

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 19.30**

### **PRESENT**

Mr J Barber	Mr C Dewbury
Miss B Bourne	Mr C Duxbury
Mr R Bourne	Mr P Harris
Mrs J Clear	Mr M Lampard

**Also present** Mr P Jarrett (Clerk), Cllr J Neal, Mrs Catherine Sweet (Chair- Open Spaces).

### **Open Forum**

Before the formal business Giles Wordsworth, representing Zurich Insurance, explained their ideas for development of the site of Lower Mill Villas (LMV). The ideas were at an early stage and they had not consulted TVBC. He expected that a planning application for LMV would be made within six months, whatever the state of play on ideas for affordable housing. He showed a plan for seven houses, three 2-bed, three 3-bed and one 4-bed and said that two affordable homes would be included and that existing tenants would be offered alternative accommodation. A lively debate ensued. Particular concerns were expressed about parking and density. Our TVBC councillor, Jim Neal, said that the idea was contrary to policy as it included 'tandem and back land development'. Mr Wordsworth said his clients would take the views expressed into account, consult TVBC planners and come back to consult again.

(For further details see Appendix 3 to these Minutes)

### **07/127 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from, Mr T Cooper.

### **07/128 COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

The Chairman reported that a possible candidate for co-option had decided to withdraw. Mr Barber will continue to seek an alternative candidate to fill the one vacancy.

**ACTION JB**

### **07/129 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 9 JULY 2007**

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

### **07/130 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON CURRENT AGENDA**

Noted that Mr Dewbury and Mr Harris had sent their Declaration forms directly to TVBC.

Noted that Mr Phil Harris will report on the Code of Conduct training at the next meeting.

## 07/131 PLANNING

### 07/131.1 CURRENT APPLICATIONS

**07/02543/FULLN** – Erection of conservatory to side – 4 Station Cottages, Longparish Road, South Harewood – Mr & Mrs Hewitt  
Mr Lampard declared an interest and withdrew for this item.  
**UNANIMOUS DECISION – NO OBJECTION**

**07/02319/LBWN** – Internal alterations to form en-suite to existing bedroom – Yew Tree Cottage – Longparish – Mr & Mrs M Lowry

**UNANIMOUS DECISION – NO OBJECTION**

### 07/131.2 REPORT OF DECISIONS OF AUGUST AD-HOC PLANNING COMMITTEE

**07/2124/TREEN** – Remove 5 trees and prune 20 trees – White Windows, Longparish – Mr Elkins – **NO OBJECTION**

**07/02318/FULLN & 07/02324/LBWN** – Erection of external timber staircase/doorway/side window to form separate access – Yew Tree Cottage, Longparish – Mr & Mrs M Lowry – **SUPPORT**

**07/02074/FULLN** – Replace existing rear boundary fence with wall – The Cottage, Longparish – **OBJECT** (6' wall is not in accordance with 2003 VDS and concerns about effect on trees and footpath)

**07/02028/FULLN** – Erection of new grain store with internal drying floor and external apron area – Kennedys, Harewood, Longparish – Middleton Estate – **SUPPORT**

**07/02244/FULLN** – Erection of two storey and single storey extensions to provide study and hall area and extended lounge – 132 North Acre, Longparish – Mr & Mrs Mancini – **NO OBJECTON**

### 07/131.3 REPORT ON EARLIER TVBC APPLICATIONS

Noted that Mr Duxbury had prepared a draft 'rolling report' of earlier Planning Applications. This was distributed to members at the meeting

**07/01467/FULLN & 07/01456/LBWN** – Internal & external alterations – The Thatch, The Common, Southside Road, Longparish – **REFUSE/REFUSE**

**07/01467/FULLN** – Erection of steel frame storage building – Patchington Farm, Longparish Road, South Harewood - **PERMISSION**

**07/01938/AGNN** – Extend existing agricultural building – Testwood Trout Farm, Mill Lane, Longparish – **PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED**

**07/01790/FULLN** – Bio-diesel generator unit etc. – Harewood Forest Industrial Estate, Longparish Road – **REFUSE**

**07/01978/TREEN** – Internal Removal of 2 Yew Trees – Forton House, Forton, – **NO OBJECTION**

**Owls Lodge complaints panel** – The report had been circulated. The Council decided to take no further action.

## 07/132 **PARISH PLAN**

**Affordable Housing** – Cllr Neal told the meeting that that some affordable housing in Wherwell is being offered, by the Housing Association, outside the village – TVBC wide in fact. He considered that in Longparish this *must* be offered to villagers. Noted that it is offered on the basis of need. This must be written in to Section 106.

Mr Harris reported that the ‘Bishop Group’ has been working on plans for the ‘Open Forum’. Mr David Wright was tasked with finding a ‘valuer’, and has proposed Mr Stephen Boyes-Lee of Messers Wooley and Wallis.in Salisbury. The charge for his consultancy would be £150 per hour – a total of around £500-£600 for a 2/3 page report.

Following extensive discussions, the Council Mr Lampard proposed, and Mrs Clear seconded, that: *“Such a proposal could be considered in future, but that the Parish Council cannot support such expenditure at present”*. This course of action was adopted with 5 for the proposal; 2 abstentions, and 0 against.

## 07/133 **FINANCE**

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

**Report of Internal Audit** – Defer to October meeting.

## 07/134 **OPEN SPACES**

Mrs Sweet reported that:

**Village Clean up day** – will be held on 27 October 2007.

**Village Green – East Aston Common** – Mr Barber reported that Mr Taachi had proposed a ‘trade’ of parcels of land adjacent to the river. It was agreed that a small working group comprising Mr Barber, Mrs Sweet, Mr Paul Knipe, Mr Darrah and Mr Andy Smith will investigate further and report back.

### **ACTION JB**

**Flooding** – a group chaired by Mr Tim Sweet and including Mr Barber, Mr Duxbury, Mr Elkins and Mr Harris is to investigate all aspects of ‘flood minimisation’.

**Football Field** – Mr Barber reported that the Wolverdensene Football Club from Andover has entered into a contract with the Parish Council for the hire of the football field at £5 per match, payable in advance for the season. The contract is for the 2007/8 season only, and will then be reviewed. The

club has now marked the field for 'short football'. Mr Bourne commented that the pitch, after their use last weekend, had been left in pristine condition, with no rubbish apparent.

**Skate Ramp** – noted that repairs are needed as some metal jointing plates have been unscrewed and removed.

#### 07/135 **ROADS & BRIDGES**

**Bridge to Grindstone** – deferred

**Speedmeter** – Mr Bourne reported that six villages have expressed an interest. The unit could be purchased at a cost of £500 to each village. HAPTC had raised various queries. He will investigate further.

**ACTION RB**

**Middleway** – Noted that this has been 'tarred and gravelled'. The work is considered to be poor, and will not stand up to traffic use.

**North Acre** – Mr Bourne will liaise with Mrs Clear and bring deficiencies of the roads and footways in North Acre to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

**ACTION RB and JB**

#### 07/136 **FOOTPATHS**

Mr Lampard reported that the 'Footpaths' leaflet has now been printed and has been issued to sites around the village. It is very well received, and is in great demand.

Mr Lampard will take action on the maintenance of a small number of footpaths which have become overgrown (Mr Dewbury mentioned a stretch at the Hurstbourne end of footpath 47) but generally the condition of footpaths was good and thanks were due to the landowners and volunteers who maintained them.

**ACTION ML**

#### 07/137 **TRANSPORT**

**Cango bus service** - Mr Harris reported that the Cango bus service has been under a new operator, and he expressed much praise for the new drivers. He considered it a great improvement.

**X26 bus service to Winchester** – Mr Harris reported that the X26 service taking students to Peter Symonds college in Winchester is refusing to stop at Longparish on the evening return trip. Students can now only be dropped at Sutton Scotney or Andover! It is apparently claimed by the Union that the stopping area on the Westbound carriageway of the A303 is far too dangerous, and drivers have been instructed not to stop at the Station Hill stopping point. It is noted that the private bus service to The Westgate School turns on to the bridge to collect and drop. This could easily be done with the X26. the Clerk will write to the HCC Community Transport Information Officer expressing the serious concern of the Parish Council.

**ACTION Clerk**

#### 07/138 **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr Barber reported that Mrs Cheryl Dowler is leaving the country; a new Andover Advertiser correspondent is therefore required.

**07/139 VILLAGE HALL**

Mr Duxbury reported that the Disability Act Survey report is now available in draft, and will shortly be presented to the VH Committee.

**07/140 SCHOOL/PLAYGROUP**

Deferred until next meeting.

**07/141 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**07/142 DATES OF MEETINGS, EVENTS AND ANY OTHER REPORTS**

The following dates were noted:

**Affordable Housing Open Forum** – 22 September 2007

**Planning Matters Training** – 11 September (Council Chamber, Duttons Road Romsey);

1 October (Beech Hurst Conf Room 1)

**Next Parish Council meeting** - Monday 8 October 2007

**Clean-up Day** – 27 October 2007

**07/143 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.32

**APPENDIX 1**  
**Financial Report**  
**Period from 9-Jul-07 to 8-Sep-07**

Income	Previous years		Year to 31 March 08		
	Year to 31/3/06	Year to 31/3/07	Budget	Total so far	Total for period
Precept	15,000	15,000	15,000	7500.00	0.00
Bank Interest	0	0		0.00	0.00
Cemetery fees	608	641	250	328.00	0.00
Handbook sales	0	30	30	0.00	0.00
Grant Ashburn Rest	0	3,355	0	0.00	0.00
Grant Village Plan	2,738	0	0	0.00	0.00
Grant Equipment	0	0	2,000	0.00	0.00
Donations	0	0		0.00	0.00
Allotment rents received	36	36	36	30.00	0.00
Parish Paths Partnership	0	0	400	0.00	0.00
VAT refund	2,193	0		604.31	0.00
Other	845	431	150	150.00	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,420</b>	<b>19,493</b>	<b>17,866</b>	<b>8612.31</b>	<b>150.00</b>

**Expenditure**

Clerks Pay/Expenses	1,712	1,935	2,200	523.31	0.00
General Admin	1,755	1,708	1,800	1925.48	410.00
Elections	0	0	0	28.45	28.45
Open spaces	6,098	6,573	7,000	1612.01	914.14
Communications	677	747	1,470	1379.50	1285.75
Paths	0	0	900	0.00	0.00
Capital Expenditure	730	0	4,000	0.00	0.00
Village Hall	34	788	3,500	0.00	0.00
Community Association	0	0	1,740	0.00	0.00
Village Plan (production)	3,968	0	0	0.00	0.00
Village Plan (implementation)	3,095	83	3,000	0.00	0.00
Transfer to Village Hall fund	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Community project	3,592	0	0	0.00	0.00
Ashburn Rest		5,129	0	0.00	0.00
Other	0	0	0	1800.00	1800.00
VAT	1,255	589		413.13	378.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,917</b>	<b>17,553</b>	<b>25,610</b>	<b>7681.88</b>	<b>4816.85</b>

Transfer from HCC investment

<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	5,011	6950.93	-793	7881.36
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**Invested with HCC**

At start	40,634	42,403	44,377	44377.36	
Add Interest	1,768	1,975	2,000	0.00	0.00
Transfers from (- to) bank	0	0		0.00	0.00
At finish	42,403	44,377	46,377	44377.36	

### Cheques drawn since July report

9-Jul-07	775	HAPTC	Councilor core training (x3)	60.00		60.00
9-Jul-07	776	AA Wolfenden	Grass Cutting	58.75	8.75	50.00
9-Jul-07	777	Inland revenue	Late return charge	100.00		100.00
9-Jul-07	778	Southern Electric	Lighting	13.20	0.62	12.58
9-Jul-07	779	Hill & Valley	Magazine	93.75		93.75
9-Jul-07	780	C Sweet	Clean-up day hospitality	45.20		45.20
9-Jul-07	781	Clive Kent	Grass Cutting	180.00		180.00
9-Jul-07	782	CPRE	Membership fee	27.00		27.00
9-Jul-07	783	CHEQUE CANCELLED				0.00
9-Jul-07	784	Geoff Bishop	Consultancy fees	2115.00	315.00	1800.00
20-Jul-07	785	Regency Printing Services	Newsletters x 450	216.00		216.00
20-Jul-07	786	Clive Kent	Grass Cutting	180.00		180.00
22-Aug-07	787	TVBC	Election fees	28.45		28.45
22-Aug-07	788	AA Wolfenden	Grass Cutting	58.75	8.75	50.00
22-Aug-07	789	AGM through J Barber	Strimmer parts	11.00	1.64	9.36
22-Aug-07	790	F J Thomas	Bus shelter repair	240.00		240.00
22-Aug-07	791	YKW Consultants	Internal Audit	293.75	43.75	250.00
22-Aug-07	792	Trim & Strim	Grass Cutting	120.00		120.00
22-Aug-07	793	HCC	Parish Leaflet printing	976.00		976.00

**APPENDIX 2**

**Correspondence: 9 July 2007 – 10 September 2007**

**Received**

	<b>FROM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
1	HAPTC	Agenda for 60 <sup>th</sup> AGM – Winchester – 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2007
2	TVBC	'Maximising Impact' booklet
3	NALC	Conference, Bournemouth - 5-7 October 2007
4	HCC	Copier paper pricelist
5	HCC	Getting in touch with HCC – new arrangements
6	Community Action, Hampshire	Parish Plans and Village Design Statements - leaflet
7	TVBC	Uncontested election charges
8	Hampshire PFA	Subscription
9	TVBC	Facilities in Rural Settlements in Test Valley
10	The National Grid	Pipeline Barton Stacey to Lockerley
11	HAPTC	Quality Parish Roadshow 2007
12	TV Rural Housing Assn	18 <sup>th</sup> AGM – Beech Hurst 19 <sup>th</sup> September
13	HCC	Community Transport leaflet
14	HAPTC	Public Participation and Paragraph 12(2) of the Revised Code of Conduct
15	HCC	Small Grants Scheme
16	Highways Agency	Route Manager/Area 3 Leaflet
17	HCC	'Hampshire Downs Access Plan
18	GOSE	South East Plan – Panel Report
19	TVBC	Litter Campaign
20	HCC	CADDIE website on Crime & Disorder
21	Andover CAB	AGM 24 <sup>th</sup> October – Testway House
22	HAPTC	Chairmanship Skills – Modules 5&6
23	HAPTC	Legal Deposit Libraries Act
24	HAPTC	Future of the Regional Assembly
25	HAPTC	Changes to Mailing Procedures
26	HAPTC	Selbourne – Winners in the Village of the Year Competition
27	B'stokes & Dean	Planning the Future of the Borough
28	CPRE	Fieldwork leaflet

**Sent**

	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
1	Clerk	TVBC Planning	Airfield development proposals
2	Clerk	Woversdene Football Club	Rental of Football field

### **Appendix 3**

#### **OPEN FORUM ON LOWER MILL VILLAS HELD IN LONGPARISH COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 19.30**

Prior to the formal business of the Parish Council meeting, an Open Forum was held to discuss proposed development plans for Lower Mill Villas.

The Chairman of the Parish Council invited Mr Giles Wordsworth of Cluttons – the Agents for Zurich the owners of the land – to address, and take questions from, Parish Council members and approximately sixteen visitors.

Mr Wordsworth opened by describing the proposal in outline. He displayed plans for a proposed mixed development, which comprised seven small homes: 1x four-bed home; 3x three-bed homes and 3x two-bed homes. The proposed planning density is 35 dwellings to the hectare.

Mr Wordsworth said that feedback from parishioners – particularly positive feedback! – would be very valuable.

Questions raised by Councillors and from the floor included:

Where does affordable housing fit in this scheme?

Provision would be made for two units of affordable housing within the scheme.

Will the density change up or down?

It could be up – depending on legislation

How long would affordable houses remain affordable?

For ever! (But it was noted by a member of the audience that when users of shared-equity schemes default, the property can be sold at auction.)

What are the Zurich plans for the ‘Horse Field’?

It is being held as an investment. It could eventually be used for housing, allotments etc.

Where do the existing residents go?

They will be re-housed

Could a covenant be placed on any proposals to prevent a developer from buying the site and building more than was proposed?

A ‘positive covenant’ would restrict any changes in the future.

Will car-parking space be adequate?

Nine car park spaces will be provided within the scheme plus four garages. There was a considerable feeling that this would be inadequate.

What is the likely effect on the valuation of neighbouring properties?

In Mr Wordsworth's experience of past schemes there has been no change.

What provision is made for water and drainage – there is already a problem in the village?

If drainage was a problem, the whole system could be self contained, and would not affect village drainage systems.

What is the timing c.f. existing housing development plans?

Mr Woirdsworth hoped that detailed plans would be ready within the next six months, ready for an application.

Cllr Neal commented that this scheme appears to include 'tandem' and/or 'backfill' development, as well as infill and thus was contrary to policy.

Mr Wordsworth said that he would take away the comments, produce a more detailed plan, and return for further consultation at a later date.

Mr Barber thanked Mr Wordsworth for his contributions, and declared the Open forum closed at 20.40.