

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE ELLICOCK ROOM ON MONDAY 13th OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillors: Jeremy Barber (Chair), Ms Becky Bourne, Ricky Bourne, Mrs Jo Clear, Chris Dewbury, Mrs Christian Dryden, Christopher Duxbury, Phil Harris, Martin Lampard  
TVBC Councillor Jim Neal; Mrs Mary Jo Darrah (acting as Clerk)  
Members of the Public: Steve Riley, Clive Spencer

**08/129 APOLOGIES**

Toby Cooper.

**08/130 MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

The minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

**08/131 MATTERS ARISING**

**First Responders** – Mrs Bourne had reported to the Chairman that the Health Authority would support a First Responders group in Longparish. There were 8 incidents last year when the group might have been able to help. She favoured pursuing the project. The Parish Council decided to support her. The Longparish Community Association has already offered to make the next summer event a fund raiser for the project if it goes ahead.

**08/132 PLANNING**

**08/132.1 CURRENT APPLICATIONS**

**08/02216/FULLN – 2 Paddock Cottages - Erection of 3 bedroom dwelling and associated works – Mr & Mrs S Riley**

(This item was taken at the beginning of the meeting for the convenience of Mr Riley and Mr Spencer, who left after it)

As this was the fourth application for the site, Mr Duxbury reviewed the history, and Mr Riley and his architect, Mr Spencer, described how they had tried to meet the concerns of planners and neighbours. This application was very similar to the second, for a small thatched cottage with a light render, which would involve removing only a small part of the existing extension to 2, Paddock Cottages. The Parish Council had not objected to the second application. An email was read from Andrew Smith of 1, Paddock Cottages, saying that he would not object, despite some concern about loss of view.

The Chairman expressed concern that the attempt to meet the concerns of different planning officers and the village had involved the expense of four applications for the applicant. Mr Neal said that he would raise the matter informally with TVBC.

UNANIMOUS DECISION; NO OBJECTION. The Council felt that this application was more sympathetic to the village environment.

**08/02308/TREEN White Windows Coppice 6 Ash Trees Mr Trevor Elkins**

Mr Duxbury reported that he had consulted the Tree Warden and councillors between meetings and notified TVBC that the Council had no objection.

**08/02342/FULLN – Ropers - Erection of pitched roof to replace part of flat roof over annexe and installation of flue – Mr Simon Troughton**

This roof was adjacent to the wall by the road, but the roof would be flat for a short span, and the flue was encased in a chimney.

UNANIMOUS DECISION; NO OBJECTION

## **08/132.2 OUTSTANDING PLANNING APPLICATIONS & APPEALS**

### **07/08/00196/FULLN: Testwood Trout Farm. Temporary use of mobile home for agricultural worker's dwelling**

TVBC notified of appeal on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2008. Parish Council objection of 28<sup>th</sup> February goes forward. Appeal now set for December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Mayor's Parlour.

### **08/02114/FULLN - 61 North Acre – Erection of two storey rear extension – Mr Simon Storey**

PC – No objection 8 Sep 08

TVBC – Pending

Mr Neal said that he would not call it in to committee as he would receive no support.

### **08/01701/FULLN The Bungalow, Mill Lane. Erection of replacement dwelling, new vehicular access, entrance gates and replacement sewage treatment**

PC – Objection 13 August 08 with covering letter

TVBC – Withdrawn 9 September 08

### **08/01893/FULLN River Cottage, Forton. Erection of first floor extension to rear and side to provide bedroom, dressing room and bathroom, together with....**

PC – Objection 13 August 08 (to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor accommodation) with covering letter

TVBC - TVBC -Refused 17 Sep 08

### **08/01918/FULLN 1 Gladstone Terrace. Erection of 2 bay detached garage**

PC – No objection 13 August 08

TVBC - Permission subject to conditions and notes 25 Sep 08

### **08/02091/TREEN Malthouse Cottage. Fell multi stemmed ash tree and multi stemmed sycamore**

PC – No objection 2 September 08

TVBC – No objection 24 September

### **08/01782/LBWN – Newton Cottage – Re-thatching of roof under eyebrow window at rear (listed building application) – Mr T Sweet**

PC – No objection 8 September 08

TVBC – Consent subject to conditions 12 October

### **08/01926/FULLN Foxdale House, Andover Down - Conversion and alterations of first floor of garage to include raising the roof, construction of external staircase and provision of dormer window to provide ancillary residential accommodation. Mr J Trouw**

PC – No objection 8 Sep 08 (prefer to see pitched roof over dormer window)

TVBC – Pending

## **08/132.3 Megashed at Andover Airfield**

The Chairman reported that the application would be considered by TVBC Planning Control Committee on 1 December 2008.

## **08/132.4 Pre-application advice by Planning Department**

The Test Valley Association of Parish Councils had discussed the issue on 18 September and were told by the TVBC Portfolio holder, Cllr Hatley, and Steve Lees, a senior planning officer, that this advice was available to the public after an application had been submitted. The Chairman said that when this was confirmed in the minutes of the meeting, he and Mr Duxbury would raise the matter with the Planning Department as it did not accord with their experience.

## **08/132 5 Longparish Conservation Area Review**

The Chairman reported that Longparish Conservation Area is under review as part of a rolling programme. The officers concerned want to attend the December Parish Council meeting, after meeting the Chairman and Chair of Planning. A public meeting would be held in January to present the draft of the revised Conservation Area. Agreed to invite them to attend.

**08/133 PARISH PLAN**

Nothing to report.

**08/134 FINANCE**

**08/134.1 Monthly financial statement**

The Chairman presented the spreadsheet -See Appendix 1

**08/135 OPEN SPACES**

**08/135.1 Open Spaces meeting on 31 July**

The minutes of this meeting were not yet available. Mrs Sweet has promised to give her notes to Christopher Duxbury.

**08/135.2 Brushcutter course Saturday 1 November**

The Chairman thanked Phil Harris for organising the participants and Ricky Bourne for offering it. There is one place free, which Christopher Duxbury or Toby Cooper may fill.

**ACTION RB & PH**

**08/135.3 Clean Up Day - Saturday 22nd November 2008**

All who can help are asked to meet at 10am at Ashburn Rest. Mrs Dryden & Mrs Darrah said they could not be there.

**ACTION Jenny Jolliffe & all Councillors**

**08/135.4 East Aston Common**

The group, which included the Chairmen of Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council, had met to discuss Mr Tacchi 's proposed application to exchange the river bank, river bed and islands of the Common for grazing fields lying partly in Hurstbourne Priors. It appeared identical to the previous proposal. The Chairman said that the difference was that Mr Tacchi wanted to consult local opinion before submitting it and had said he would consider modifying the proposal. The group remains opposed to the exchange, as do both Parish Councils. Jeremy Barber and Charles Cardiff, Hurstbourne Priors Chairman, are to meet Mr Tacchi's lawyer. Mr Tacchi wants to meet both Parish Councils and Mr Barber thought there might be a joint meeting after Christmas. TVBC and Basingstoke and Deane BC, Hampshire CC and the Open Spaces Society are also consultees. Ricky Bourne said that the Council for the Protection of Rural England might be helpful. Mr Barber said that he was keen to keep all those involved aware of each others' views.

**08/135.5 Waste Bin on the Cleeves**

This had not been emptied for some time. Mr Neal will contact TVBC and get it back on the collection route.

**ACTION JN**

**08/135.6 Cemetery**

The war memorial has been cleaned by Mr Cullen. (Councillor Neal left at 8.55pm)

**08/135.7 Drainage and Water Management**

Phil Harris reported that the Flooding Group now wanted to be proactive on water management rather than reacting to flooding, as encouraged by TVAPC. The main problem in Longparish was ground water rising, and drainage is a priority.

Mr Duxbury said that Jim Thomas, Wastewater Networks Western Area Manager for Southern Water, had emailed to say that all, at the moment, is quiet for the Longparish pumping station. All 3 pumps are in sound working order following refurbishment this year. The enhanced monitoring of the pump operation via the remote telemetry system is working and producing some good data with no performance issues highlighted. There are no current outstanding capital investment or maintenance works for the pumping station. There is a possibility that Longparish could benefit from future investment plans for refurbishing pumping stations and investigating groundwater infiltration, but it depends on the level of funding from OFWAT and also how the specific issues at Longparish score in terms of customer or environmental impact.

### **08/135.8 Football kit**

Phil Harris will check on the football kit still stored with Martin Hulme. The Chairman suggested it might be donated to another group if it was not being used.

**ACTION PH**

### **08/136 FOOTPATHS**

The Chairman reported that he had had a very helpful meeting with Chris Woodhouse, the new owner of Longparish House. He then proposed and the council agreed that all other footpaths issues should be deferred to the Footpaths committee meeting on 16 October.

### **08/137 ROADS & BRIDGES**

#### **08/137.1 Southside Hill**

Christian Dryden reported as Parish Lengthsman that no progress has been made on this and the other issues she hopes to raise with the Highways Department. She had lost data from her computer and was having to re-construct it.

#### **08/137.2 Traffic Survey**

The Highways Department had conducted a routine survey of road use on the B3048 by Broadney path on the day of the meeting.

#### **08/137.3 Upper Mill Ford**

The Chairman had sent a statement of the Parish Council's case for objecting to the creation of a byway open to all traffic at the ford. The date of the public enquiry is 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

#### **08/137.4 Footway from the School to the village car park.**

The footway was completed, including full kerbing on the opposite side. With the encouragement of the school parents are now using the village car park and walking to the school. The white lines have not yet been changed to mark the new alignment of the road, and the Chairman and Mr Neal are actively pursuing the Highways Department.

**The Council to approved the purchase of scalplings to cover the mud at the entrance to the car park, and gravel to top up the level near the church which was agreed. The Chairman hoped that volunteers would spread them.**

#### **08/137.5 Driver Information Signs**

Ricky Bourne reported from the TVAPC meeting that Stephen Lugg was making progress in persuading HCC and TVBC to allow Parish Councils to buy and share mobile signs to inform drivers of the speed they are travelling, and to allow trained volunteers to move them. Mr Bourne agreed to contact the other local Parish Councils who wanted one and to try to organise a group purchase.

**Action RB**

#### **08/137.6 Village signposts**

Jo Clear said that the turnings in the village to Forton and the Middleway were inadequately signed. Christian Dryden agreed to check.

Action CDr

### **08/138 TRANSPORT**

Phil Harris reported that both the Congo and Testbourne school bus service were still using Southside Road and Mill Lane despite the main road being open. Visibility is very limited at the Southside Road crossroads and Southside hill is not gritted. He is pursuing the matter with the HCC Community Transport.

A new timetable is out and he will obtain a supply for the shop.

There is a meeting for bus representatives on 15 November.

Jo Clear said that there was no direct bus service for those who used Whitchurch surgery.

## **08/139 COMMUNICATIONS**

### **08/139.1 Village Correspondent**

Xandi Denny had agreed to take on this job and had produced her first report for the Advertiser. Jeremy Barber proposed and Jo Clear seconded that she be co-opted to the Communications committee. The Council agreed.

## **08/132 SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUP**

### **08/132.1 Meeting with School on Monday 15th September**

Mrs Dryden, Mr Duxbury, Mr Bourne and Mr Barber attended the meeting with the Head and Chair of Governors at the school, and were impressed with what they saw of the school at work.

The Chairman had circulated a note of the meeting (Appendix 2) and a letter he had subsequently written. Parking was much better and the chain idea might not be needed. The Chairman had unwittingly upset the school by assuming, from what he had been told when the new head was being appointed, that responsibility for community use of facilities at the school was in her job description. After the meeting, she had confirmed that it was not and that use of the Community Hall was the responsibility of the Governors. She requested that this should be minuted. It was agreed that Julian Curl, the new chair of the Community Hall committee, should be given time to try to sort out the existing problems about community use of the hall and Ellicock Room. There was some concern that the school was not doing all it could to try to accommodate and help families who moved into Longparish and Hurstbourne Priors, and that its admissions policy was not well understood in the community.

The Chairman had not yet had a reply to his letter or any comment on his notes of the meeting and will follow up with Mrs Mehaffey.

**ACTION JB**

### **08/132.2 School Governor**

The Chairman reported that Toby Cooper had resigned as a governor because he was unable to attend meetings which were held in working hours.

## **08/133 VILLAGE HALL**

Nothing to report.

## **08/134 CORRESPONDENCE**

See list attached (Appendix 3).

### **08/134.1 Telephone kiosks**

Mrs Darrah said that she had had no reply to her representation about telephone kiosks. She was concerned that she had found that they currently could only be used for 999 calls or reversed charge calls through the operator, as there was no card slot and coins could not be used. There was no notice to this effect. She would check with TVBC, and Jo Clear said she would ask how a known user managed.

**ACTION MJD & JC**

## **08/135 FUTURE MEETINGS**

Next Parish Council meeting - Monday 10 November 2008

Footpaths Committee – Thursday 16 October

Village Clean Up Day – Saturday 22 November

Open Spaces – Thursday 11 December.

## **08/136 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 22.06

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Appendix 1

Longparish Parish Council

Financial Report

Period from

9-Sep-08

to

13-Oct-08

Income	Previous years		Year to 31 March 09		
	Year to 31/3/07	Year to 31/3/08	Budget	Total so far	Total for period
Precept	15,000	15,000	15,000	15000.00	0.00
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Cemetery fees	641	472	350	259.00	24.00
Handbook sales	30	0	50	0.00	0.00
Grant Ashburn Rest	3,355	0		0.00	0.00
Spare line	0	0		0.00	0.00
Grant Equipment	0	0	500	0.00	0.00
Donations	0	1,266		0.00	0.00
Allotment rents received	36	30	36	36.00	0.00
Parish Paths Partnership	0	526		0.00	0.00
VAT refund	0	604	1,067	0.00	0.00
Other	431	450	100	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	19,493	18,348	17,103	15295.00	24.00

Expenditure

Clerks Pay/Expenses	1,935	1,376	2,100	0.00	0.00
General Admin	1,708	2,195	2,400	1616.59	0.00
Elections	0	28	0	0.00	0.00
Open spaces	6,573	4,420	10,166	2299.80	643.70
Communications	747	691	1,830	411.25	0.00
Paths	0	976	100	34.02	0.00
Capital Expenditure	0	0	1,400	228.92	0.00
Village Hall	788	2,766	500	0.00	0.00
Community Association	0	1,440	1,440	300.00	0.00
Spare line	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Village Plan (implementation)	83	2,046	3,500	1642.34	0.00
Transfer to HCC investment	0	0	1,000	6000.00	0.00
Spare line	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Ashburn Rest	5,129	0	0	0.00	0.00
Other	0	0	500	0.00	0.00
VAT	589	1,067		431.48	21.86
TOTAL	17,553	17,005	24,936	12964.40	665.56

Transfer from HCC investment			0	
Closing Bank Balance	6950.93	8293.57	461	10624.17

Invested with HCC					
At start	42,403	44,377	46,824	46824.26	
Add Interest	1,975	2,447	2,600	0.00	0.00
Transfers from (- to) bank	0	0	1,000	6000.00	0.00
At finish	44,377	46,824	49,788	52824.26	

## Cheques since last meeting

Date	Cheque	Who to	What for	Total	VAT	Net
13-Oct	876	J Barber	Strimmer spares	12.00	1.79	10.21
13-Oct	877	Southern Electric	VH Car park lighting	13.02	0.62	12.40
13-Oct	878	Clive Kent	Cemetery maintenance	180.00		180.00
13-Oct	879	R Whitmarsh	Village green grass cut	240.00		240.00
13-Oct	880	David Scott	Service Ashburn Rest	90.00		90.00
13-Oct	881	HCC	N Acre street light maintenance	42.41	6.32	36.09
13-Oct	882	AA Wolfenden	Playground maintenance	88.13	13.13	75.00

## Appendix 2

### Notes prepared by Jeremy Barber of meeting at Longparish School on 15 September 2008

#### *Present:*

School: Helen Mehaffey, Chair of Governors, Alex Foggo, Head Teacher

Parish Council: Jeremy Barber (Chair), Christian Dryden, Christopher Duxbury (Vice-Chair) and Ricky Bourne

#### *Introduction*

We were invited to the school by way of follow up to the questions about admissions/appeals which have been raised at parish council meetings in the past and most recently at our June meeting. By way of follow up Toby Cooper raised some points with Helen, Jeremy met with her and she invited the councillors to visit the school and meet her and the Head afterwards to discuss any points of concern.

We discussed what to raise at our September meeting and it was agreed that issues which should be raised were:

- parking
- admissions and appeals
- use of the Community Hall
- rabbits

#### *Tour of school*

The visit began with a tour of the school including a brief look at the playgroup and the grounds. Seeing the excellent facilities at the school (for example the wonderful IT suite) was very useful to those of us who had not been round before.

We then adjourned to the Head's office. Ricky had had to leave for another appointment just before that.

#### *Rabbits and moles*

We discussed rabbits and moles during the tour and Jeremy agreed to provide Dave Haggan's details.

#### *Parking*

It emerged that the school travel plan was a one-off. Helen and Alex regretted that the school bus did not pick up in the village which meant that there was a greater number of cars at peak times because of parents dropping children who might otherwise have used the bus.

All agreed that the parking by parents in the gravel area and on the street was dangerous and also very inconvenient to people who needed access to the church and the field. The new pavement provides an opportunity to address the situation as parents can now walk safely from the village hall car park to the school/playgroup. The suggestion of chaining off the gravel area at peak times, chain to be put and taken in by school, was discussed and Jeremy agreed to sound out the PCC, the playgroup and Middleton Estate.

We also discussed putting a bit of extra shingle on the gravel area to prevent erosion of the surface and putting scalplings into the pedestrian entrance to the village hall car park to stop it getting muddy. Jeremy agreed to put the school in touch with Richard Jewell, our local community police officer as Alex had not

met him. He might also be able to help with cycle proficiency. The school had already taken up the car parking point in a letter to parents and we discussed jointly putting something into Hill & Valley with Helen providing the text of the letter to parents as a starting point.

#### *Admissions*

Helen and Alex explained the admissions policy and process and that they need extra children from outside the village to make the school viable. They are also obliged to take them because of the way the policies work. Alex would shortly be putting a notice in Hill & Valley inviting applications and saying that there would be open mornings for prospective parents. The admissions process was administered at county level and was out of their hands. We observed that the school had refused applications from various children living in the village with the result that they and siblings had gone elsewhere, sometimes at public expense for transport. One family was used as an example. It was clear that the school was providing an excellent standard of education but it was a great pity that they were not providing it to all the children from the village who wanted it. This caused bad feeling ("the school is giving a good education to people from Whitchurch but rejects people from Longparish, etc"). The people rejected might have gained admission on appeal. This was demonstrated by a recent appeal by parents from within the catchment area but outside the village which had been successful. But it was a daunting process. The school was not able to help village families to appeal nor were they able to refer them to others who might help them. We discussed whether there was a communications issue and suggested that additional information in articles in Hill & Valley and on the village website would help people understand and come to terms with the situation. Helen would think about it.

#### *Community use of facilities at school*

We then turned to community use of the school facilities. We explained our longstanding concern. Villagers, many not school parents, had contributed significant sums during fund raising and had understood that the facilities would be readily available for hire at reasonable rates comparable with the village hall. That had not happened. Helen said the management committee was being re-launched under the leadership of Julian Curl and asked that we give it a chance. We observed that we had heard this before. Nearly three years after the opening we still did not have satisfactory arrangements in place. The management committee had suffered a series of resignations from people who were keen to make community use of the new facilities work and had become frustrated at their inability to achieve that objective. Jeremy was also concerned that evidence given to the VAT tribunal in July 07 (after approval by the governors) was not consistent with what was happening.

Alex advised that community use of the new facilities was, she thought, outside her job description. On funerals it was important to liaise with the school before the date and time were set. That was primarily a matter for the clergy. Helen's main theme was that we should give the new management committee a chance which we agreed to do.

We spoke about our feeling that the school should be part of the community and the community part of the school. Helen will give some thought to the ideas of a general open day and following up donors.

**Appendix 3 Correspondence***Correspondence received*

	Date	Who from	Subject
	8 Oct	Planning Inspectorate	Upper Mill Ford Inquiry
	10 Oct	Planning Inspectorate	Upper Mill Ford Inquiry
	9 Oct	Mr Griffith	Hedge at Buckclose House
	8 Sep	Edward Harris (Solicitor)	East Aston Common
	18 Sep	TVBC Karen Eastley	TV Biodiversity Action Plan
		Basingstoke & Deane BC	LDF newsletter
		Basingstoke & Deane BC	Housing land availability strategy
	18 Sep	TVBC Steve Lees	TVBC LDF Core strategy
	11 Sep	HCC	Pothole busters (C Dryden)
	15 Sep	Hugo Keith	Roads and noise from A303
	23 Sep	HCC Cath Hart	Countryside Access Forum newsletter
	9 Oct	Alex Foggo Head teacher	Parking problems – one day only (email to JB)
	2 Oct	R Derrick	Planning 61 North Acre (C Duxbury)
	10 Sep	HCC	Proposed electronic consultation arrangements
	9 Sep	TVBC	Conservation guidance about war memorials
	30 Sep	C Woodhouse (email to JB)	Footpaths
	29 Sep	TVBC Mayor	Remembrance Day silence
	27 Aug	DCLG	Consultation on making byelaws
	1 Sep	SEERA	SE Plan review – gypsies and travellers (C Duxbury)
	28 Aug	HCC	Annual meeting of transport reps 15 Nov (Phil Harris)
	19 Sep	Steven Lugg HALC	Email to JB re Insurance indemnity
		Shaws	Catalogue of reference books
		HCC	Local Transport leaflet (Phil Harris)
		Highways Agency	Journey planning information
		HCC	Hampshire Now magazine
		Maudesport	Catalogue
		Standards Board	Newsletter
		Monster play systems	Leaflet about equipment

*Correspondence sent*

Date	Who to	Subject
30 Sept	Head and Chair of Governors (JB)	Visit to school on 15 September
6 Oct	Planning Inspectorate (JB)	Upper Mill Ford Inquiry – statement of case
6 Oct	Hugo Keith (JB email)	Roads and noise from A303 (copy C Dryden)
9 Sep	TVBC (C Duxbury)	Response to planning applications – 61 North Acre, Newton Cottage, The Willows and Foxdale House
8 Oct	TVBC (C Duxbury)	Response to planning application – Trees at White Windows
Various	Church, Middleton Estate, Playgroup	Ideas about parking (follow up to meeting on 15 Sept at school)
Various	JB to Hants Highways engineers	Emails and phone calls about white lining and snagging following footway construction