

**MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING OF LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE ELLICOCK ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY HALL ON
MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT

Councillors: Jeremy Barber (Chair), Ricky Bourne, Jo Clear, Toby Cooper, Chris Dewbury, Christopher Duxbury, Phil Harris

Also present: Councillor Jim Neal (TVBC), Mrs Mary Jo Darrah (acting as Clerk)

08/17 APOLOGIES

Councillors Becky Bourne, Christine Dryden, Martin Lampard. Councillor Michael Woodhall (HCC). Catherine Sweet (Chair of Open Spaces), Paul Jarrett (Clerk).

As the Clerk was unwell Mrs Darrah had volunteered to take minutes.

Cards were signed for Becky Bourne and Paul Jarrett.

08/18 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2008

[The minutes](#) were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

08/19 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON CURRENT AGENDA

Chris Dewbury's declaration of interests had been signed.

08/20 PLANNING

08/20.1 Results of earlier applications

- **07/00032/REFN: Testwood Trout Farm Certificate of Lawfulness** appeal result re caravan /mobile home used as primary living accommodation still pending.
- **07/00074/REFN: The Thatch** Internal and external alterations and erection of two storey rear extension to provide extended kitchen/breakfast room with bedroom over. Appeal pending on the first application. PC has written a letter in support of the appeal.
- **07/03066/FULLN: Broadacre** Erection of 2 bay oak framed garage with storage area over. Permission – List 03 dated 18 Jan 08
- **07/03390/FULLN: Owls Cottage Forton** Single storey extension to provide garden room. Permission granted on 4 Feb 08
- **07/03513/FULLN: 2 Paddock Cottages** Erection of detached dwelling, reduce size of single storey extension to existing house, re-site calor gas tank underground and construction of vehicular access. Application withdrawn. Councillor Neal explained that in the view of the officers the site was too small for infilling with another detached house, and therefore the application had been withdrawn. Mr Neal said that he would obtain a copy of the Officer's report for Mr Duxbury if it is available. **Action JN**
- **07/03431/FULLN: Avalon.** Erection of new detached garage, single storey side extension to provide utility room and WC – and provision of bay window in place of existing garage door. Pending.

- **07/03514/FULLN: Carpenter's Cottage.** Erection of single storey side extension to form kitchen. Permission granted 4 Feb 08
- **07/03211/VARN: Patchington Farm.** Variation of condition limiting use of building to Middleton Estate [Variation of Condition 3 of 07/00986/FULLN – erection of steel framed storage building on site of existing poultry sheds to be used for woodchip drying and processing equipment.] This is still pending.

Mr Duxbury had been advised by Bob Gregory, the TVBC officer currently dealing with the application that the Authority can only look at matters relating to varying the condition. In planning terms, exercising control in the interest of local amenities is not as wide as it sounds; there is no reference to 2 vehicles per day in TVBC files; and an Appeal Inspector would probably not support the principle of limiting the operation to estate wood only. In view of the documents submitted by the Applicant on 2 Jan 08, which made helpful and reassuring recommendations regarding the mitigation of machinery noise, the main concerns remaining were about the numbers/size of vehicles entering and leaving the site, the possible noise from vehicles on the concrete road and possible danger to users of the Test Way which shares the same route –all as set out in our letter dated 15 Jan 08 – but these would technically be new objections. It was decided that the Council should ask that conditions be included requiring implementation of the recommendations of the Applicant's noise consultant; and the limitation of working hours and vehicle movements the Applicant has said they would be prepared to accept. The Applicant has recommended a maximum of 8 lorries per day and hours of working from 7am to 7pm on weekdays, and 7am to 1pm on Saturdays. The question of vehicle noise would have to be monitored against statutory controls. The Chairman agreed to speak to Bob Gregory again, in Mr Duxbury's absence. A follow up brief would be given to the Chairman.

Action CD & JB

- **TVN 09275: Erection of 1,200 residential units, community facilities, education, retail, offices, recreational areas and associated highway works at Picket Twenty** Outline planning permission has been granted. A start is expected in October 2008.

08/20.2 Current applications

- **08/00296/TREEN Trees at Tudor Cottage.** An application to fell a dead willow and 2 elders obstructing the electricity supply to a neighbour; to cut down two hawthorns growing through a yew and overhanging a neighbour, and to trim and raise the canopy of a yew and ash.

UNANIMOUS DECISION – NO OBJECTION subject to the Tree Warden confirming his approval to Mr Duxbury.

- **08/0087/FULLN: Erection of field gate and provision of new access on Southside Road,** on land adjacent to Barton Stacey Army Camp. Mr P Burke. This was required for access to a piece of land recently bought.

DECISION – NO OBJECTION. Mr Bourne asked that his objection to its impact on a small country road should be recorded.

- **08/00196/FULLN: Temporary use of mobile home as agricultural worker's dwelling at Testwood Trout Farm.** Mr Neal said that this application was unexpected as the results of the appeal on his last application for lawful use had not yet been received. Mr Duxbury said that he had agreed with Jason Owen of TVBC that a response could be delayed until 28 Feb, hoping that the Appeal report is to hand by then. It was agreed to delay the response, allowing Mr Duxbury and the Chairman time for more homework on the details of the application, particularly in respect of PPS7 and ESN 07. The Council agreed, in principle, that the case for a temporary dwelling, so soon after it was refused in 2006, had not been made. Final draft comments prepared by Mr Duxbury and the Chairman would be circulated again to members before submission. **Action CD & JB**

(Mr Neal left the meeting)

08/20.3 Andover Airfield 'megashed' - Mr Duxbury, accompanied by Mr Mellor, attended the public meeting at John Hanson School on 7 Feb organized by STOP (a pressure group to Stop Tesco's Oversized Plan) and briefed the Council on the proceedings. The meeting was attended by around 300 people, was well organized, informative and delivered without emotion. Speakers included Sir George Young, Lord David Howell, a former Minister of Transport, Rhonda Smith, the campaign organizer and Julie Tremlin of the Andover Youth Forum. Mr Duxbury reported that Sir George Young was holding a meeting with the Highways Agency on 12 Feb 08 and that the Planning Committee hearing that was expected on 25 Feb 08 had been postponed because many matters were still outstanding.

It was agreed that although the Council would continue to oppose the application, it would not affiliate formally to the action group. Mrs Clear explained that she supported the application because it would create much needed jobs for young people.

A petition against the Goodman/Tesco application placed in the shop had been signed by about 60 people and had been sent to STOP, and the Council agreed to Mr Duxbury's proposal to send a copy to Mr Neal.

Action CD

08/20.4 Hampshire Minerals Plan update Mr Duxbury invited comments on the draft notes and slides on the presentation by HCC and Tarmac on the 22 Jan 08; and proposed that they be discussed in detail at the next meeting in March, relative to the letter that the Council had submitted to HCC as a result of the consultation period. Following this, the finished document would be placed on the Village website. Mrs Clear asked to add a comment that if the A303 was blocked for any reason there should still be a prohibition on using minor roads. In the event of a formal application this could be dealt with by a condition. The Council agreed to both proposals.

08/20.5 TVBC Core Strategy Development Plan. (This item was discussed before Mr Neal's departure. He said that he had been involved in its preparation and approved it.)

The Council had been asked to comment before 14th March on this draft document, which was to replace the Borough Local Plan. It was agreed that it was impracticable to discuss it in a full meeting. The Chairman and Mr Duxbury would meet to draw up draft comments, which would then be circulated by email for agreement.

Action CD & JB

08/ 20.6 HALC Training Workshop on Responding to Planning Applications. Mr Duxbury had attended and reported that it had been a useful introduction to planning issues, which had emphasised how important it was to make the most of the system and make it work for you. He would circulate notes.

Action CD

08/21 PARISH PLAN

08/21.1 Affordable housing

The Chairman had spoken to Jeff Bishop who apologised for the delay. The next stage was for Mr Bishop to ask the TVBC Planning Department to comment on the draft questionnaire before it was finalised. He hoped that draft should be ready for the next Council meeting in March.

08/21.2 Longparish Community Association Summer Event. The Chairman had applied for a HCC grant via Mr Woodhall towards the evening event.

08/21.3 Moviola films The Chairman asked for Council support to ask TVBC Councillors Jim Neal and Caroline Nokes to put pressure on Moviola, which is a charity intended to bring films to villages and supported by a TVBC grant. It had refused to continue showing films in Longparish on the grounds that the average attendance was insufficient, although the LCA was prepared to use bar profits to cover any shortfall in funding. The Council agreed to support the LCA.

08/22 FINANCE

08/22.1 Monthly Account Summary – In the absence of the Clerk the Chairman reported that no monthly account was available. Two cheques had been signed: Southern Electric - £13.20; Mrs Sweet – Clean up day expenses - £65.

08/22.2 Bank signatories Deferred as the Clerk was not present.

08/23 OPEN SPACES

08/23.1 Football field The pitch has been aerated and the bill received from Serco. Mr Bourne was thanked for organising the work.

The Chairman had obtained permission from the Middleton estate to install a 14 foot wide gate into the field. **Action Open Spaces committee to arrange installation.**

The quote from TVBC of £535.20 for cutting the grass for the following year was considered and accepted unanimously.

08/23.2 Playground The park bench in the playground was reported to be unsafe and needs repair or disposal. **Action CS**

08/23.3 Spring Clear up day A date needs to be fixed in time to publicise it in Hill & Valley. **Action CS**

08/23.4 East Aston Common The Chairman explained that there was still no news of a public enquiry into Mr Tacchi's application and he would try to find out what is happening. It might be useful to establish contact with the Open Spaces Society. **Action JB**

08/24 ROADS and BRIDGES

08/24.1 Upper Mill Ford The Council's letter of objection had been sent. The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Mr High who had just wanted to restore a bridle way, but found it could only be done by creating a BOAT (Byway Open To All Traffic).

08/24.2 Longparish signs Mr Bourne is still trying to get Highways to replace the Longparish signs on The Middleway and to install one at the entrance to the village down Southside Hill. **Action RB**

08/24.3 Driver feedback sign Mr Bourne reported that Longstock, Wherwell, Chilbolton and possibly Barton Stacey were likely to combine with Longparish to purchase a sign. The Chairman wondered how insurance would be shared. **Action RB will follow up**

08/24.4 Pig Bridge Ford Mr Bourne will talk with Highways about the 'step'. **Action RB**

08/24.5 Fly tipping alert Mr Bourne reported that commercial type vans were no longer allowed to deposit large items at Shepherd Spring, which might create a problem.

08/25 FOOTPATHS

08/25.1 Papermill path diversion The order for the diversion has been made and notices enforcing it are likely soon. There is as yet no news about the permissive path from Hurstbourne Priors to Whitchurch but HCC has no reason to doubt that it will happen.

08/25.2 RUPPS, BOATS, etc Mr Lampard has arranged a speaker for the March meeting.

08/26 TRANSPORT

Mr Harris had nothing to report

08/27 COMMUNICATIONS

08/27.1 Reception for new villagers has been arranged for Tues 15 April.

08/28 SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUP

Mr Cooper had not been able to attend recent meetings and had nothing to report.

08/28.1 School Security A letter from Mr Howie, Chairman of the Community Hall Committee, had requested that 3 people should be nominated to collect the community hall key for Parish Council meetings and to sign for it. Mr Barber, Mr Duxbury and Mrs Clear volunteered.

08/29 VILLAGE HALL

08/29.1 Maintenance The Chairman reported that the gutters had been cleared and repaired. Mr White would complete the work to replace the kitchen window shortly.

08/30 CORRESPONDENCE

See list attached (Appendix 1).

08/31 Dates of Meetings and Reports

Next Parish Council meeting – Monday, 10 March 2008
Reception for new villagers – 15 April 2008

08/32 CLOSURE

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 21.35

Appendix 1 Correspondence

Received			
	Date	Who from	Subject
1	24 Jan	HCC	Footpaths Diversion Order
2		Wicksteed	Play equipment leaflet
3	28 Jan	Audit Commission	Appointment of external auditor
4		HCC	Special edition of Hampshire Now
5	15 Jan	B&D BC	Consultation on Core strategy
6		HPFA	Newsletter
7	3 Jan	DCLoG	Consultation on Standards
8	8 Jan	TVBC	Village of the year competition
9	Jan	TVBC	Best value review re vulnerable people
10	28 Jan	HCC	Acknowledgement re Minerals Plan
11	16 Jan	Test Valley	Grass cutting quote for football field £535.20

Sent			
	Date	Who to	Subject
1	15 Jan	TVBC (CD)	Patchington wood processing shed
2	28 Jan	Michael Woodhall (JB)	Grant application re Midsummer event
3		TVBC (JB)	Precept form
	18 Jan	HCC (JB)	Upper Mill Ford