

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE ELLICOCK ROOM ON 12 JANUARY 2009

PRESENT

Jeremy Barber (Chair), Ricky Bourne, Jo Clear, Chris Dewbury, Christian Dryden, Christopher Duxbury, Phil Harris, Martin Lampard.

HCC Councillor Michael Woodhall, Charles Cardiff (Chair of Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council), Andrew Gibson (Chilbolton Parish Councillor and prospective Conservative candidate for HCC), Mrs Helen Mehaffey (Chair of School Governors) arrived c. 8.30pm

09/1 APOLOGIES

Becky Bourne, Toby Cooper. TVBC Councillor Jim Neal

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the visitors and introducing the Council. He reported that the Clerk, Paul Jarrett was still seriously ill. Paul and his wife had asked him to thank the Council for their card and flowers.

09/2 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2008

The minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

09/3 MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman drew attention to the Action list which he had compiled from previous minutes and asked members to review the actions marked to them and advise him of any updates. **ACTION All**

09/3.1 *First Responders (Sept 08 minutes)*

Mrs Bourne had advised that only 3 people had responded to the appeal in Hill & Valley for volunteers. If more did not come forward it would not be possible to go ahead with the scheme.

09/4 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Woodhall said that he admired the work done on Clear Up days in Longparish. He had organised a day in King's Somborne to cut back vegetation which narrowed footways and commended this activity to other councils.

He said that he had still had money available in his budget to make grants to village projects before the end of February.

The Council decided to take advantage of Councillor Woodhall's presence to ask him questions on County Council matters.

09/4.1 *Roads*

The problems on Southside Hill, and the delay on completing snagging on the footway project by the school were explained.

09/4.1.1 *Speed limits*

Councillors asked what they could do to get 30 MPH speed limits at Southside Farm and at least 40 MPH from the village sign in Forton, where Pat Burke had recently had an accident, as HCC had so far refused them. Councillor Woodhall suggested writing to Kevin Fuller to say that he supported both schemes, and that HCC was now more sympathetic to extending speed limits in villages. **ACTION Clerk**

09/4.1.2 09/3.1.2 *Use of Southside Hill by Testbourne School bus*

Phil Harris said that he thought the bus should not use the hill as the turning was dangerous by Stream House, the bus was too large and the hill was not usually salted, but had had no reply to his queries. Councillor Woodhall said to ask Kevin Fuller what the correct route is.

09/4.2 School admissions

Councillors explained that the HCC admissions policy created problems in Longparish. The school is popular and over-subscribed. Because HCC says that all school places must be filled in the November before the next school year if there are applications for that school, children moving into the catchment area after that were sometimes forced to go to schools in other villages, although about 60 of the 100 places in the school were filled by children outside the catchment area. A recent appeal had highlighted this problem and the Council wanted to know how many other schools in the county were unable to admit late arrivals in the catchment area. Councillor Woodhall suggested asking Councillor David Kirk. **ACTION Clerk**

09/4.3 Mineral Plan

Councillor Woodhall said he would try to find out when the plan would be published.

Councillor Woodhall then left the meeting and Mrs Mehaffey arrived shortly afterwards.

09/5 SCHOOL/PLAYGROUPO/COMMUNITY HALL

This item was taken out of order for the convenience of Mrs Mehaffey, who reported on school matters and answered questions.

09/5.1 Community Hall

09/5.1.1 Heating

The on-going problem with inadequate heating and hot water temperature continues and appears to be due to a design fault. She paid tribute to the efforts of Oliver Coleman and Maggie Barber to sort this out, which had not been helped by a change in the HCC electric contractors for the school. The problem was worst in the school holidays.

09/5.1.2 Church use of toilets

The Management Committee and Governors were hoping that the toilets could be used when the rest of the building was locked, as was originally promised.

09/5.1.3 Comments book

The Chairman reminded Mrs Mehaffey that she had said that a comments book would be provided so that there could be two-way communication between users of the Community Hall and the Governors. She will take up the matter with the Management Committee.

09/5.2 School

09/5.2.1 Admissions policy

Mrs Mehaffey said that the Governors would welcome comments on the consultation on admissions policy. She said that standards at the school had risen and very good SATs results had increased demand for school places. Fewer children were leaving for private education at 7. Governors were constrained by the fact that no class could be over 30 in Key Stage 1, and classrooms were designed for no more so governors were reluctant to increase class sizes in KS2. They were not allowed to leave places unfilled, and could not afford to as funding came with the child. This made it difficult to accommodate children arriving unexpectedly in the catchment area.

She said that transport was supplied to the nearest available school for children who could not be admitted to their local school.

She said that she would consult with the Head whether those forced to go to other schools might be allowed to attend after school clubs so that they could make friends in the villages.

The Council decided that the Chairman, Christopher Duxbury and Christian Dryden would draft the Council response to the consultation on admissions policy which would be considered at the next meeting. **ACTION JB, C.Duxbury, C.Dryden**

09/5.2.2 New OfSTED inspection arrangements

The school was likely to be in the pilot study for a new type of inspection, which was a return to a more in-depth inspection in school and less reliance on paperwork.

09/5.2.3 Refund of VAT paid on Playgroup and Community Hall buildings

This had not yet been paid following the appeal ruling and she referred the Chairman to Jonathan Evans for more information. There would be consultation on the use of the rebate when it materialised.

09/5.2.4 Moles & rabbits

The Chairman said that the school clearly had a problem with moles and rabbits making the school field hazardous. He suggested that it might like to take up a retainer with the same contractors that the Open Spaces used to control moles and and join with the council on clearing rabbits. Mrs Mehaffey asked for details and said that she would consult her Premises Committee.

ACTION JB

09/5.2.5 Flashing lights

Phil Harris noted that the flashing light near the Withies had been moved again nearer the school. Mrs Mehaffey said that the governors had no rôle in this.

09/5.3 Playgroup

She said that the playgroup was working very closely with year R on the Foundation curriculum. Some Playgroup children attended school lunches. Attendance at the playgroup did not give any right of admission to the school.

(Mrs Mehaffey and Charles Cardiff left the meeting)

09/6 PLANNING

09/6.1 Current application

09/6.1.1 08/02905/LBWN – Westhay, Forton - Three replacement windows on ground floor at front – Mr Neil Biddlecombe

Christopher Duxbury said that the applicant wanted to replace decaying modern casements with wooden windows which would be in keeping with existing period ones.

Jeremy Barber said that he would not vote as he was a neighbour, but was quite happy with the application.

Decision No objection.

09/6.2 Outstanding applications

09/6.2.1 08/00196/FULLN Testwood Trout Farm Temporary use of mobile home for agricultural workers dwelling.

PC - Objection 28 Feb 08.

Appeal Inquiry held 9/10 Dec 08 - Result pending.

09/6.2.2 08/02114/FULLN 61 North Acre (2nd Application) Erection of 2 storey rear extension to provide enlarged kitchen/diner and wc/utility room

PC – No objection 8 Sep 08 & again Dec 08

TVBC – Pending, following submission of revised plans. TVBC will make a site visit and the matter will go to NAPC. On the information available the Council considered that it would not be necessary to make representations at the meeting.

09/6.2.3 08/02216/FULLN 2 Paddock Cottages Erection of 3 bedroom dwelling and associated works

PC – No objection 13 Oct 08

TVBC – Permission 12 Dec 08 - subject to conditions and notes, but for a tiled roof (Hampshire clay tiles, as opposed to Thatch).

The Chairman and Christopher Duxbury had attended the NAPC meeting and they, with several TVBC councillors, were disturbed by the way the application was dealt with. After a meeting with Jim Neal they recommended that the Council authorise them to write to the CEO of TVBC to say that :

1. The Parish Council had not been consulted on the last minute decision to substitute tile for thatch.
2. The applicant appeared to have been pressurised by planning officers to change the application under threat of reference to Planning Control.
3. if there were a change of policy to say that thatch would never be allowed in a new building in a conservation area this should be stated, as the criterion of whether a new building enhanced or preserved the character of the area seemed to be over-ridden.

The Council agreed that a letter should be written.

ACTION JB & C.DUXBURY

09/6.2.4 08/02508/FULLN /08/02510/LBWN River Barn, Southside Road Two storey side extension to provide dining room/study with bedroom over.

PC – No objection 10 Nov 08

TVBC – Permission 19 Dec 08, subject to conditions and notes

09/6.2.5 SITA UK (Through HCC) Importation and placement of capping soils at Apsley Farm Landfill site – to complete and improve the restoration and gas management on the 24.7 hectare site

PC – No objection 10 Nov 08

HCC – Nothing heard

09/6.2.6 /02641/FULLN Woodstock. Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear and side extensions to include ground floor extended kitchen diner, enlarged utility room, playroom and stores, first floor two bedrooms, erection of detached double garage. Mr G Hayes

PC No objection 8 Dec 08

TVBC – Withdrawn 16 Dec 08

09/6.2.7 08/02678/LBWN and 08/02676/FULLN Tudor Cottage. Erection of extension to rear to provide enlarged kitchen, provision of eyebrow dormer window to rear. Dr Martin Crook

PC – No objection 8 Dec 08

TVBC – Pending. Agreed that JB or CD would represent the Council at NAPC on 29 January.

ACTION JB & C Dux

09/6.3 Outstanding notifications

09/6.3.1 08/02633/TREEN Fell one weeping willow and prune one alder. Nordale. Mr Bill Nicholson

PC – No Objection 1 Dec 08

TVBC – No Objection 10 Dec 08

09/6.3.2 08/02661/TREEN Fell 2 silver birches. Test Cottage. Mr G Mottley

PC Objection 1 Dec & confirmed 8 Dec 08

Amended to fell one silver birch, nearest to Maiden Cottage

TVBC – No Objection 23 Dec 08

09/6.3.3 08/02820/TREEN Lift crown of Willow to 3 metres. Longparish School. Mr Oliver Coleman (governor)

PC - No objection 8 Dec 08

TVBC – No Objection 23 Dec 08

Subsequently Rachel Cook had suggested to Mr Coleman that it might be better to pollard the tree. The Chairman and Graham Darragh had looked again at the tree and recommended that the Parish Council should object to that. It was agreed that Graham Darragh should ring Rachel Cook to discuss it. **ACTION GD & JB to advise Mr Coleman.**

09/6.4 08/00385/FULLN Steam ventilation stack at Wood Chip shed at Pachington, Test Valley Development Co.

Ricky Bourne said that the chimney was causing nuisance, smelling and depositing ash. The working area was illuminated for long hours and there were more vehicle movements than the Council was led to expect. It was agreed that it should be discussed at the February meeting.

09/6.5 Longparish Conservation Area Review

Christopher Duxbury had submitted comments to amend the Character Appraisal and these had been incorporated in the updated draft now on the TVBC website. He would provide a link to the website. He asked that councillors should attend the exhibition on Monday 19th January if possible, and consider before the next meeting what collective view the Council should take to the changes TVBC proposed to the Conservation Area.

09/7 OPEN SPACES

09/7.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 December 2008

The Chairman reminded Council that committees do not make decisions. They recommend measures to Council and the Council decides when it accepts or rejects the minutes.

The minutes were accepted as a correct record, signed by the Chairman and agreed by the Council.

09/7.1.1 Clean up day will be on Saturday 18 April

09/7.1.2 Cemetery

SEB is continuing its tree work.

Mole control is needed in the cemetery and the Council agreed that Ricky Bourne should ask Mr Haggard to add it into the existing contract. **ACTION RB**

09/7.1.3 Car park

Martin Lampard no longer has a winch so cannot remove the dead cypress tree. It will be left until Clear Up day.

09/7.1.4 Football field

Rabbit control has been booked by Ricky Bourne, as has Serco to aerate the turf.

Phil Harris agreed to help Jeremy Barber mend the fence round the car parking.

ACTION PH & JB

09/7.1.5 Playground

The Chairman had asked TVBC whether a grant might be available for renovating the skate ramp and understood that it might be, but two more quotations would be required. The Chairman had not heard back from the 2 contractors it suggested.

09/7.1.6 Stocks

The Chairman had informed Canon Martin Coppen that the stocks, although new, are listed and cannot be removed.

09/7.1.7 Flooding Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 14 January.

09/8 ROADS AND BRIDGES

09/8.1 Meeting with John Clark

Christian Dryden and Christopher Duxbury were meeting John Clark of HCC Highways the following day, 13th January, and hoped to raise many issues: the tree roots in Mill Lane and the camp road, the North Acre pavements, problems on Southside Hill, the snagging after the footway work by the school, flooding on Nuns' Walk and the Middleway, and potholes.

09/8.2 Driver information signs

Ricky Bourne said there had been no progress at the HALC, and he suggested that the £300 grant from Councillor Woodhall should be reassigned to the skate ramp. The Council agreed.

(Ricky Bourne left the meeting at 10.07)

09/9 FOOTPATHS

09/9.1 Revised leaflet

Martin Lampard said that he was aware of the deadline at the end of February.

ACTION ML

09/9.2 Dogs & sheep

Simon Troughton had had problems as well as Christopher Woodhouse on footpaths 11 & 12. It was agreed that a stronger article warning dog walkers should be in the February Hill & Valley.

ACTION C.Dewbury or JB

09/9.3 Footpath 19 in Church Field

Jo Clear said she would ask Beany McHenry to move the horse box parked on the path.

ACTION JC

09/10 TRANSPORT

09/10.1 Report on HCC Transport Representatives meeting

Phil Harris reported that

09/10.1.1 76 evening buses from Andover to Basingstoke

It was up to the bus operators whether they diverted through Longparish or not and he thought they were unwilling to lengthen the journey for through passengers.

09/10.1.2 Cango buses on the school run

They can only carry eligible named children. Two thirds of the Community Transport budget is spent on Home-School transport.

09/10.1.3 Cango buses in Andover

The C4 can only go to the hospital OR Tesco, not both, so early booking is advised.

09/10.1.4 Whitchurch Station parking

This is to be extended sometime in the future.

09/11 VILLAGE HALL

The working group will present its proposals for updating the hall on Monday 26th January, and Councillors are asked to attend if possible.

09/12 FINANCE

This item had been moved this to the end of the agenda to ensure that decisions made during the meeting could be taken into account in the budget.

09/12.1 Monthly financial statement

The Chairman presented the spreadsheet. Further cheques were signed for Clive Kent and SEB, which have subsequently been added. See Appendix 1

09/12.2 Minutes of the Finance Committee on 4th January 2009

The minutes were approved as a correct record, accepted by the Council and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that a new Councillor member was required.

09/12.3 Budget and precept for the year to 31 March 2010

The Chairman said that the budget of 2008-9 was underspent, mainly due to the Clerk's illness and the delay in the skate ramp upgrade.

The Finance Committee proposed that the precept for 2009-2010 should remain at £15,000 and that reserves should be used to cover the anticipated extra expenditure on recruiting and paying a qualified Clerk as well as the committee bids.

Christopher Duxbury proposed and Martin Lampard seconded the proposal to adopt the budget and set the precept at £15,000, which was carried unanimously.

09/13 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted. See list attached (Appendix 2).

09/14 FUTURE MEETINGS

- Conservation Area Review Public Exhibition – Monday 19 January 2 – 8pm
- Village Hall meeting – Monday 26th January
- Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 9 February

09/15 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.40.

APPENDIX A**LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT
PERIOD FROM 13-DEC-08 TO 12-JAN-09**

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	511.00	252.00
Handbook sales	30	0	50	0.00	0.00
Grant Ashburn Rest	3,355	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	15547.00	252.00

Expenditure

Clerks Pay/Expenses	1,935	1,376	2,100	0.00	0.00
General Admin	1,708	2,195	2,400	1650.87	34.28
Elections	0	28	0	0.00	0.00
Open spaces	6,573	4,420	10,166	3162.82	12.00
Communications	747	691	1,830	505.00	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	1740.00	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
Ashburn Rest	5,129	0	0	0.00	0.00
Other	0	0	500	100.00	100.00
VAT	589	1,067		451.04	0.00
TOTAL	17,553	17,005	24,936	15515.01	146.28

Transfer from HCC investment			0	
Closing Bank Balance	6950.93	8293.57	461	8325.56

Invested with HCC					
At start	42,403	44,377	46,824	46824.26	
Add Interest	1,975	2,447	2,600	1238.33	0.00
Transfers from (- to) bank	0	0	1,000	6000.00	0.00
At finish	44,377	46,824	49,788	54062.59	

Cheques in period

22-Dec-08	58	892	Amy Jones	Sponsorship	100.00
12-Jan-09	59	893	Jeremy Barber	Stationery and strimmer knives	46.28
12-Jan-09	60	894	Southern Electric	VH Car park lighting	12.95
12-Jan-09	61	895	Clive Kent	Cemetery & Car park maint	145.00

APPENDIX B**LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL – MEETING 12 JANUARY 2009****Correspondence received**

	Date	Who from	Subject
1		Longparish School	Christmas Card
2		Michael Woodhall	Christmas Card
3		Sandra Gidley	Christmas Card
4		TVBC Mayor	Christmas Card
5		Longparish School	Consultation on admissions policy
6	31 Dec	Amy Jones	Thanks re sponsorship
7	Jan 09	Community Action Hampshire	Parish Plan News
8	Dec 08	Highways Agency	Planning journeys newsletter
9	17 Dec	DCLG	Consultation on local authority publicity
10	29 Dec	HCC Robert Ormerod	Quality of Life in Hampshire report
11	14 Dec	LCA Dr David Wright	Thanks for support from parish council
12	14 Dec	LCA Dr David Wright	Request for continued support next year
13		Russell K Tarrant	Dignity of the elderly
14		Audit Commission	Approval of annual return
15		HCC	Hampshire Now magazine
16		TVBC	Summary of TVBC accounts
17		Information Commissioner	Data protection
18	1 Dec	TVBC [Cooke] - email	Confirmation provisional objection Test Cottage tree work received
19	11 Dec	Sarah De Watteville - email	The Cottage; visit from Ian Payne, appointed by TVBC
20	13 Dec	Sarah De Watteville - email	Response – happy to show correspondence
21	15 Dec	TVBC	Acknowledgement Tudor Cottage X2
22	15 Dec	TVBC	Acknowledgement River Cottage, Forton
23	15 Dec	TVBC	Acknowledgement Woodstock
24	15 Dec	TVBC	Acknowledgement LP School tree
25	5 Jan	TVBC	Westhay, Forton, Planning Application
26	6 Jan	TVBC (Lomax)	Acknowledgement of initial comments on CA condoc
27		TVBC McKie	Poster 'Older Peoples Voice' (passed to shop)
28		RoSPA PlaySafety	Leaflet advertising services
29	23 Dec	HCC Beth Richards	Report of Transport Reps meeting 15 Nov 08 (PH)
30	9 Jan	Oliver Coleman (School Gvnr)	Willow tree at school and VH Car Park
31	16 Dec	Christine Leach LP School	Copy complaint to heating contractor

Correspondence sent

Date	Who to	Subject
22 Dec	Amy Jones (JB)	Sponsorship
6 Jan	TVBC Anne Marie Lomax (CD)	Initial comments on Conservation Area review
9 Dec	TVBC (CD)	Confirmation of objection to Test Cottage tree work
12 Dec	Sarah De Watteville – email (CD)	Sitrep on the Cottage acknowledged. Request to see correspondence from consultant and TVBC
12 Dec	JB to Sarah De Watteville - email	Have used Ian Payne in the past and found him pretty knowledgeable
16 Dec	PH to TVBC	2 X comments on Andover Town Access Plan
22 Dec	Amy Jones (JB)	Sponsorship
6 Jan	CD to TVBC (Lomax) email	Initial comments on Conservation Area draft condoc
9 Jan	Rev Martin Coppen (JB)	Stocks by Longparish Church