

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE ELLICOCK ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY HALL
ON 12 FEBRUARY 2007 AT 19.30**

PRESENT

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

Also present Mr P Jarrett (Clerk), Cllr J Neal (part), Mr Glenn Curtis (Hampshire Police) and Mrs Vera Hughes (Chair – TVBC Standards Committee).

Local Policing

Prior to the start of the formal meeting, the Chairman introduced Sgt. Glenn Curtis from Hampshire Constabulary, who had kindly offered to report on changes in local policing.

Sgt. Curtis reported on the changes to local policing structure, which had been introduced on 29th January 2007. Sgt Curtis is the Patrol Sergeant, and he has six officers at his command, all of whom now operate out of Stockbridge Police Station. The station is manned by three personnel on each day, and two officers in the evenings.

In addition, a total of fifteen Community Support Officers (CSOs) are currently undergoing training, three of whom are to be based at Stockbridge. Any individual village is unlikely to require a full-time CSO, so they will operate on a part-time basis in each village in the area. Sgt Curtis will allocate CSOs to villages, as needed on a day-to-day basis.

Sgt. Curtis manages the whole operation, with PC Richard Jewell as the main point of contact for Longparish. Fast response vehicles will be employed as required. Whilst Sgt. Curtis operates the Community Policing for the area, there is also a Technical Team which operates over the whole area.

Mr Bourne asked Sgt Curtis whether the response of Parish Councils at the Kings Somborne meeting had any input to this revised staffing position. However, Sgt. Curtis replied that the whole operation had been Home Office led, but that he hoped that local police leadership had provided valuable input to that decision.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Curtis, who told members that he would be very happy to attend meetings in the future, if invited. This offer was gratefully accepted.

The Chairman then welcomed, and introduced Ms Vera Hughes, who is an Independent Member, and Chairman of, TVBC Standards Committee.

Ms Hughes told members that her visit was purely 'tutorial', as she is attempting to discover for herself 'how local government works'! She said that this is her first Parish Council meeting, and that she is here to 'listen'.

07/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr T Cooper, Mrs Catherine Sweet and Mrs Helen MeHaffey (Chair of School Governors).

07/18 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 8 JANUARY 2007

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

07/19 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON CURRENT AGENDA

Cancer Clusters – Mr Barber has advised Mrs Jones of the appropriate Cancer Clusters authority.

07/20 PLANNING

07/20.1 CURRENT APPLICATIONS

07/00032/FULLN – Convert redundant stable block into additional bedroom and living accommodation for Riverbarn Cottage (revised scheme) – River Barn, Southside Road, Longparish – Mr D Pretty

UNANIMOUS DECISION – NO OBJECTION

07/00326/TREEN – Removal of low branches on Lime, 2x Acer, Chestnut trees – Longmead House, Longparish – Mr J Ellicock

UNANIMOUS DECISION – NO OBJECTION

07/00238/TPON – Fell 2x Ash and re-coppice Alder – Juniper House, Southside Road, Longparish – Mr G Healey

UNANIMOUS DECISION – NO OBJECTION

07/00081/TREEN – Walnut tree – reduce limb and branch by 3m, Crown clean by 20% and remove hanging limb – East Aston house, Mill House Lane, Longparish – Mrs Thompson

UNANIMOUS DECISION – NO OBJECTION

07/20.2 REPORT ON EARLIER TVBC APPLICATIONS

06/03396/FULLN– Erection of conservatory to side – 59 North Acre, Longparish –
PERMISSION

06/03419/FULLN– Creation of a lake for trout fishing – Longparish House –
WITHDRAWN

06/03437/CLEN – Certificate of lawfulness – for existing use as caravan/mobile home used as primary living accommodation – Testwood Trout Farm, Mill Lane, Longparish – **NOT ISSUE CERTIFICATE**

07/20.3 MR JACKSON’S FISHING GROUND UPDATE

As note in 07/20.2 above, a Certificate of Lawfulness had not been issued in respect of the caravan on the fishing ground site. Cllr Neal advised that TVBC Enforcement Officer is now to investigate, and Mr Jackson and Mr Barber also agreed to draft a letter to the Enforcement Officer to be sent on behalf of the Parish Council.

ACTION MJ & JB

07/20.4 TVBC PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE ON OWL’S LODGE

As decided at the last meeting, the Clerk sent a formal letter to the Council’s Legal Officer, from the Parish Council, voicing the Parish Council’s concern. Nothing further to report.

07/21 PARISH PLAN

07/21.1 Community Association –

Noted that the AGM of the Community Association is to be held in April. Date TBA [later confirmed as Tuesday 10 April].

07/21.2 Affordable Housing

Following the exhibition 21 sites had been suggested. From these TVBC planners have identified one new site (site 14 on the map) has been identified as possible, adjacent to North Acre. However access would be required through the land of neighbouring owners. There is no access from the B3048.

Noted that the TVBC planners consider that the Football Field and the ‘Middleton Spinney’ sites, with access from Sugar Lane, are not suitable.. That left the possibility of access to those sites from the Middleway. Subject to that, only two sites are still in the running – one of the original (the Zurich site) and one new (site 14).

Noted that Mr Barber is to have a meeting with Middleton Estate on the 13th February to discuss the developments. [Note – that meeting confirmed that the Football Field and The Spinney are ruled out, including with the possibility of access from the Middleway]

Mr Barber reported that he had spoken with Mr Tony Holmes regarding lettings policy, and they had both met with TVBC to discuss the position. For the past two years, applicants have only been given priority for housing if they are Longparish residents. Bungalows on North Acre are offered initially to elderly or disabled Longparish residents, and only if there are no such applicants are they offered more widely to people with ground floor needs. Mr Barber will prepare a more detailed note on this subject.

ACTION JB

Mr Dewbury reported that the Open forum planning meeting had been very amicable, open, and well balanced. The Independent Facilitator appeared to operate very effectively. Mr Harris reported that a formal document is to be prepared, but noted that this work could take a considerable period of time.

07/21.3 Noted that Fiona Gould and David Bidwell are to address the Test Valley Conference on Parish Plans, to be held on 28th March 2007.

07/22 **FINANCE**

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

07/23 **OPEN SPACES**

- Dog Restrictions – Mr Bourne told the meeting that he is very much against the placing of Dog Fouling notices – he considers that there are too many notices already! In his opinion ‘education’ and the personal approach is all that is needed. The suggested ‘Red’ areas, in which dogs are not to be permitted, are the Church; the Cemetery; the Playground and the School. On a vote, this list was approved with 5 votes For and 1 Against. It was agreed unanimously that no areas of the village would be designated as ‘Orange’.
- Noted that the Forton Bus Shelter roof has been repaired.
- Noted also that a letter had been sent to the owner regarding the safety of a sycamore tree at Woodbury House.

07/24 **ROADS & BRIDGES**

Noted that HCC are pumping effluent into tankers 24/7, at St Mary Bourne.

Speed Signs – Following receipt of a Bulletin from TVAPC, Mr Bourne had done some research. 20mph restrictions cannot be placed on roads with ‘*strategic function*’. This definition requires clarification. The Parish Council would support 20mph speed restriction around the school

Mrs Clear reported that fencing is ‘approaching the road’ on Southside Hill; however, as it is still on the owners land no action is possible.

07/25 **FOOTPATHS**

Noted that the pavement in North Acre is still very uneven in places. Mrs Clear and Mr Barber will make a site visit

ACTION JC and JB

07/26 **TRANSPORT**

Mr Harris reported that the school bus is now stopping at the Plough, and that the Sparsholt bus is using Southside during the road works on the A34.

07/27 COMMUNICATIONS

The date for the next New Villagers event has been changed to 27th March 2007.

07/28 SCHOOL/PLAYGROUP

Mrs MeHaffey sent her apologies. The Chairman understood that a new list of hire charges has been prepared for the hall, and this will be published shortly. The Chairman will report back to Mrs MeHaffey on the shortcomings of the Ellicock Room, which was both noisy and draughty during the meeting until the heating went off at 9.30.

07/29 VILLAGE HALL

Mr Duxbury expected to receive the three tenders for a survey of the hall shortly. A sub-committee, comprising Mr Duxbury, Mrs Jones, Mr Barber, Mrs Snowden and Mrs Goodliffe, was appointed to take a decision on the successful consultant after all tenders have been received.

07/30 PARISH ELECTIONS

The Chairman urged as many people as possible to consider standing for membership of the Parish Council at the election in May. He suggested an 'information weekday evening' in March. It was agreed (subject to availability of space) to hold an informal gathering at The Cricketers on Tuesday 20 March from 7.30 to 9.

07/31 CORRESPONDENCE

A summary of correspondence was presented by the Clerk, and is attached as Appendix 2. Mr Harris will prepare a note for Hill & Valley regarding pensioners' transport allowances.

ACTION PH

07/32 STANDARDS BOARD

The Chairman invited Ms Hughes to speak to the meeting on the function of the Standards Board. Ms Hughes told the meeting that there are likely to be some changes made regarding representation by members of the parish council submitting their own planning applications. At present members are penalised, when compared with other members of the public who can present their applications to the Parish Council Planning Committee. A Parish Councillor must declare an interest and leave the meeting. She said that this anomaly is likely to be removed in the new Code of Conduct. Members felt that a 'Guide' to the new Code of Conduct would be helpful, as the document itself is complex.

Mr Barber thanked Ms Hughes for her attendance and contributions to the meeting.

07/33 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 12 March 2007.

It was agreed that the April meeting of the Parish Council would be held one week later than usual, on Monday 16 April, in order to avoid a clash with the Easter Bank Holiday. The

meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting. If there is a contested election, the APM will provide an opportunity for candidates to express their views.

07/34 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.15.

APPENDIX 1

Financial Report for Period from 28-Dec-06 to 10-Feb-07

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	288.00	0.00
Handbook sales	33	0	30	90.00	90.00
Grant Ashburn Rest	0	0	3,425	3355.00	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	18769.00	90.00

Expenditure

Clerks Pay/Expenses	1,720	1,712	1,900	1529.37	0.00
General Admin	1,653	1,755	2,000	1708.42	200.00
Elections	0	0		0.00	0.00
Open spaces	6,030	6,098	6,650	5564.77	517.21
Communications	609	677	1,480	527.30	9.88
Paths	0	0	300	0.00	0.00
Capital Expenditure	0	730		0.00	0.00
Village Hall	500	34	500	12.58	12.58
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	82.50	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		358.71	112.14
TOTAL	16,630	22,917	23,680	14912.60	851.81

Transfer from HCC investment			3,000	
Closing Bank Balance	6508	5,011	3,186	8867.36

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 this period

Date	No	To	For	Gross	VAT	Net
8-Jan-07	739	J Barber	Expenses x 3	25.03	2.26	22.77
8-Jan-07	740	Southern Electric	VH CP Lighting	13.20	0.62	12.58
8-Jan-07	741	Audit Commission	Audit Fee	141.00	21.00	120.00
8-Jan-07	742	TVBC	Grass Cutting Apr-Nov	592.58	88.26	504.32
8-Jan-07	743	HAPTC	Course Fees (2x2)	80.00		80.00

APPENDIX 2

Longparish Parish Council Correspondence: 7 January 2007 – 10 February 2007

Received

	FROM	SUBJECT
1	HCC	Test Valley Getting Abut Guide
2	HAPTC	Local Council Banking Practice
3	HAPTC	Awards for 2007
4	HAPTC	Setting Local Speed Limits
5	TVBC	Rural Mentoring & Parish Plans Conference
6	TVBC	Ditto !! (Second copy of No 6)
7	TVBC	Promoting Equal Opportunities in Test Valley
8	The Countess of Brecknock Hospice Trust	Organ Concert in St Mary's church 17 th March - posters
9	HCC	Improving Accessibility in Hampshire – Conference – 21 March 2007
10	HCC	Countryside Access Plan for Hampshire
11	WEHT	'The latest news on Andover's War Memorial Hospital' – 15 Feb - Guildhall
12	Whitchurch Silk Mill	Publicity material
13	TVBC	Parish Election 3 May – Parish Clerks Meeting – Town Hall Stockbridge – 13 May @ 18.30
14	TVBC Mayor	Mayoral Masked Ball – 14 April – The Lights - £45.00 pp
15	Standards Board	Questionnaires – to be completed by random selection!
16	Defra	Review of Quality Town and Parish Council Scheme

Sent

	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
1	JB through Clerk	Mrs Samuel	Leaning sycamore Tree
2	JB MJ through Clerk	TVBC Legal Dept	TVBC's procedures re Owls Lodge Application
3	Clerk	Mr Alan High	Upper Mill Bridge weight restriction