially a Parish Council discussion map, to be published at a later date. Noted that some members of the public are nervous about ‘secret’ documents, and discussions with landowners. Mr Johnson accepted that some mistakes had been made in presentation of the proposals.

Mrs M J Darrah reported that site surveys were undertaken in parallel with the needs survey, to ensure that sites could be found, if they were to prove necessary.

8. What would prevent further commercial development?

The Housing group's suggestions were under the exceptions policy. Government and Borough Planning Policy would not permit further commercial developments.

9. Has the Housing Group spoken to any builders yet?

No, not yet; but it intends to do so in the future in order to understand their potential role in such projects.

10. Comments from Councillors

Mr Harris commented that North Acre has expanded since its original pre-war development. He considered this to be a 'good thing'. Mr Dewbury was concerned that the Borough Council policies on ordinary commercial development were so closely related to ESN05 and 06 that larger scale commercial development would be an inevitable consequence of an affordable housing project. Mr Bourne said that there is little or no affordable housing available for Longparish people, and Mr Duxbury welcomed the 'opening up' of the whole debate.

Mr Barber closed the discussion on the subject at 20.30, and the formal meeting of the Parish Council followed.

06/138 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr M Lampard, Mrs Sweet & Cllr J Neal.

06/139 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 9 OCTOBER 2006

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

06/140 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON CURRENT AGENDA

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

06/141 PLANNING

06/141.1 CURRENT APPLICATIONS

06/02821/FULLN & 06/02804/LBWN – Single storey extension to provide kitchen/dining room, larder, w.c., and provision of decking – Forton house, Forton – Mrs L Keith.

As it was considered that there was insufficient information contained within the proposal, on which to make an informed decision, the

UNANIMOUS DECISION was to lodge a holding **OBJECTION** and arrange a site visit with the viewing panel empowered to amend the decision.

ACTION MJ

06/02968/VARN – Removal of condition 1 of TVN.06331/15 which requires that use of the site for non Olympic trap shooting shall cease on or before 31 December 2006 – Use for clay pigeon shooting ground with associated clubhouse, store and car park – Owls Lodge Farm, Nuns Walk, Longparish – Mr BAM Faulds

During an extensive discussion the following points were noted:

Two tests have been carried out but with a limited number of shots and on nothing like the scale of the vents for which permission was sought

Test 1 (with the wind vector against the village) – No sound was heard at the three test sites.

Test 2 (with the wind vector towards the village) – A level of 55dB was recorded at one of the test sites.

It was noted the new owner of Owl's Lodge was not disturbed by either of the two tests, but wishes to object since his property lies 800m from the site and thus well within the 1000m demarcation line. It was noted, further, that some residents of the village did not object to the application. However, as the Parish Council considered that testing is still insufficient, they wish to

OBJECT to the application. Should TVBC approve the application, however, they ask that the Parish Clerk be advised of the dates and times before any shooting is to take place, and that noise levels should never exceed 55dB at the reference sites.

06/02726/FULLN & 06/02733/ LBWN – Erection of first floor extension to form en-suite bathroom and dressing room and alterations to ground floor study/lobby area including new glazed door, window openings and removal of porch, resulting in rebuilt section of single storey roof – Meadow Lawn House, Longparish – Mr & Mrs Frere

Mr Barber, Mr Duxbury and Mrs Jones declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion.

UNANIMOUS DECISION - NO OBJECTION

06/03119/FULLN & 06/03121/LBWN – Erection of new timber external staircase and internal alterations to form en-suite to existing bathroom – Yew Cottage, Longparish – Mr & Mrs Lowry

UNANIMOUS DECISION - NO OBJECTION

06/03065/LBWN – Replacement of three external doors – The Cottage, Longparish – Mr & Mrs J De Watteville

NO OBJECTION with one abstention

06/03118/TREEN – T1 – T7 Cupressus Macracarpa – Fell - Gardener's Cottage, Forton, Mr & Mrs Wade

UNANIMOUS DECISION - NO OBJECTION

06/03157/TREEN – Cypress – reduce in height by 25%; Blue Cypress – cut back leading shoots by 1 metre in height; Ash – pollard as before reducing woody material by 20% - Fellmongers Barn, Southside road, Longparish – Mrs Susan Wiseman

UNANIMOUS DECISION - NO OBJECTION

06/03161/TREEN – Fell 1 Beech tree – Owls Lodge, Forton Lane Forton – C & J Scott

UNANIMOUS DECISION - NO OBJECTION

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

After considerable discussion, it was agreed, unanimously, to

OBJECT under the following headings:

Production of dust; General pollution; Noise; Vehicle movements (some through the village); Short acceleration and deceleration lanes on to the A303; and Working hours.

The Parish Council asked, however, that should HCC think fit to approve this scheme, fines should be imposed for vehicle movements through the village – similar to those in place with Vitacress vehicles.

06/141.2 PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

06/02479?FULLN – Erection of garage at Eastfield House, Forton – **PERMISSION**

06/02110/FULLN – Erection of replacement double garage etc. Brook House Mill Lane, Longparish – **REFUSE** on grounds of size, scale and massing in a highly visible location

06/02480?FULLN & 06/02481/LBWN – Erection of two storey and single extensions etc. Southside farm. Southside Road – **PERMISSION & CONSENT**

06/02452/FULLN – Grain store etc. at Kennedys, Harewood, Longparish – **WITHDRAWN**

06/141.3 SOUTH EAST HOUSING

Mr Johnson reported that this report is now being dealt with at TVBC level, and that no more action is therefore required from the Parish council.

06/141.4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Item already discussed in the Open Forum prior to the Parish Council meeting.

06/142 FINANCE

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

Finance Committee held on 16 October – The minutes had been distributed to members, and Mr Barber highlighted the Committee’s recommendation for a Rolling Action Log. This was agreed, and would be implemented by the Clerk together with the Chairman.

ACTION Clerk & Chairman

A further recommendation to fund a professional improvements survey of the Village Hall, using funds (up to £3k) previously set aside for the Community Hall (no longer required in the current year) was

PROPOSED FINANCE COMMITTEE; SECONDED MR BOURNE AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, THAT UP TO £3000 BE ALLOCATED TO THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE A PROFESSIONAL SURVEY OF IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED.

Mr Duxbury kindly agreed to assist with preparation of a tender invitation, to be sent to prospective expert advisers.

ACTION C Duxbury

Annual Accounts – Noted that the External Auditor has approved the end-of-year accounts for last year.

06/143 **OPEN SPACES**

In the absence of Mrs Sweet, it was reported that:

- Mr Andy Smith is painting the skate ramp.
- Vandals have set fire to the WOK in the playground but it remains in usable condition.
- Joy riders are using the football field as a race track, causing considerable damage. Mr Barber will discuss the problem with Mr Chris Hewitt of Middleton Estate and with the Police via Neighbourhood watch. He will also refer to the point in the Parish Council Hill & Valley report.

ACTION JB

- Mrs Clear reported that a willow tree appears to be growing between garages in North Acre. This will be investigated further by the tree warden.

Action JC to arrange with Mr Darrah, the Tree Warden

06/144 **ROADS & BRIDGES**

Mr Bourne reported that:

- There has been no action, as yet, on repairs to the B3048 at the Eastern end of the village.
- A letter from Mr High was considered. All bridges now have to be built to withstand 40 Tonne loading. However individual bridges can still have an imposed maximum loading restriction, despite their 40 Tonne capability. The three repaired bridges at Upper Mill would be to the new standard but use of the road would be limited by its width and the capacity of the 4th bridge.

Mr Barber reported that:

- The meeting with Mr Milne (HCC Roads) (see minute 06/129) was well attended by representatives of the various interested village groups. Mr Milne agrees that a path between the school and the village hall car park is necessary. He will therefore re-open negotiations with the owner of The Old Rectory, through HCC Legal Department. The School and the Parish Council have been asked to support his approach in writing. If necessary, however, and as a last resort, HCC will apply for a compulsory purchase order.
- It has been noted that the hedge in front of Middleton House has grown back towards the road. Mr Barber will enquire when it will next be cut.

ACTION JB

06/145 FOOTPATHS

- Mrs Clear raised the use by horse riders of footpath 14 which was damaging the surface. Mr Barber will include a request to desist in Hill & Valley reminding riders that horses are not permitted on footpaths. In addition signs will be erected to remind riders that this is not a bridleway.

ACTION JB

06/146 COMMUNICATIONS

A new edition of the Village Directory had been issued to all households with Hill & Valley.

The Community Association was distributing a monthly village events diary to all households for a trial period of three months.

06/147 VILLAGE PLAN AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mr Cooper reported that the Community Association are discussing future activities, and asked for any contributions please.

Mrs Clear asked whether anything can be done for elderly people. She informed the Council that many elderly people have to go to Barton Stacey for appropriate activities, as there is nothing for them in Longparish. Any ideas please!

Noted that the next Film Show is on Thursday 23 November.

06/148 SCHOOL/PLAYGROUP AND COMMUNITY PROJECT

Nothing to report

06/149 VILLAGE HALL

Nothing further to note.

06/150 CORRESPONDENCE

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

06/151 DATES OF MEETINGS, EVENTS AND ANY OTHER REPORTS

Mr Bourne gave a short report of the TVAPC meeting held on 9 November 2006.

The location for the next meeting of the Parish Council was discussed, following a proposal that it should return to the village hall. In the absence of figures about marginal costs, Councillors were concerned that the Parish Council's use of the Community Hall is a burden on school funds. It was resolved that the Parish

Council will move back to the Village Hall committee room, as a trial, for the December meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will, therefore take place in the meeting room of the Village Hall on 10 December 2006

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

06/152 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 23.20

APPENDIX 1

Financial Report for period from 3-Oct-06 to 13-Nov-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	0.00
Bank Interest	0	0		0.00	0.00
Cemetery fees	132	608	250	276.00	36.00
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
TOTAL	17,089	21,420	18,855	16312.00	36.00

Expenditure					
Clerks Pay/Expenses	1,720	1,712	1,900	1043.25	50.00
General Admin	1,653	1,755	2,000	1535.22	0.00
Elections	0	0		0.00	0.00
Open spaces	6,030	6,098	6,650	4372.06	1484.77
Communications	609	677	1,480	291.67	93.75
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		218.27	127.40
TOTAL	16,630	22,917	23,680	12589.42	1755.92

Transfer from HCC investment			3,000	
Closing Bank Balance	6508	5,011	3,186	8733.54

Invested with HCC					
At start	34007	40,634	42,403	42402.62	
Add Interest	1628	1,768	1,400	922.66	0.00
Transfers from (- to) bank	5000	0	-3,000	0.00	0.00
At finish	40634	42,403	40,803	43325.28	

Cheques drawn in Period

Date	Cheque	To	For	Gross	VAT	Net
9-Oct-06	719	Hill & Valley	Magazine	93.75		93.75
9-Oct-06	720	Paul Knipe	Grass cutting	552.25		552.25
9-Oct-06	721	Southern Electric	Car Park Lighting	12.84		12.84
9-Oct-06	722	Clive Kent	Grass cutting	180.00		180.00
9-Oct-06	723	PH Jarrett	Home as Office	50.00		50.00
9-Oct-06	724	Playsafety Ltd	Inspection fees	96.28	12.60	83.68
9-Oct-06	725	Iain Morgan	Skate ramp repairs	770.80	114.80	656.00

APPENDIX 2

Correspondence: 5 October – 11 November 2006

Received

	FROM	SUBJECT
1	HCC	Street Lighting PFI
2	Hants Fire & Rescue Service	Disability Equality Scheme Consultation
3	HCC	Road No. B3048 at Longparish
4	TVBC	Missing Waste bin at Forton Bus Stop
5	Audit Commission	Query on Audit
6	HCC	Copier Paper Prices
7	Sit Anthony Tennant	Owl's Farm Planning Application
8	Hants Fire & Rescue Service	IRMP Extra leaflet – ANY INTEREST??
9	TVBC Mayor	Two minutes silence
10	TVBC	Andover Vision – 'It's our time'
11	TVBC	Housing Strategy update
12	AJ Wells	Vitreous Enamel Parish Council Signage
13	Mr Alan High	Weight Limit on Upper Mill Bridge
14	HCC	Delegated fund
15	TVBC	LDF Informal Consultation 13 Nov – 18 Dec
16	HCC	Transport Forum – Test Valley Passenger transport Review
17	Proludic	Play equipment seminars
18	AD Clark	Grounds Maintenance
19	TVBC	Review of Street Cleaning Services
20	HAPTC	Calor Village of the Year entries
21	Highways Agency	Roadworks – journey planner
22	Freida Gumn	Village Developments
23	Countryside alliance	Keep your Post Office campaign

Sent

Nothing to report this month