

**MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING OF LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 14th April 2008 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT

Councillors: Jeremy Barber (Chair), Becky Bourne, Ricky Bourne, Toby Cooper, Chris Dewbury, Christian Dryden, Christopher Duxbury,

Also present: Mrs Mary Jo Darrah (acting as Clerk) and (for Open Spaces only) Catherine Sweet (Chair of Open Spaces) and Andy Jolliffe representing Andover Scouts.

08/47 APOLOGIES

Councillors Martin Lampard and Phil Harris. TVBC Councillor Jim Neal, Paul Jarrett (Clerk). Jo Clear was not present.

08/48 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th MARCH 2008

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

08/49 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON CURRENT AGENDA

Becky Bourne has still to visit the bank to register as a signatory.

08/50 PLANNING

08/50.1 Results of earlier applications

- **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 dismissed 25 March 08 on the grounds that squaring off the recent extension would adversely affect the character of the listed building, although the original part of the building was to be untouched. Mr Duxbury to circulate the decision as a guide to future responses.
ACTION C Duxbury.
- **07/08/00196/FULLN : Testwood Trout Farm** Temporary use of mobile home for agricultural worker's dwelling
PC objection submitted 28 Feb 08. Application still under planning officer consideration'
- **08/0087/FULLN: Erection of field gate and provision of new access on Southside Road** on land adjacent to Barton Stacey Army Camp.
Permission subject to conditions and notes 17 Mar 08
- **08/00434/FULLN Erection of rear conservatory, Grebe House, Forton;**
Permission subject to conditions and notes 2 Apr 08
- **08/00385/FULLN Steam ventilation stack at Wood Chip shed at Pachington,** Chimney is to vent steam from wood chip drying process
Pending.
- **08/00412/TREEN Fell and remove one ash tree and one prunus, Newton Cottage,**
No objection
- **08/00484/TREEN Prune yew hedge and conifer hedge, Chapel House, Southside Road,** Mrs K Milam.
No objection
- **08/00680/TREEN Autumn Cottage 12 Mar 08** Tree work - Fell ash sapling, willow and further ash as 'they are either knocking down or holding up shed' and to let more light into garden.
(This application came in between meetings.)
Pending. No objection following Tree Warden's assessment circulated by email.

08/50.2 Delegation on Tree Applications

Because deadlines for commenting on tree applications are short and sometimes fall between meetings, it was agreed that the Chair of Planning or the Chairman should consult the Tree Warden and circulate their agreed opinion to members by email or otherwise. If 2 members agree and the others make no response, the Chair of Planning can send in the decision. If it is controversial a meeting must be called.

08/50.3 Current applications

- **08/00711/AVN Buck Service Station Erection of 10 illuminated signs**
UNANIMOUS DECISION NO OBJECTION

- **08/00915/ FULLN & 08/00921 FULLN Creel House**

The Council noted that applications had been advertised but not yet listed. If necessary a meeting will be called.

08/50.4 The Cottage Demolition of outbuildings and new extension

The Chairman and Mr Duxbury had had an informal meeting on 14 April with Mr & Mrs de Watteville and advised without prejudice of the importance of the Design and Access Statement.

08/50.5 Notes on Planning Course

C.Duxbury had circulated these before the meeting.

08/51 OPEN SPACES

This item was taken out of order as Mr Jolliffe and Mrs Sweet were present.

08/51.1 Request by Scouts to use the football field for cub scout sleepover

The chairman had consulted Middleton Estate, the owners, who confirmed that they had no objection is the Council agreed. Mr Jolliffe explained that it involved between 100 and 200 well-supervised cubs in light tents camping from the afternoon of 14th June to midday on 15th. Catering and portaloos would be brought in and the footpath respected. The Village Hall would be a refuge.

The Council supported the idea but said that neighbours should be consulted as there would be noise up to midnight and on Sunday morning. Also arrangements for dropping and collecting the children should be carefully considered to minimise the impact on neighbours. The Plough might co-operate or access from behind the village hall might be arranged to avoid congestion in Sugar Lane.

Mr Jolliffe agreed to consult and the matter could be finalised at the next meeting.

08/51.2 Flooding

A flood group meeting has been arranged on 2nd May with Graham Roberts of Hampshire Wildlife Trust who advises Mr & Mrs Tacchi on floodplain management, because of concern that the weed is being cut less frequently above Longparish.

08/51.3 Village Clean up morning 19th April

Mrs Sweet explained her priorities, though few councillors can help on the day.

The Chairman would ask Middleton Estate to remove the tree fallen across the footpath from North Acre to Sugar Lane.

Rickey Bourne agreed to spray the brambles around the playground.

On the day, the stream behind Little Beck needs rodding where there seems to be a blockage under the drive and litter needs picking. Mrs Darrah will bring rods.

CS will assess the repairs needed to the park seat in the playground and inform the Chairman who will ask Input Joinery for an estimate.

An apple tree in the car park opposite the village hall needs pruning where it is broken.

A holly is obstructing the kissing gate into the Christmas Tree field on the path behind Tudor Cottage which needs cutting back. (This was mentioned under footpaths.)

ACTION JB

ACTION RB

ACTION MJD

ACTION CS & JB

08/51.4 Gate into football field

Ricky Bourne was warmly thanked for both obtaining the gate and erecting it.

08/51.5 East Aston Common

The application made last summer by Mr Tacchi to transfer common rights from East Aston Common to fields lying in Hurstbourne Priors had been returned for amendment and not re-submitted before 10th March which was the deadline for submissions under the old rules. It was likely that a new application

would be made and, if so, the new rules introduced after the 'Right to Roam' would apply. The Chairman said that no one in the village seemed to support the proposal.

The Council agreed to seek as soon as possible Mr Tacchi's permission to cut the village green this year, and the Chairman said he would ensure it was done. **ACTION JB**

08/52 PARISH PLAN

08/52.1 Affordable housing

Site The Chairman reported that the landowners had told him that only the Zurich or Eagle Star field was now available, as the cost of infrastructure on the site behind North Acre ruled it out. Another site had just been offered by John Snow behind The Croft but TVBC Planning had confirmed their previous view that it was unsuitable.

Questionnaire The Chairman said that the draft questionnaire produced by the group led by Jeff Bishop had been tested on volunteers from St Mary Bourne by Revd Martin Coppen and Mr Barber had forwarded the results to Mr Bishop.

The Council considered the draft questionnaire and cover sheet and the Chairman's report on what needed to be decided. The Council agreed to 2 amendments suggested by the Chairman and Mr Duxbury, that the sponsorship of the process by the Parish Council should be mentioned and that it should be made clear that the proposal was for 12 affordable houses AND up to 6 market houses. It agreed with Mr Cooper that it should be clear who had written the manifestos for and against the proposal. It should be emphasised in the cover sheet that the returns were anonymous. It opposed asking respondents to put their names on the questionnaires even though these were to be removed by Martin Coppen before analysis. It thought that numbers only should be used and that only Martin Coppen should have access to the list correlating names and numbers. It was agreed that anyone not on the electoral roll with a close connection to the village should be able to request a questionnaire from Martin Coppen. This would be a different colour with an extra question asking the nature of the close connection and would be analysed separately.

The procedure for the questionnaires was agreed. The Chairman had checked that he was able to use the electoral roll to get addresses and volunteered to organise the posting. Questionnaires would be sent individually by post to each voter and the Parish Council would pay the postage. It was hoped to send them out in the second half of May and a month would be allowed to fill them in. Completed questionnaires would either be returned to a secure box in the shop or sent to Jeff Bishop's Freepost address in Bristol, at a cost of 40p each to the Council. They would be given unopened to Martin Coppen who had agreed to verify them. Jeremy Barber and Christopher Duxbury had volunteered to do the analysis which would then be published.

The Council approved the Chairman's draft article for the May Hill & Valley, but asked for it to be made clearer that returns would be anonymous.

The Chairman agreed to inform Jeff Bishop of the Council's views.

ACTION JB

08/53 FINANCE

The Chairman presented the list of cheques received and paid since the last meeting saying that he had not had time to prepare a spreadsheet for the new financial year. Lloyds TSB had agreed to refund £300 it had mistakenly deducted last year. See Appendix 1.

08/54 ROADS and BRIDGES

08/54.1 Signs about ducks

The Chairman explained that HCC considered it too expensive at £700 a sign to put up permanent signs for a temporary problem with ducklings, and preferred to turn a blind eye to home-made signs. Becky Bourne agreed to liaise with the school to put up temporary signs. **ACTION BB**

08/54.2 Driver information signs

Ricky Bourne said that he was frustrated by the seeming reluctance of TVBC and HCC to help Parish Councils who wanted to use these to slow traffic by insisting on expensive bureaucratic controls. The

Council agreed to wait until Stephen Lugg of TVAPTC had made progress in trying sort out these problems.

08/54.3 Footway between village hall car park and school

The Clerk is to write and remind the Highways Department that the Council had been assured last autumn that this would be done before the 31st of March, but nothing had happened.

ACTION MJD

08/54.4 Village signs

Ricky Bourne reported that new signs for the roads without village signs would cost £450 and HCC did not currently have the funds. He thought it was important to define the village boundaries. It was agreed to defer the matter to November and raise it again then.

08/54.5 Holes in the roads.

These can be referred to Ricky Bourne or direct to HCC online at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roads/online-facilities/all-forms.htm>

08/54.6 Ford at Pig Bridge.

Ricky Bourne reported that the making up of the ford at Pig Bridge is in hand.

08/55 FOOTPATHS

The gate post of the kissing gate on path 11 closest to Upper Mill has rotted and needs replacing.

ACTION ML

08/56 TRANSPORT

In Phil Harris' absence there was nothing to report.

08/57 COMMUNICATIONS

08/57.1 Reception for new villagers on Tues 15 April

Councillors and partners are urged to attend.

ACTION All

08/57.2 Village Correspondent cum committee member

A volunteer is still needed.

08/57.3 April 2008 Handbook Directory

Its distribution with Hill & Valley was noted and Mary Jo Darrah was thanked for producing it.

08/58 SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUP

Mr Cooper had nothing to report.

08/59 VILLAGE HALL

The AGM is on 28th April at 1.30pm and all will be welcome.

08/60 CORRESPONDENCE

See list attached (Appendix 2)

08/61 Dates of Meetings and Reports

- **Reception for new villagers** - Tues 15 April – 8pm
- **Village Clean Up morning** – Sat 19 April - 10.30am
- **Village Hall AGM** – Mon 28 April - 1.30pm
- **Annual Parish Meeting** - Mon 12 May – 7.30pm
- **Next Parish Council meeting** - Monday 12 May 2008 (after APM)

08/62 CLOSURE

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 22.20

Appendix 1

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MEETING 14 APRIL 2008
Period 11 March 2008 to 14 April 2008
Income

Date	Who from	What for	Amount
13-Mar-08	Sly re Garrett	Cemetery fees - 2 memorials	72.00
13-Mar-08	Longparish Village hall	Donation to cost of repairs	364.30
17-Mar-08	HCC	Grant re LCA Midsummer event	300.00
28-Mar-08	Longparish Village hall	Donation to cost of repairs	901.33

Expenses

Date	Who to	What for	Total	VAT	Net
14-Mar-08	Audit Commission	Audit fee	158.63	23.63	135.00
27-Mar-08	Hearn & Scott	Print village directory	165.53	24.65	140.88
27-Mar-08	J Barber	Postage re new villagers event	14.82		14.82
14-Apr-08	Hill & Valley	Magazine	93.75		93.75
14-Apr-08	HALC	Membership fee	180.00		180.00
14-Apr-08	TVBC	Cemetery rates	42.54		42.54
14-Apr-08	Southern Electric	Lighting	13.20	0.62	12.58
14-Apr-08	AA Wolfenden	Grass Cutting	29.38	4.38	25.00
14-Apr-08	Hampshire County Council	Community Hall hire	30.00		30.00

Note – The bank has now agreed that there was an error and should by now have refunded £300 between 31 March (date of latest statement) and now.

Figures prepared by J Barber as Clerk unwell

Appendix 2

CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEETING 14 APRIL 2008

Received			
	Date	Who from	Subject
1	10 Mar	Graham Smith TVBC	Copy TVBC response to draft HCC Minerals plan
2	19 Mar	Jeff Wickens ALC	Driver feedback signs – risk assessment – R Bourne
3	28 Mar	Lloyds TSB	Correction of bank error £300
4	3 Apr	Lloyds TSB	Correction of bank error £300
5	2 Apr	Open Spaces Society	East Aston Common – J Barber
6	4 Apr	SE Region Housing Board	The region's housing needs – C Duxbury
7	8 Apr	John Snow	Affordable Housing – possible site
8	31 Mar	RoSPA	Annual Playground Inspection – C Sweet
9	31 Mar	HCC	Mineral – forthcoming consultations
10	7 Apr	TVBC	Invite chairman to Mayor Making – J Barber
11	Mar	Standards Board	Newsletter
12	Mar	Wicksteed	Catalogue – C Sweet
13	27 Mar	Macmillan Nurses	Leaflets
14	Apr	HCC	Hampshire Now magazine
15	Apr	County Supplies	Maudesport Catalogue - KidzZone
16	Apr	CPRE	Newsletter and Countryside Voice
17	Mar	Highways Agency	Plans for major road works - R Bourne
19	Apr	TVAPC	Minutes of meeting 6 March
20	Apr	HAGS Play Ltd	Catalogue – C Sweet
21	Apr	TVBC	Change to register of electors
22	8 Apr	Hants Fire & Rescue	Plan 2008-11

Sent			
	Date	Who to	Subject
1	11 Apr	John Snow (from JB)	Affordable Housing – possible site