

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LONGPARISH PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE
HALL ON 11 DECEMBER 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	Mr M Lampard

Also present Mr P Jarrett (Clerk), Cllr J Neal (part), Mrs C Sweet, Mrs F Gould, Ms R Watson, Mr N Jackson, Mr T Bettell & Mr N Marsden

06/153 APOLOGIES

As all members were present, there were no apologies for absence.

**06/154 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
13 NOVEMBER 2006**

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

06/155 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON CURRENT AGENDA

Mrs Jones was concerned at what she thought might be a cancer cluster. Mr Barber will find out the appropriate authority to report her concern to.

ACTION JB

06/156 PLANNING

06/156.1 CURRENT APPLICATIONS

06/03419/FULLN – Creation of a lake for trout fishing – Longparish house, Longparish – Mr Robin Kelton

Concerns were expressed over traffic egress through the village during extraction of spoil. The potential for future development of the lake also gave cause for concern; in particular councillors wanted guarantees that fish would never be fed artificially; and that the lake would always be stocked with sterile fish.

UNANIMOUS DECISION was to lodge an **OBJECTION**. However, the objection would be withdrawn if satisfactory assurances could be given on the above two factors.

06/03437/CLEN – Certificate of lawfulness – for existing use as caravan/mobile home used as primary living accommodation – Testwood Trout Farm, Mill Lane, Longparish – Mr Nigel Jackson

Noted that Mr R Bourne declared a non-pecuniary interest, but opted to stay for the discussion.

The sole point for resolution was the length of time the caravan had been in continuous residential use on the site. If it proved to have been in place for more than ten years, a Lawful Development Certificate (LDC) will be issued by TVBC, permitting its continuous use. Some members doubted its presence for this period of time, but Mr Jackson, who had been invited to speak by the Chairman, was certain that it had been in place over this time.

It was agreed that any letters, either supporting or opposing the application, would be submitted to the Chairman, who would collate them and submit a single response to TVBC on the subject. No further action could be taken at this stage.

ACTION ALL & JB

06/03396/FULLN– Erection of conservatory to side – 59 North Acre, Longparish – Mr & Mrs Lewis

UNANIMOUS DECISION - NO OBJECTION

06/03372/TREEN – Removal of one Laurel – Forton House, Forton Longparish

UNANIMOUS DECISION - NO OBJECTION

TVN.09275 – Outline – Erection of 1200 residential units, community facilities, education, retail, offices, recreational areas and associated highway works (amended application boundary) – Land at Picket Twenty, Andover

UNANIMOUS DECISION - NO OBJECTION

06/156.2 **PREVIOUS TVBC DECISIONS**

06/2891/TREEN – Lower crown raise etc. Malus Transitoria; dead wood and remove limbs Acer Negundo Variegatum – Tile House, Longparish - **NO OBJECTION**

06/02283/FULLN – Provision of parking area – Private use of 5 Station Road – Land adjacent to End Cottage, Longparish Road, South Harewood – **PERMISSION**

06/156.3 FEEDBACK ON FORTON HOUSE AND OWL'S LODGE

06/02821/FULLN & 06/02804/LBWN - The viewing group were happy with the application for Forton House, and lodged **NO OBJECTION**

06/02968/VARN – TVBC Northern Area Planning decided to allow an extra year to enable further noise tests to be made but this Owl's Lodge application has now been referred to the TVBC Planning Control Committee (12/12/2006) for a final decision. Messrs Barber and Johnson will attend to present the Council's view that further testing should be carried out in accordance with the recommended procedure of the Chartered Institute of Environmental health.

ACTION JB and MJ

06/157 PARISH PLAN INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Parish Plan

Mrs Gould submitted her report to the Council (see Appendix 1). She believes that the Groups had been a 'stunning success', and were to be complimented.

Affordable Housing

Mr Johnson reported that the exhibition had been very helpful in disseminating the details of the plan, and had been attended by over 160 residents. A meeting had been held with TVBC Housing and Planning experts.

He summarised the report of the Housing Group, which is appended to these minutes and on the village web site, In particular, he emphasised that the Housing Group, in response to concerns raised in consultation has dropped the idea of a second phase and will support twelve affordable houses and up to six commercial dwellings **only**.

Affordable Housing - Discussion including comments from parishioners

Mr Marsden, felt that there is a 'degree of arrogance' exhibited by the Housing Group, in their apparent belief that 'they know best what is needed for the village'. He challenged the real 'need' for affordable housing, and compared it with the common cold – everyone wants a cure!

Mr Johnson replied that meeting need is National and local government policy. The housing needs survey is accepted by TVBC as evidence of need.

Mrs Gould added that in order to get on to the TVBC housing list for such properties, an applicant has to have a close connection with the village. There are

twenty-one households on the housing register, some of whom have been waiting since 2002.

It was noted that:

1. It is not up to the Housing Group to assess community support – this is a TVBC Planning issue.
2. TVBC will be reviewing potential sites taking account of concerns raised in consultation and will explain the policy and discuss possible community gains with landowners.
3. If there is a planning application, TVBC will make the final decision taking into consideration the views all interested parties.
4. Applications for any resulting development are likely to come from a landowner, a Housing Association, or a builder.

Mr Barber noted the need for ‘experts’ at the Open Forum planned at a later stage. It was agreed to have an independent moderator. It was further agreed that it would be sensible to hold the open forum after the outcome of the discussions between TVBC and landowners was known.

Finally, the Council agreed to meet costs relating to the exhibition, and data protection registration and to fund costs for future consultation including the Open Forum.

The Chairman closed the subject at this point, after one hour and twenty minutes of discussion.

06/158 **FINANCE**

Monthly Account Summary - The Financial Summary for the last month was reported by the Clerk (Appendix 2).

Finance Bids – Mr Barber reminded committee Chairmen that their bids for the next financial year (07/08) were needed prior to the Finance Committee meeting on 4 January.

06/159 **OPEN SPACES**

Mrs Sweet said that thanks were due to the twelve people who participated in the Clean-Up Day. Other items would be deferred to the Open Spaces committee meeting which she would arrange shortly.

Mr Barber reported that the police would welcome information about vehicles ‘doughnutting’ on the football field. They supported the proposal to bar entrance to the field by the positioning of the heavy roller in the gateway, provided adequate and prominent notices to this effect were erected.

06/160 **ROADS & BRIDGES**

North Acre

Mrs Clear reported that disability scooter users were having difficulties with a car parked on, or overlapping, a footpath in North Acre. Mr Dewbury agreed to speak directly to the resident responsible.

ACTION C Dewbury

Southside Hill

Noted that the Testbourne school bus is setting down and picking up children at incorrect points, rather than the specified locations. This is dangerous to the children, as some are alighting in the centre of the road, rather than at the edge.

Middleway

Reported that some parts of the road surface are breaking up. Mr Bourne will investigate further.

ACTION RB

Upper Mill Bridge

Noted that Mr High had drawn attention to a possibility of the removal of weight/width limits over the upper mill bridge, since the reconstruction of the other bridges on the road to EU standards. Mr Bourne reported that he is expecting a letter from HCC Highways, detailing their restriction proposals for this stretch of road.

Wherwell Road

Reported that the sharp bend in this road, just past Longparish Station' is a hazard to children on bicycles– there are many fast moving vehicles along this section of road.

06/161 **FOOTPATHS**

A Footpaths Committee meeting will be held towards the end of January to discuss the footpaths leaflet for which funding is now available.

ACTION ML to arrange

Mr Barber will attend the footpaths forum in Romsey.

ACTION JB

06/162 **TRANSPORT**

Mr Harris distributed copies of his transport report, which will be in Hill & Valley.

He reported that HCC have a 'delegated fund' for small scale transport projects. Any suggestions for possible projects would be welcomed.

06/163 COMMUNICATIONS

Mr Barber proposed a repeat of the 'New Villagers' event, early in 2007. This was agreed unanimously.

06/164 SCHOOL/PLAYGROUP

Mrs Mehaffey had submitted a report to Mr Barber. The principle points were:

1. There will be a male teacher in the school for the next couple of terms.
2. The lime tree by the entrance to the school had to be taken down on the order of TVBC, for Health and Safety reasons.
3. The school is not yet ready to share the costings of the Community Hall, because of uncertainties in the utilities bills.

06/165 VILLAGE HALL

Mr Duxbury is seeking tenders for a detailed survey of the Village Hall. Noted that three tenders are necessary if the project is over £1000.

Three estimates have been received for improvements to lighting. It will cost around £800. Agreed that the Council will pay for the work and contribute £500 with the village hall committee funding the excess.

06/166 CORRESPONDENCE

A summary of correspondence was presented by the Clerk, and is attached as Appendix 3.

06/167 DATES OF MEETINGS, EVENTS AND ANY OTHER REPORTS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the Ellicock Room of the Community Hall on 8 January 2007.

06/168 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.45.

APPENDIX 1

Parish Plan Implementation – progress report 11/12/06

Key Proposals	Progress to date	Future plans
<p>Establish a Community Association to provide support services to individuals and organisations within Longparish, for instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be a source of information and an active communicator about resources, services and activities of value to people in the village • To help co-ordinate activities involving more than one organisation • To help match volunteers to needs within the village • To provide information about and encourage the use and protection of our footpath network and public open spaces such as the nature reserve, play-park and football field. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCA inaugurated at public meeting in January 2006 and registered and operational May 2006. • Activities organised to date include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moviola shows once per month ○ Walks ○ Coffee mornings ○ L2SOTM ○ Christmas quiz ○ Midsummer fun event • Communications activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Items every month in Hill and Valley ○ Events diary – all local events on pin-up-able insert to H&V 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing appropriate support services for the elderly in the village • Supporting Paul Knipe and the conservation group • Continue to support and subsidise KidzZone and develop volunteer training programme
<p>Set up a Youth Group and a programme of activities for 12-18 year olds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KidzZone started in June 2006. Sessions every other Wednesday evening in the village hall. • 2 sessions outside the village organised so far • 12 - 25 youngsters an evening on average • Dodgeball, board games, tuckshop • Have received a pool table, a football table and a comfy sofa. • Child protection policy in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring funding opportunities to support training of adult volunteers (first aid, conflict management etc)
<p>Actively support and encourage the long-term success of our existing facilities, particularly the school, play group, shop and post office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCA has an account with the shop and buys the vast majority of food and drink for LCA events there. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Housing proposal is partly a reflection of this active support – though recognising there is no simple way of guaranteeing success • Through the LCA, we will continue to explore every opportunity for the support of our facilities

<p>Work to achieve village support for some small, mixed housing development to provide affordable accommodation and small houses that might meet the needs of older villagers wishing to move to a smaller more manageable home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next step will be a Housing Needs Survey and there will be further consultation with the village should the need be confirmed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing needs survey completed by CAH Housing Group has developed a proposal that is now in the consultation process See separate report 	
<p>Actively support the proposals in the School Travel Plan including improving the safety of the stretch of road between the village hall and the school by way of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building a pavement joining the village hall car park to the school 20mph school zone speed limit School flashing warning signs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School flashing warning signs in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Hampshire Highways continues to find a solution to the pavement issue We will continue to press for a 20mph limit, but it is not looking good at present.
<p>Work with the relevant authorities to improve safety in other parts of the village by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement of the existing speed limit Extension of the speed limited areas, particularly Forton to The Middleway and Southside Hill to The Common Exploring traffic calming measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having done speed testing on the Forton/Middleway section, the authorities do not see a requirement for a speed limit We are still exploring traffic calming measures that do not go against our wish to prevent ‘urbanisation’ We will continue to put pressure on the authorities to assess speed on Southside Hill – The Common 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are awaiting with interest the results of the experiment in Stockbridge with community speed cameras and will make a bid to become involved in the next stages if it proves a success We will be actively monitoring any affordable housing development to ensure road safety is not compromised
<p>Continue to liaise with local businesses to reduce the problems with large lorries getting lost or driving too fast through the village</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited activity on this to date

<p>Explore the possibility of creating an all-weather surface for the footpath from North Acre, past the football pitch to the village hall</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are certain grant bodies who may be prepared to fund this sort of project• The idea is on the draft list of community-beneficial projects that could form part of any affordable housing development
<p>Work with relevant groups and individuals in the village to protect the beauty and rural nature of Longparish whilst responding to the changing needs of the village community over time</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members of the Parish Plan implementation group are now on the Open Spaces committee and actively supporting the proposals through the Parish Council	

APPENDIX 2
Longparish Parish Council Financial Report
Period from 13-Nov-06 to 11-Dec-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	2643.00	2403.00
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	18679.00	2403.00

Expenditure					
Clerks Pay/Expenses	1,720	1,712	1,900	1043.25	0.00
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	4592.06	220.00
Communications	609	677	1,480	291.67	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	190.00	190.00
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	0.00
TOTAL	16,630	22,917	23,680	12999.42	410.00

Transfer from HCC investment			3,000	
Closing Bank Balance	6508	5,011	3,186	10690.54

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 this month

Date	Cheque	To	For	Gross	VAT	Net
13-Nov-06	726	Clive Kent	Grass cutting	180.00		180.00
13-Nov-06	727	M J Darrah	Handbook & copying	155.10		155.10
13-Nov-06	727	M J Darrah	Leaflets	34.90		34.90
13-Nov-06	727	R Bourne	Pest control	40.00		40.00

APPENDIX 3

Longparish Parish Council Correspondence: 11 November – 11 December 2006

Received

	FROM	SUBJECT
1	Chancellor Foreman	Fire Regulations Newsletter
2	Long Run Ltd	Risk Assessment & Risk Management training
3	HAPTC	Clerks Model Form of Contract to be revised January 2007
4	HAPTC	Local Government White Paper – What does it mean for Parish/Town Councils
5	HAPTC	Insurance for Local Councils – Norwich Union
6	HCC	Test Valley Transport Forum – change of date
7	TVBA	Test Valley Business Awards leaflets
8	TVBC Mayor	Holocaust Memorial Day service – 27 January 2007 – St Mary's Andover
9	HCC	'Caption' leaflet, and Parish Paths Poll results
10	HMR&C	Notification of £100 cash reward for On-Line Annual Tax Returns
11	Mott MacDonald	Route Manager newsletter
12	HCC	Hampshire Now Magazines
13	CPRE	Fieldwork magazine
14	TVBC	Owl's Lodge – notification of Planning Control Committee – 12 Dec 2006
15	Oliver Coleman	Felling of Lime Tree

Sent

	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
1	J Barber	Lucy Page - TVBC	Objection to Owl's Lodge proposed changes
2	Clerk	HCC	Objection to Waste Disposal Site Application
3	J Barber	Lucy Page	Holding Objection to Forton House Application

APPENDIX 4

Report from the Housing Group for Parish Council Meeting 11 December 2006

1. Since the last Parish Council meeting there has been an Exhibition in the Village Hall, 5 members of the Group attended a meeting with senior members of the TVBC Planning and Housing departments and the Group has met to review consultation feedback.

Exhibition on 28 November

2. The Exhibition - chosen as an early consultation event in order to provide background information in a complex subject area - was attended by over 160 people from the village many of whom completed feedback forms. The presentation is now published on the web site for those who could not attend and a hard copy is available in the village shop.
3. The written feedback will also shortly be available on the web site in non attributable format with comments from the group. We plan also to publish responses to frequently asked questions.

Meeting with TVBC planning department on 29 November

4. The meeting was attended by Jeremy Barber, Mary Jo Darrah, Cheryl Dowler, Fiona Gould and Mike Johnson from the Housing Group. TVBC officers at the meeting included Steve Lees, Maddy Winter and Graham Smith from the Planning Department together with Pat Brooks and Alison Whitehead from the Housing Department.
5. This was a meeting we had requested in order to be able to respond in more detail to some of the questions prominent in the village consultation. At the same time we also provided feedback on the consultation process so far and this led into a discussion of some of the concerns that have been expressed as well as the future consultation programme.
6. Graham Smith is producing a set of meeting minutes for approval. However the following is a summary of our record of some of the key points in the meeting.

Sites

7. The TVBC officers advised that they had some concerns about two of the three initial sites (The Spinney and the Football Field) due to road access and tree issues. This tied in with comments from villagers in the previous day's exhibition. In addition, the Group reported some concerns had been raised about drainage on the Zurich site. The Group passed over the map from the exhibition with villagers' input on alternative sites, and asked for a speedy response on the sites identified by green dots at the exhibition and on the 3 sites initially identified. Steve Lees warned that exploring alternatives needed to be treated carefully, as this could stall forward progress. He would be discussing alternative sites with landowners.
8. Subsequent to this meeting, the TVBC officers have responded to the 21 potential sites identified on the exhibition map. They were not able to support 15 of these, which leaves six new potential sites adjoining North Acre for which they are consulting colleagues. Apart from these, officers had concluded that "of the 8 initial sites and following consultation within TVBC the site with the least constraints is south of North Acre (i.e. the Zurich site)". They concluded, however, that, "mitigation will be required to satisfy constraints/concerns of officers".

Rural Exceptions policy ESNO6

9. This is a new policy that became part of the new Local Plan in August this year. There has been no application yet within Test Valley under this policy. It is also a complex policy involving community and landowner in an unusual mix. Because the interpretation of the policy is still evolving within both the planning department and the Council. We asked for clarification of a) how community support will be determined, b) how the economics of "community gain" work and c) how is the economic relationship between the affordable housing element and the market housing element to be determined.

Community support

10. In their commentary on ESN06 (at paragraph 6.3.43) TVBC say that, “The extent of public involvement and support will be important considerations in assessing its merits.” This is what led us to say in our leaflet about the Exhibition that the project will “only go ahead if the village supports it”.
11. When it came to the issue of demonstrating village support for the development, the Housing Group asked the TVBC officers who would be making the decision that the requirement of ESN06 for community support had been demonstrated, and what criteria would be applied. The Officers replied that their statutory planning responsibilities meant that TVBC is required to be the final arbiter of community support and this is not a decision that can be made within the village. They will take into account all representations and the consultation processes followed by Longparish. They encouraged the village to follow as open a process as possible, encouraging a rigorous debate. The Exhibition and the proposed Open Forum were seen as good examples of this.
12. The Housing Group agreed to make this process of measuring community support clear in its report to the Parish Council. The Housing Group undertook to provide TVBC with all the completed feedback documents and open letters that we receive during the consultation process and to ensure that the process of consultation is as wide and engaging of all villagers as possible. The Housing Group will also encourage villagers to additionally make representations directly to TVBC.

Economics of Community gain.

13. The Officers explained that the policy is designed so that villages share significantly in the financial benefits of the sale of the ‘open market housing’ by providing investment for the kind of village facilities and amenities that are likely to support the sustainability of the village community.

The Relationship between Affordable and Open Market houses

14. They also clarified that the policy is driven by the need for affordable housing within a village community, something the Housing Group agrees with wholeheartedly. The open market housing element is there in order to provide some financial incentive to the landowner to release land which would otherwise not be made available and to enable significant community gain within the overall scheme.
15. The financial incentive to the landowner is therefore a function of the number and plot sizes of the open market houses and the split with the ‘community gain’ element. The Housing Group has agreed that we should only support a development within our recommendation for 12 Affordable homes of up to 6 open market houses and believes there could be an opportunity for this number of open market houses to be reduced.
16. The Officers accepted these points and explained that the detailed negotiation around these splits would be conducted between TVBC and a landowner.

Review of Consultation process

17. We explained that our assessment of village support at this stage is that there is a spread of views including a) those that strongly support, b) those that are opposed to any development whatsoever and c) others who accept the principle of providing affordable homes within the village against an identified need but who also have concerns about specific sites or other issues.
18. We described 5 areas of concern that had been expressed by some in the village including
 - whether the housing need has been demonstrated,
 - scale of development ,
 - visual impact on the village,
 - ensuring that now and in the future the occupants have a strong village connection and
 - whether we could limit further development and “planning creep”
19. The responses from the planners included:

20. The Housing Needs Survey is a well-proven objective method of determining housing need within a community. Survey methods are nationally agreed and follow questions set out by DEFRA. Put together with the current Housing Register numbers (21 with a Longparish connection) there is clear evidence of housing need in the village, according to TVBC, which has the statutory responsibility for determining housing need.
21. Maddy Winter acknowledged that the only way to fully ensure that new affordable homes would go to those with a local connection is to deliberately constrain supply within forecasts of demand for affordable housing. This means building fewer than the 23 on the housing needs survey. The view of the professional planners was that a development of 12 affordable houses plus the minimum number of market houses needed to deliver those units was the best way forward to meet affordable housing need in Longparish in a way that gained community support
22. We explained that there will be an 'Open Forum' meeting in January or February as a further step in the consultation process. The Officers suggested that we consider an external moderator to facilitate this meeting and that we should ask subject experts to attend to respond to technical questions. We agreed.
23. The TVBC officers asked for a list of the principles which should be taken into account in negotiations and the areas where the community could gain. The group agreed to provide these items, taking account of consultation so far.

Housing Group meeting 3 December

24. The meeting considered both the comments and advice from TVBC and the feedback from the village consultation so far.
25. The Housing Group has agreed to recommend a development limited to 12 affordable homes plus the minimum number and up to a maximum of 6 market houses. The Housing Group has therefore rejected the idea of a second phase in the project. In the light of feedback from consultation and our discussions with TVBC, we consider that a project on this modest scale will address local need whilst at the same time ensuring that the affordable homes go only to local people.
26. The Housing Group also agreed to advise TVBC that in any discussions it conducts with landowners that the village priority is to secure the land for 12 units of affordable housing, and to limit the number of market houses to the number below six that were needed to secure the affordable housing, whilst maximising the size of the community gain.
27. The group considered the list of principles and community gains requested by the TVBC officers. The current draft is attached - Annexe B.
28. The Housing Group welcome the many constructive contributions villagers have made, both in writing and in discussions. It was decided to publish
 - The Exhibition material (now done with links to some external supporting information)
 - all comments from the exhibition anonymously
 - 'open letters', having sought the permission of the authors
 - Housing Group minutes.
 - The information we have been given about the current housing list (copy attached as an Annexe) We will continue to meet with individuals of groups of people who wish to discuss the issues.
29. With regard to the 'Open Forum' it was decided to seek an outside Moderator with expertise in this field and to invite a panel of subject specialists.
30. Finally, The Housing Group members have incurred minor costs relating to the printing of the exhibition leaflet, and data protection registration and will also incur some costs for future consultation including the Open Forum. The group therefore seek the authority of the Parish Council for

reimbursement of these expenses from the £3,000 allocated in the parish council budget for Parish Plan implementation.

Annexe A

TVHOMES APPLICANTS FOR LONGPARISH AS AT 28/11/2006

Couples/singles = 6

Dates applied;

2/02

10/03

10/04

7/05

1/06

3/04

2 bed families = 5

Dates applied;

4/04

11/04

4/06

4/06

9/06

3 bed families = 4

Dates applied;

9/02

11/04

5/06

5/06

Elderly = 6

Dates applies;

10/03 (*couple*)

10/04 (*single*)

12/04 (*single*)

7/05 (*couple*)

6/06 (*couple*)

9/06 (*couple*)

All of the above applicants are registered with TVHomes and have a local connection with the village of Longparish.

Annexe B

Longparish Housing Group- "Principles"

5 Dec 06

We have a number of principles that should be applied under ESNO6 to any negotiations with landowners, housing associations, developers and/or planners:

Our principles are to ensure that:

- The size and scale of the proposed development will be modest, and not provide either the opportunity or the excuse for any subsequent development of either affordable or open market housing. Any such future development would have to be assessed on its own merits.
- The development will consist of not more than 12 affordable homes. Open market units are to be included in the development only so far as is needed to ensure that land is made available for the affordable units and to fund community benefits.
- The proportion of open market units will always be one third **or less** of the total number of housing units [ie maximum 6 commercial to 12 affordable, one third of the total of 18 homes]. This is a ceiling; the number should be as low as possible to secure the land needed for the affordable housing.
- The affordable housing is not anticipated as being able to meet all those with a local connection in housing need, but the smaller scale should mean these remain "village homes for village people", as far as is legally possible.
- The commercial and affordable units should be on the same site in location, rather than segregated, and incorporate green spaces, gardens and parking spaces compatible with its rural setting.
- The affordable housing units will include a diversity of accommodation, including flats, small houses and family accommodation.
- The open market homes should be in scale with the affordable units; that is, to cater for smaller family sizes and have no more than three bedrooms. We also look to this housing to appeal to older Longparish residents wishing to "downsize" from family accommodation to smaller premises.
- The tenure arrangements will ensure that the affordable stock is protected from "right to buy" and physical expansion through extensions as much as is legal.
- The Housing Group will have a direct role in the negotiations with housing associations, developers and builders, and will ensure that consultation with the village on these matters is delivered.
- In particular, villagers will be consulted on the proposed design and materials, which should be compliant with the Village Design Statement, in addition to any formal planning approvals by the Parish Council and TVBC.
- The development will be constructed and capable of being maintained on as sustainable a basis as is possible, in line with carbon-neutral and environmentally friendly practices, such as higher than minimum energy efficiency and water conservation standards. Any additional pressure on existing village utilities (eg water, sewage, electricity, telephone) that arise from the development will be met by the development.

Longparish Housing Group- "Community Benefits"

The chief community benefit is the provision of affordable housing to meet the need of those with a local connection to the village. Other benefits sought as a result of the development include

Important benefits that will significantly improve the quality of village life

- The purchase of land to provide a village green and pond to serve as a village amenity and open space, in keeping with the rural character of the village. This area may also include space for a relocated children's playground, depending on the site chosen for development. This land will be owned by the Parish Council.
- Construction of a multi-purpose community unit, capable of providing a small meeting room, a social area (eg for coffee), and the capacity to serve as a shop should the current village shop be closed. There is, however, an express guarantee that this facility will never be developed as a shop

in competition with the current village shop.

- The construction of an all-weather spinal footpath from North Acre to the school with links to the development site.
- A contribution to the refurbishment of the Village Hall.

Other benefits that will improve the quality of village life

- A number of solutions to current parking problems within the village.
- Construction of facilities to support the village football field, eg changing rooms and an equipment store.
- Community mini-bus to help transportation problems.