

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 12th April 2008 AT 20.55PM

### PRESENT

Councillors: Jeremy Barber (Chair), Becky Bourne, Ricky Bourne, Jo Clear, Chris Dewbury, Christian Dryden, Christopher Duxbury, Phil Harris

Also present: Mrs Mary Jo Darrah (acting as Clerk) and Anna Fowles

### 08/63 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

With Mrs Darrah in the chair, Jeremy Barber was proposed by Ricky Bourne and seconded by the rest of the Council and elected unanimously. Mr Barber pointed out that he had served nearly 6 years as Chairman, which exceeded the 4 years recommended in Standing Orders, and said that he intended this to be his last year as Chairman.

The Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and received.

### 08/63 APOLOGIES

Councillors Toby Cooper and Martin Lampard. Catherine Sweet

### 08/64 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Where incumbents were willing to serve again no election was held.

**Vice-Chairman** As Ricky Bourne did not wish to serve again, Christopher Duxbury was proposed by Chris Dewbury, seconded by Jo Clear and elected unanimously

**Responsible Financial Officer** The Clerk

**Internal auditor** Tim Sweet

**Transport Representative** Phil Harris

**Tree Warden** Graham Darrah

**TVAPTC representatives** Ricky Bourne, Jeremy Barber (Christopher Duxbury)

**Hill & Valley representative** Jeremy Barber

**Village Hall representative** Christopher Duxbury

**Community Association representative** Becky Bourne was proposed by Jeremy Barber, seconded by Jo Clear and elected unanimously

**Parish Lengthsman** Christian Dryden was proposed by Jeremy Barber, seconded by Ricky Bourne and elected unanimously

**Representative on Governors** Toby Cooper

**Clerk to Burial Board** David Gould

### 08/65 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

#### 08/65.1 Appointment of Committees

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are ex-officio members of all committees

**Communications** Jeremy Barber, Mary Jo Darrah, Christopher Duxbury, David Gould, Fiona Gould, Anna Fowles, who was welcomed to the meeting, joined the committee and agreed to act as Village Correspondent.

**Finance** Jeremy Barber, Christopher Duxbury, Martin Lampard, Julian Seidman

**Footpaths** Jeremy Barber, Jo Clear, Toby Cooper, Chris Dewbury, Christopher Duxbury, Phil Harris, Paul Knipe, Martin Lampard

**Open Spaces** Jeremy Barber, Jo Clear, Toby Cooper, Julian Curl, Christian Dryden, Christopher Duxbury, David Gould, Jenny Jolliffe, Phil Harris, Catherine Sweet

**Planning** All Council members

**Parish Plan** It was agreed to disband this committee as the Parish Plan had largely been implemented and what remained to do would be undertaken by the Parish Council.

#### 08/65.2 Committee Business

It was agreed that all committees should meet within 3 months to elect their chairmen, draw up terms of reference and decide when to meet over the next year.

**ACTION All committees**

### 08/66 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed to add a new clause 54 to standing orders to allow the determination of Tree Applications between meetings as agreed at the April 2008 meeting (Minute 08/50.2). Proposed by Ricky Bourne, seconded by Phil Harris and carried unanimously. The revised standing orders are on the village website at <http://www.longparish.org.uk/pccissues/documents.php>

### **08/67 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008**

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

### **08/68 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON CURRENT AGENDA**

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

### **08/69 PLANNING**

The [minutes](#) of the Planning meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were agreed and signed by the Planning Chairman, Mr Duxbury, who briefly went over the issues for those who had not attended the meeting.

#### **08/69.1 Current Application**

- **08/01098/LBWN Southside Farm Demolition and rebuilding of internal wall and strengthening of existing roof with additional timber structure.**  
**DECISION NO OBJECTION** Chris Dewbury declared an interest and did not vote.

### **08/70 PARISH PLAN**

**08/70.1 Affordable Housing** The Chairman reported that he had given the Parish Council comments on the questionnaire to Jeff Bishop and his group, and that the questionnaire had been revised in the light of them and the results of the testing by Martin Coppen in St Mary Bourne. The manifestos for and against were also prepared and it was expected that the questionnaires could be sent out to all registered voters in the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> May or so with a return date four weeks later. The Chairman had purchased envelopes and a rubber stamp and would send out the forms. He would welcome offers of help. He had arranged a system of random numbers with Martin Coppen to ensure anonymity. Anyone who did not receive a personally addressed form would have to apply to Martin Coppen for a coloured form and state the nature of their close connection with the village. These returns would be kept separately and used as additional information. Martin Coppen would appoint a similarly disinterested person to distribute forms if he was not available.

### **08/71 FINANCE**

The Chairman promised to prepare a new spreadsheet for 2008/9 at the June meeting. A record of the cheques paid is in Appendix 2. The Council noted that the precept of £7,500 had been received.

### **08/72 OPEN SPACES**

#### **08/72.1 Clear up day 19<sup>th</sup> April**

This had been a success despite the poor weather and lower than usual turn out. The Chairman thanked all who had helped.

#### **08/72.2 East Aston Common**

The Planning Inspectorate had not received a new application although it is likely there will be one. The Chairman had received a leaflet and offer of help from the Open Spaces Society. Ricky Bourne suggested that CPRE might also be able to help.

#### **08/72.3 Request by Cub Scouts to use the football field for cub scout sleepover**

The Scouts had decided to use an alternative venue although consultation with neighbouring residents had been favourable. They might use it for a smaller camp on another occasion. Mr Bourne said that he thought the Council's response had been over-cautious and negative, and that use of the field should be encouraged.

#### **08/72.4 Playground**

The Chairman had met the ROSPA Inspector during the recent inspection. Mr Bourne said that he would spray the brambles around the fence when the time was right. **ACTION RB**

### **08/73 ROADS and BRIDGES**

#### **08/73.1 Driver information signs**

Ricky Bourne said that Stephen Lugg of HAPTC had still not been able to get approval for these signs from HCC and it was agreed to wait until he did.

**08/73.2 Footway between village hall car park and school**

The Acting Clerk wrote to the Highways Department and was told on the telephone that difficulties over the cross and a tree had postponed the project, but that it was in the budget for 2008-9 and the work was scheduled to be done in the school holidays in the summer. A more detailed survey had shown that it could be constructed without additional land. Written confirmation is still awaited. **ACTION MJD**

**08/73.3 Signs about ducks**

The Plough has put up a temporary notice. Becky Bourne still hopes to liaise with the school for notices. **ACTION BB**

**08/73.4 Pig Bridge Ford**

Ricky Bourne said there was no news to report.

**08/74 FOOTPATHS**

**08/74.1 Obstructions**

Middleton Estate had cleared the fallen tree from the back path as soon as they were notified and were thanked.

The holly growing over the kissing gate in the Christmas Tree field was cleared during Clear Up day

**08/74.2 Kissing Gates**

The Chairman was meeting Peter Watson, our Rights of Way Officer the following day to arrange replacement of the broken kissing gate from Forton into Buck Close by a buggy-friendly new one. Middleton Estate has said that the field gates at the school end will not be locked, so this would create a safe accessible route to school from Forton.

He will also ask him to look at the rotten gate post of the kissing gate on path 11 closest to Upper Mill.

**ACTION ML**

Christian Dryden reported that the kissing gate into Buck Close opposite Middleton House needed repair.

Path 32 from North Acre over the hill has just been cut. It was not known by whom but the Council was very grateful.

**08/75 TRANSPORT**

Phil Harris' reported that the contractor who now ran the CANGO buses in place of Stagecoach was much better, with more reliable and helpful drivers.

**08/76 COMMUNICATIONS**

**08/76.1 Reception for new villagers on Tues 15 April**

This had been a successful evening.

**08/77 SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUP**

In Mr Cooper's absence there was nothing to report.

**08/78 VILLAGE HALL**

See the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting.

**08/79 CORRESPONDENCE**

See list attached (Appendix 1`).

Agreed that the Chairman would seek clarification from Dr Bassett re item 15

**08/80 Future Meetings**

- **Next Parish Council meeting - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008**
- **Communications Committee – Thursday 12 June.**

**08/81 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 22.35

**Parish Council Meeting 12 May 2008****Appendix 1****Correspondence**

<b>Received</b>			
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Who from</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1	7 April	TVBC Dog Warden	Dogs Trust
2		HPFA	Playing Fields newsletter
3	24 April	HCC	Test Valley Passenger Transport Forum (Mr Harris)
4		County Supplies	Catalogue
5	9 April	HCC Chair	Invitation to Winchester Cathedral service on 8 June –anyone interested?
6		NALC	Conference 20-22 May in Eastbourne
7	15 April	HCC	Printer/copier contracts
8	16 April	TVBC	Consultation – Draft - Planning Infrastructure and Developer Contributions (Mr Duxbury)
9	28 April	TVBC	Summary of Community Plan highlighting key strategic objectives
10		HCC	Highway Maintenance Contract and feedback survey
11	May 08	HCC	Lottery grants – community archives (Communications Cttee)
12	6 May	TVBC	Electoral roll amendments
13		SLCC	Cemetery management course (Mr Gould)
14		Maudesport	Special offers
15		Dr Pat Bassett	Patient support – invites PC views
16	14 April	TVBC	Megashed update (Mr Duxbury)

<i>Sent</i>			
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Who to</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1	21 Apr	Clerk MJD to Mr Fuller HCC	Footway between VH Car Park and School

**Appendix 2****Financial Report****Expenses**

Date	Chq	Who to	What for	Total	VAT	Net
12-May-08	841	AA Wolfenden	Playground maintenance	58.75	8.75	50.00
12-May-08	842	Clive Kent	Cemetery maintenance	180.00		180.00
12-May-08	843	J Barber	New villagers event and APM	172.29	1.39	170.90
12-May-08	844	Hampshire CC	Community Hall hire	10.00		10.00

**Income**

Precept £7,500