

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE ELLICOCK ROOM ON 9 FEBRUARY 2009**

**PRESENT**

Jeremy Barber (Chair) Christopher Duxbury, Phil Harris, Martin Lampard, Toby Cooper (arrived 8.40), Mary Jo Darrah (Acting Clerk).

**Members of the public** Garfield and Sarah Hayes, Simon Vize (arrived c.8pm), Maggie Barber (from 10pm).

**09/16 APOLOGIES**

Becky Bourne, Ricky Bourne, Chris Dewbury, Jo Clear, Christian Dryden, TVBC Councillor Jim Neal.

**09/17 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 12 JANUARY 2009**

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

**09/18 MATTERS ARISING**

**09/18.1 09/6.2.3 Letter re 2 Paddock Cottages**

The letter expressing concern at the way the applications had been handled and asking for a review independent of the planning department had been circulated by email and sent to TVBC; and acknowledged. Bernard Sully, Corporate Director, will look into the matter.

**09/19 PLANNING**

**09/19.1 Outstanding Applications**

**09/19.1.1 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.

**09/19.1.2 08/02114/FULLN 61 North Acre (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – Permission by NAPC 29 January 2009 subject to conditions and notes

**09/19.1.3 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

**09/19.1.4 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 – Permission/consent given for both applications by NAPC 29 January 2009, subject to conditions and notes.

**09/19.1.5            08/02814/FULLN River Cottage, Forton - Erection of first floor extension to rear/side to provide master bedroom, dressing and en-suite, and ground floor extension to provide enlarged kitchen/family room and dining room. Mr Morson Roshan**

PC – No objection 8 December 2008

TVBC – Permission 20 January 2009, subject to conditions and notes

**09/19.1.6            08/02905/LBWN – Westhay, Forton - Three replacement windows on ground floor at front – Mr Neil Biddlecombe**

PC – No objection 8 December 2008

TVBC – Permission 20 January 2009, subject to conditions and notes

**09/19.2    *Current Applications***

**09/19.2.1            09/00216/FULLN Woodstock, East Aston Erection of two storey side and rear extension to provide playroom, utility, kitchen, boot room and cloakroom with two bedrooms, two en-suite bathrooms and dressing area over. Erection of detached garage. Mr & Mrs Hayes**

Christopher Duxbury said that the previous application had been withdrawn on 16<sup>th</sup> December following discussions with the planning officer. This was a new application. There was now no single storey extension to the boundary with Walnut Tree House and the width of the side extension was now the current width of the garage, which left the existing space between Woodstock and Walnut Tree House. The extension to the rear was now double-storey and extended 2 metres further back. The oil tank was to remain by the house and screened. He listed the relevant policies.

Simon Vize of Walnut Tree House said that he objected strongly to the application, particularly the 2 storey extension at the rear, which meant that he would see a high brick wall which would take light from them and contravene policies SET 12, DES 06 and AME 02. He said that the plans did not show his house as it now is and made it seem as though the building line at the back was the same as his house, whereas Woodstock would be further back. In his opinion, the extension should have been on the other side of the property.

Sarah Hayes said that they had modified the plans in line with planning advice, and that the planning officer had accepted that it was not feasible on grounds of cost and layout to extend the house on the other side. The revised plans will ensure that the two houses remain visually distinct from the road. The roofline of the new extension had been brought down slightly to reduce the bulk. The internal volume was similar to the previous application.

The Council had not objected to the first application and after discussion and a review of site visit photographs, the Council agreed unanimously not to object to the new plans which were regarded as an overall improvement and, in particular, addressed a previous concern about extending the house to the boundary.

In replying to TVBC, Christopher Duxbury would draw the attention to Mr Vize's concerns about the plans and also ask that the guidelines in the Village Design Statement should be observed if the application is permitted.

(Mr & Mrs Hayes and Mr Vize left the meeting at 8.15pm)

**09/19.2.2            08/02958/FULLN 127 North Acre - Erection of a two storey and single storey front and side extensions – Mr N Rouse**

Christopher Duxbury said that this would be a large extension to the side and rear of the property and would incorporate a single garage. The existing double garage would be demolished and the edge of the extension would be further from the boundary than the existing garage. No pre-application advice had been given and there was no design and access statement. Some concern was expressed about the effect on the semi-detached neighbouring house and the visual disparity of extending one half so much.

Unanimous decision - no objection, but Mr Duxbury would mention the lack of a design and access statement and draw attention to VDS guidelines.

**09/19.2.3 HCC/2009/0017 - Shooting Ground on land off the A303, Longparish, Andover - Construction of safety and noise screening bunds – Mr B Faulds**

Jeremy Barber explained that the Parish Council had not objected to the previous application but it had been withdrawn because of a TVBC objection on the grounds that tests showed that noise was not a problem in the village. He said experience showed that that noise was a problem and bunds on the village side should help, and the Council agreed.

Unanimous decision –no objection, but covering letter explaining the concerns about noise and, as before, asking for an agreement that lorries would not use Southside Hill, and that suitable arrangements to monitor the condition on inert materials would be strictly enforced.

**09/19.3 Conservation Area Review**

The Council agreed that it supported the retention of all the existing Conservation Area.

It was content with the TVBC proposals for following additional areas:

- The land immediately adjacent to Upper Mill and the watercourse at this point but hoped it would be possible to relieve the owner of the need to make separate applications for work on the many trees.
- Woodwalk Cottages, East Aston
- 135, North Acre and the rear garden of Yew Cottage
- Middleton Park and gardens to the north of the house, but hoped it would be possible to relieve the owner of the need to make separate applications for work on the many trees.

It opposed the inclusion of:

- The cemetery and village hall and the land/ property to the north east including The Orchards and the garden of Greenholme on the grounds that the cemetery does not need further protection, being owned by the Council, and the village hall is in need of major refurbishment and conservation. Restrictions could result in additional expense and a further hurdle with planning. The Orchards and the Greenholme garden were not of sufficient merit to warrant being included in the conservation area on their own.
- Gladstone Terrace on the grounds that there is no strong case for inclusion as so many alterations had been made that there was little original character left to conserve.

Jeremy Barber and Christopher Duxbury were meeting Anne-Marie Lomax on 16 February and would discuss further the track to the South East of Forton Farm, the conservation boundary to the South of Gladstone Terrace and the rear of Lower Farm House; and the status/merits of The Common relevant to the conservation area. They would also ask what the status would be of trees and hedges marked as important on the Area Assessment map, as some of the hedges, in particular the Council felt were not important.

**09/19.4 08/00385/FULLN Steam ventilation stack at Wood Chip shed at Pachington, Test Valley Development Co.**

Councillors agreed that the steam stack was more intrusive than the Council had expected, especially at night when the stack and plume of steam were illuminated. They are agreed that there was sometimes a piney smell, but much less offensive than the pigs.

The Chairman had spoken to Middleton Estate who invited the Council to visit the site in May or June. It was decided to accept this offer, and to ask that the floodlighting be adjusted to ameliorate the light pollution. Meanwhile the Council would maintain a watching brief.

Christopher Duxbury said that he would do a summary of the planning history for the next meeting.

**ACTION CDux, JB**

## **09/20 FINANCE**

The monthly financial statement was presented and approved (see Appendix A)

## **09/21 OPEN SPACES**

### ***09/21.1 Test & Itchen Countryside Access Plan***

This HCC plan to improve access to the countryside was welcomed and circulated, though current financial problems are likely to delay implementation.

### ***09/21.2 Larkwhistle sand pit***

The Chairman found SEB workmen cutting trees, having asked Testbourne Estate for permission. The Council agreed that the Chairman should inform Testbourne Estate that the sand pit belonged to the Parish Council, at the same time as asking for permission to cut the Village Green.

**ACTION JB**

### ***09/21.3 Flooding Group***

Christopher Duxbury will circulate the minutes and draft terms of reference of the Flooding Group.

**ACTION C Dux**

### ***09/21.4 Moles & rabbits***

Ricky Bourne had extended the contracts to cover dealing with moles and rabbits in the cemetery and also (though not a matter for the Council) the churchyard, and the Chairman had given details the contractors to the Chair of Governors at the school.

### ***09/21.5 Aeration of the football field***

Serco had done this, although the turf was too wet to see immediate benefit.

## **09/22 ROADS & BRIDGES**

### ***09/22.1 Meeting with John Clarke***

Christopher Duxbury had attended this with Christian Dryden. A full report will be given at the next meeting. He thought that something might be done about the informal laybys on Southside Hill. A pothole has been filled at the bottom of the Middleway.

### ***09/22.2 Speed limits***

The chairman said that after Councillor Woodhall and Council Neal had taken this up with Highways, he had applied for the limits to be extended to the Forton sign and to Southside Farm.

## **09/23 FOOTPATHS**

### ***09/23.1 Revised leaflet***

Martin Lampard has this in hand.

**ACTION ML**

**09/23.2 Metal kissing gate by church**

The Chairman reported that Phil Wood and some volunteers had removed the kissing gate, but left the fence in place.

**09/23.3 Footpath 19 – Church field**

Beany Mc Henry has moved the horses from the field, and will later move the stable so the surface of the path should gradually recover.

**09/24 TRANSPORT**

**09/24.1 X26 bus service to Winchester**

Phil Harris reported that Martin Lampard's children had not been picked up on the A303 more than once and they are in correspondence with the bus company. Currently the police are doing a risk assessment on the bus stops and there is a possibility that the X24 bus for Peter Symons College might cease.

**09/24.2 Testbourne bus route**

No reply had been received to representations by Phil Harris and the Clerk.

**09/25 COMMUNICATIONS**

**09/25.1 New Villagers Welcome evening 17 March**

This will now be held in the Village Hall as the school is using the Community Hall. The Chairman hoped that all councillors would attend.

**ACTION ALL**

**09/25.2 Hill & Valley adverts**

Phil Harris reported that the new licensees at The Plough had been told that there was a waiting list of 30 for advertising in Hill & Valley. The Chairman will bring the question of priority for local residents up at the next Hill & Valley Business meeting, and meanwhile Mrs Darrah said that she will put an advert in the Longparish editorial pages.

**ACTION PH, MJD, JB**

**09/26 SCHOOL, PLAYGROUP & COMMUNITY HALL**

**09/26.1 Comments Book**

A book for hall users to comment in is now in place.

**09/26.2 Heating problems**

Mrs Barber reported that these continue and are being addressed.

**09/26.3 Admissions policy**

Jeremy Barber, Christian Dryden and Christopher Duxbury had met to draft a letter. The Chairman said that Hurstbourne Priors Council wished to make the same points in a joint letter and he had altered the draft accordingly. The Council approved the letter which had been circulated by email and will now be sent.

**ACTION Clerk**

**09/27 VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall Committee at a constructive meeting on January 26 had decided to do as much to modernise the hall as was possible within the available resources, which included the moneys set aside by the Council and saved by the Committee, and any available grants.

**09/27.1 Storage container**

First The Village Hall Committee wanted to clear all surplus junk kept in the hall, and would hire a skip by arrangement with Purbeck. They also requested that the Parish Council using its usual annual grant should purchase a 20 foot container to be stored behind the hall to keep village equipment, like the Fete stuff which is used once or twice a year.

Jeremy Barber as a member of the committee explained the request and abstained from voting. The rest of the Council agreed unanimously to the request and preferred the container to be a neutral colour, perhaps green/grey

**09/28 CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was noted (see Appendix B).

**09/28.1 Upper Mill Ford decision**

The Planning Inspector had decided not to confirm the order to make a byway open to all traffic through the ford as there was not clear enough evidence that it had ever been a public vehicular right of way.

**09/28.2 North Acre street light**

Julian Higgins of HCC said that HCC could no longer maintain the light owned by the Parish Council as they were transferring to PFI nor would they take it over as it was not of the required standard. It should either be removed, or the Council should enter a PFI agreement. The Council asked the Clerk to find out which light it was and what a PFI agreement would cost.

**ACTION Clerk**

**09/29 DATES OF MEETINGS & REPORTS**

- Next Parish Council meeting - Monday 9 March 2009
- TVAPC Thursday 5 March
- New Villagers welcome event Tuesday 17 March 8pm
- Open Spaces – Monday 30 March
- Date of April Council meeting - It was decided to meet on the first Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, as the second Monday is Easter.
- The Chairman will circulate suggested dates for the Annual Parish Meeting.

**09/30 RESIGNATION OF THE CLERK**

The Chairman reported with great regret that Paul Jarrett was very ill and had decided to resign with immediate effect on health grounds. He had enjoyed the job and was sorry to have to resign. Councillors were sad to hear the news.

The Chairman had notified TVBC and the Bank and asked for correspondence to be sent to him.

Jeremy Barber, Christopher Duxbury and Mary Jo Darrah were asked to draw up a job specification and to undertake the recruitment of a new Clerk. The Finance Committee had recommended that any applicant should be trained or willing to train as a qualified Clerk.

**09/31 CLOSURE**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.25pm.

**APPENDIX A FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD FROM 13-JAN-09 TO 9-FEB-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	0.00
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,493</b>	<b>18,348</b>	<b>17,103</b>	<b>15547.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Expenditure**

Clerks Pay/Expenses	1,935	1,376	2,100	0.00	0.00
General Admin	1,708	2,195	2,400	1780.87	130.00
Elections	0	28	0	0.00	0.00
Open spaces	6,573	4,420	10,166	3320.16	0.00
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
Spare line	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Ashburn Rest	5,129	0	0	0.00	0.00
Other	0	0	500	100.00	0.00
VAT	589	1,067		476.90	25.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,553</b>	<b>17,005</b>	<b>24,936</b>	<b>15828.21</b>	<b>155.25</b>

Transfer from HCC investment	0				
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	6950.93	8293.57	461	8012.36	

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 signed**

Date	Chq	Who to	What for	Gross	VAT	Net
9-Feb-09	896	Audit Commission	Audit fee	155.25	25.25	130.00

**APPENDIX B CORRESPONDENCE****Correspondence received**

	Date	Who from	Subject
	22 Jan	Planning Inspectorate	Decision notice re Upper Mill Ford Inquiry
	13 Jan	HCC Cllr Michael Woodhall	Various roads issues
	13 Jan	HCC Cllr Michael Woodhall	Longparish school admissions policy
	13 Jan	HCC Petronella Natrass	Test and Itchen Countryside Access Plan
	16 Jan	TVBC Mayor	Holocaust Memorial day
		HCC	Community Transport News (PH)
		SLCC	Conference info
		HCC Highways	Inroads – highways news
		HCC Julian Higgins	Street light and PFI for maintenance
	13 Jan	Heritage Landscapes	Advertisement
		Wicksteed	Advertisement
	26 Jan	Oliver Coleman (School gvnr)	Willow tree (JB by email)
	27 Jan	TVBC	Quote for football field maintenance
	27 Jan	HCC Carrie Fanning	TV Passenger Transport Forum 9 Dec Meeting Minutes
	22 Jan	HCC Julia Davey	<a href="#">Construction of bunds at Shooting Ground</a>
	23 Jan	TVBC Planning	Developer contribution re Paddock Cottages
		Basingstoke & Deane BC	Local Development Framework newsletter
		Arien signs	Advertisement
		Clerks and Councils Direct	Magazine
		Maudesport	Advertisement
		Timberline	Playground equipment catalogue
		Hants Playing Fields Assn	Newsletter
	6 Feb	TVBC	Acknowledgement re 2 Paddock Cottages

**Correspondence sent**

Date	Who to	Subject
2 Feb	K Fuller HCC Highways (MJD)	Various Longparish roads issues
26 Jan	Oliver Coleman (School govnr) (JB)	Willow tree (JB by email)
13 Jan	TVBC [Lomax] email (C Dux)	Conservation Area Review – letters to Householders
5 Feb	TVBC Chief Exec (MJD)	Planning – handling issues re 2 Paddock Cottages
5 Feb	TVBC Matt Casson (JB)	Football field maintenance
5 Feb	TVBC (JB)	Retirement of Clerk
6 Feb	Lloyds Bank (JB)	Retirement of Clerk