

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE ELLICOCK ROOM AT 7.30PM ON APRIL 6 2009**

**PRESENT** Jeremy Barber (Chairman), Becky Bourne, Ricky Bourne, Jo Clear, Toby Cooper, Christian Dryden; Christopher Duxbury, Phil Harris

Jim Neal (TVBC Councillor), Mary Jo Darrah (Acting Clerk)

**09/47 APOLOGIES**

Martin Lampard, Chris Dewbury

**09/48 SILENCE FOR PAUL JARRETT**

Before the opening of the meeting the Chairman reported with great regret that Paul Jarrett, who so recently resigned as Clerk, had died on Sunday 22nd March. Christopher Duxbury and Mary Jo Darrah had attended the funeral. The Council remembered him in silence.

**09/49 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 9**

The minutes were approved unanimously and signed.

**09/50 MATTERS ARISING**

**09/50.1 *Appointment of the Clerk***

The Chairman reported that short listing had taken place and that the candidates would be interviewed at the end of the month so that the new Clerk could be appointed at the May meeting.

**09/51 PLANNING**

**09/51.1 *Current applications***

**09/51.1.1 09/00608/FULLN – extension to porch to provide WC –  
4 Woodwalk Cottages – Mr A de Watteville**

The Council had no objection to this small extension.

**09/51.1.2 Notification of proposed tree works at 2, Mayfield Villas – to  
lop lower branches of an ash tree - Mr G.Hayes**

Phil Harris and Ricky Bourne said that they had an interest as neighbours. Phil Harris said that he would be interested to know the scope of the pruning that Mr Hayes had in mind; Ricky Bourne said that he would prefer to see the ash tree removed on account of its size. It was agreed to ask Graham Darrah, the tree warden, to inspect the tree with the owner. Christopher Duxbury would then circulate the advice, which the Council would follow unless there were any resulting comments to the contrary.

**09/51.1.3 HCC PLAN/JD/TV231 Construction of safety and noise  
screening bunds at Shooting Ground on land off A303, Longparish, Andover**

Julia Davey had sent an email saying that the plans had been changed from a bund of 4-5 metres high to one of 2 metres with a 2 metre acoustic fence on top, with a woodland belt to the north planted outside the bund. This would reduce the need to bring in inert material.

The Council continues to support the original application for a bund on the Longparish side of the site because of the potential noise problem.

**OBJECTION** The Council decided to object to the revised proposals on the grounds that a 2 metre fence, green or otherwise, on top of a 2 metre bank could only be seen as a blot on the landscape, totally out of keeping with the rural, countryside surroundings.

## **09/51.2 Outstanding applications**

### **09/51.2.1 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 reported that this application had again been withdrawn after discussion with a senior planner, and it was proposed to put in a further revised application. Jim Neal said that the application would be called in to the Northern Area Planning Committee, in the public interest, and would probably not be dealt with until the May meeting.

### **09/51.2.2 2 Paddock Cottages**

The Chairman reported that Mr Riley had decided not to make a formal complaint to TVBC and to go ahead with the permission for a tiled house. The Chairman and Christopher Duxbury will meet Councillor Jim Neal on April 7 to discuss Mr Sully's response to the Parish Council's comments on TVBC's handling of the case and compose a reply.

**ACTION JB & CDux**

### **09/51.2.3 Andover Airfield "Megashed".**

The Chairman reported that permission had been given on 31st March subject to conditions and Section 106 agreements.

### **09/51.2.4 Pachington wood chip shed including application for Local Authority Pollution Prevention and Control permit by Bedmax Ltd**

The Chairman said that TVBC Environmental Health Department was consulting Longparish, Barton Stacey and Wherwell Parish Councils about an application from Bedmax for Pollution Prevention and Control Permit for its use of the Pachington site for drying woodchips for horse bedding. If the permit were granted it would exempt Bedmax from charges of causing nuisance. The application described the operation in detail, although some scientific reports on the analysis of the emissions from the chimney were still not available. It made clear that the fuel for the drier included coal and that some particulates and gases, including sulphur products, as well as steam were emitted from the chimney. The permit would be concerned only with emissions from the chimney, that is smells, smuts etc.

Ricky Bourne said that he remained very concerned about many aspects of the operation, but had been told that as the only complaint that had been received was from him and his wife Bedmax was unlikely to be forced to make expensive modifications, such as adding a scrubber, which might cost £50, 000.

The Chairman said that he had asked for an extension to the consultation deadline so that the Parish Council could make the site visit promised for early May and consider the application at the May meeting. By then the results of the scientific tests should be available too.

Christopher Duxbury asked Councillors to read the planning history of the site which he had prepared and circulated just before the meeting and also details of the application, which had been circulated by the Chairman, before the next meeting when it would be discussed in more detail and a decision made.

**ACTION All**

(Councillor Neal left the meeting at 8.20pm)

## **09/51.3 Entrance to new building behind Ropers**

Jo Clear asked whether planning permission was needed for what appeared to be an enlarged new entrance, which she thought was dangerous because of poor visibility. Previously there had been corrugated iron across the gap in the chalk walls. Christopher Duxbury said that he would check with the Planning Department whether it was part of the scheme or required a separate permission.

**ACTION C.Duxbury**

## **09/52 FINANCE**

### **09/52.1 Monthly financial statement (Appendix 1)**

The monthly financial statement was presented and approved. The Chairman explained that the £580 shown as income was a donation from the Village Hall Committee towards the cost of the container. HCC had given a grant of £382.06 towards the new edition of the footpaths leaflet which might already have been received but as it was paid by BACS the date would not be known until the bank statement arrived.

### **09/52.2 Increased charge for mowing Playground**

The Chairman reported that Mr Wolfenden had said that he would continue to cut the playground this year for £25 a cut, but had sent in a bill for £35, because he had had to hire a replacement for his sister who was expecting a baby. The Council agreed that the Chairman should try to negotiate a compromise figure for the remaining 12 to 15 cuts in the contract.

**ACTION JB**

## **09/53 OPEN SPACES**

### **09/53.1 Minutes of the Open Spaces committee meeting on 30th March**

Christopher Duxbury reported that although attendance was low he had decided to carry on with the meeting, and the minutes were signed as correct. The Committee had deferred consideration of the terms of reference until its next meeting in June.

### **09/53.2 Rabbit control**

Ricky Bourne said that the Fox Farm gamekeeper had done the football field but he used methods which were not suitable for the school or cemetery. Mr Barber agreed to see whether the Middleton gamekeeper could help with ferreting.

**ACTION JB**

### **09/53.3 Mowing Village Green**

Mr Tacchi had replied that he would like Jonathan Cox to advise on the timing and extent of cuts. Graham Darrah will get in touch with Jonathan Cox and inform the Chairman so that David Harris can plan his work.

**ACTION G.Darrah**

### **09/53.4 Cemetery Charges**

The Council agreed to accept the committee's recommendation that charges for non-parishioners should be increased. David Gould, the Clerk to the Burial Board, had drafted proposals which were accepted unanimously. Charges for parishioners and former parishioners of long-standing remain the same, as inflation had been minimal since the last review. Charges for non-parishioners, which had been double, are now increased threefold to be in line with those for Test Valley BC residents in TVBC cemeteries.

### **09/53.5 Bin at the Cleeves**

The Chairman reported that TVBC had confirmed that this should be emptied on the same day as normal rubbish collection and should be refastened to the stand each time. He asked councillors to report if they noticed further problems.

### **09/53.6 Clean-Up Day 18th April**

The Chairman asked everyone who could to help with the stream clearing, litter picking and cleaning seats etc. Toby Cooper and Christopher Duxbury gave apologies. There was some topsoil behind the Village Hall that could be used for filling holes.

**ACTION All who can**

**09/53.7 Strimmer equipment**

Ricky Bourne had ordered what was necessary from Winchester Garden Machinery and will pick it up on 8th April.

**ACTION RB**

**09/54 ROADS AND BRIDGES**

**09/54.1 North Acre pavements and tarmac outside the Withies**

The North Acre pavements have finally been mended and Christian Dryden was congratulated on a successful outcome to her lobbying. The Council was pleased to note that the rough ground between the Withies and the road has been mended with tarmac.

**09/54.2 New gates and posts on Southside Hill.**

Christian Dryden said that she had asked Mr Clarke of Highways to inspect the new iron gates and posts which have appeared at the top of Southside Hill, at the entrance used as an informal passing place at the top of the hill.

**09/54.3 20 is Plenty signs for the school**

Christian Dryden is trying to obtain these.

**ACTION C.Dryden**

**09/55 FOOTPATHS**

**09/55.1 Committee meeting deferred**

It had been impossible to find a new date for the meeting at short notice.

**09/55.2 New paths leaflet**

The new leaflet had gone to press and a grant for half the cost had been offered by HCC. A design for waymarks had been agreed.

**09/55.3 New kissing gates by the Longparish House Bridge**

Becky Bourne said that she thought that the Council had agreed that any new kissing gates should be wide enough for wheel chairs or pushchairs. The Chairman said that although the intention had been to have plain gates, HCC had insisted on kissing gates and had done the work. The other four kissing gates on the path made it impracticable for wheeled vehicles.

**09/55.4 Footpath 20**

The Chairman reported that the new fence will go across the existing kissing gate, and a new entrance will be made by the field gate opposite the Middleway, so creating an unofficial diversion.

**09/56 TRANSPORT**

Phil Harris said there was nothing to report.

**09/57 COMMUNICATIONS**

**09/57.1 Directory**

The 2009 Directory had been distributed with the April Hill & Valley. Mary Jo Darrah was thanked.

**09/57.2 New villagers welcome evening**

This had gone well although only 6 new villagers attended. Its value for money was queried. The Chairman said that the welcoming system needed review following the replacement of the Rev Nona Harrison and he and Gina Snowden would discuss it with the Revd. Terry Hemming.

**ACTION JB**

**09/57.3 Website**

**09/57.3.1 Photos from Chris Wheable**

Old photos kindly brought for scanning by Chris Wheable and his cousin were now on the website.

**09/57.3.2 Interment database**

David Gould had added the database on interments to the website. It still needs some tidying up.

**09/58 SCHOOL, PLAYGROUP AND COMMUNITY HALL**

**09/58.1 School Admissions policy**

The Chairman had circulated correspondence received on this, including a detailed response from the school, which had been considered by Christopher Duxbury, Christian Dryden and him that afternoon. They understood the reasons why the school was unwilling to increase class sizes to accommodate children moving into the village but thought the school could do more to try to help them, as the numbers were small. The Council agreed that as the numbers were so small it would like to see the school being more willing to try to help these children.

**ACTION JB, C Dux & C Dry to draft a response**

**09/58.2 SATs results**

The Chairman reported that the school had come 11th out of 280 primary schools in Hampshire for the value it added to children's performance in the Standard Assessment Tests. The Council agreed that the school should be congratulated and its achievement published.

**09/58.3 Duck poster competition**

Becky Bourne reported that she had enjoyed visiting the school to judge the posters the children had made to ask drivers to go slowly to avoid the ducks and ducklings on the road. She was impressed by the standard of the posters made by the 5-9 year olds and awarded four prizes of Easter eggs. The school will laminate the winning posters for display

**09/59 VILLAGE HALL**

**09/59.1 Refurbishment**

The Chairman said that consultation on refurbishment continues. The proposals on the website are the current ones. A grant of £12,000 had been offered which would cover 50% of the cost of photovoltaic cells which would make the hall cheaper to run, if the matching funds could be afforded.

Toby Cooper said that the stage seemed in need of strengthening, but the Chairman said inspection had shown it was sound.

Ricky Bourne said that his wife, Liz, was a mine of information about possible grants, and the Chairman said he would tell the committee.

**ACTION JB**

John Scott, the Village Hall committee Chairman, would attend the Annual Parish Meeting and speak and answer questions for about 15 minutes at the beginning.

**09/59.2 AGM - Monday 27th April at 7.30pm**

Councillors would be very welcome at the Village Hall AGM.

**09/60 CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was noted, and the Chairman said he would add the exchanges on litter bins. See Appendix 2.

**09/60.1 Councillor Woodhall's reception April 17 6.30-8.30pm**

The Council had received 3 invitations. The Chairman hoped to attend.

**09/61 DATES OF MEETINGS**

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 11 May 7pm

Next Parish Council meeting - Monday 11 May after APM

Finance Committee – Wednesday 29 April

Clean Up Day – Saturday 18 April 10am

**09/62 CLOSURE**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm

## Appendix 1      Longparish Parish Council      Financial Report

**Period from 9-Mar-09 to 5 April 2009**

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	707.00	120.00
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		580.00	580.00
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>16323.00</b>	<b>700.00</b>

### Expenditure

Clerks Pay/Expenses	1,935	1,376	2,100	0.00	0.00
General Admin	1,708	2,195	2,400	1919.37	30.00
Elections	0	28	0	0.00	0.00
Open spaces	6,573	4,420	10,166	4010.80	690.64
Communications	747	691	1,830	849.35	344.35
Paths	0	976	100	34.02	0.00
Capital Expenditure	0	0	1,400	228.92	0.00
Village Hall	788	2,766	500	1080.00	1080.00
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		778.62	285.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,553</b>	<b>17,005</b>	<b>24,936</b>	<b>18383.42</b>	<b>2430.44</b>

Transfer from HCC investment	0				
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	6950.93	8293.57	461	6233.15	

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 since last meeting

Date	Chq no	Who to	What for	Amount
9-Mar-09	898	SERCO	Aerate football field	241.50
9-Mar-09	899	Container Services Solent Ltd	Container for village hall	1242.00
9-Mar-09	900	Jeremy Barber	New villagers event expenses	115.00
3-Mar-09	901	TVBC	Football field mowing	538.55
5-Mar-09	902	Cancer Research UK	Donation (Clerk's funeral)	25.00
2-Apr-09	903	Hill & Valley	Magazine	93.75
5-Apr-09	904	TVBC	Printing village directory	161.69
5-Apr-09	905	Southern Electric	VH Car park lighting	12.95

**Appendix 2 Longparish Parish Council – Meeting 6 April 2009****Correspondence received**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Who from</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1.	13 Mar	Sandra Gidley MP	School admissions Policy
2.	6 Mar	David Kirk HCC Councillor	School admissions Policy
3.	31 Mar	J Evans School Governor	School admissions Policy
4.	4 Apr	LCA	School admissions Policy
5.	3 Apr	A Foggo Head Teacher	School SATs results
6.	27 Mar	T Tacchi (email to JB)	Village Green and Larkwhistle common land
7.	2 Apr	HMRC	PAYE arrangements following Clerk's death
8.	5 Mar	HCC Cllr Woodhall	Invitation to reception 17 April (NB 3 invitations and RSVP)
9.	5 Apr	HCC Julia Davey	Acoustic fencing at Owls Lodge Shooting Ground
10.	20 Mar	TVBC Planning	Megashed meeting 31 March
11.	31 Mar	Dave Wild TVBC	Litter bin at The Cleeves
12.	2 Apr	RoSPA	Arrangements for playground inspection
13.	Various	Various prospective clerks	Correspondence about our vacancy
14.		TVAPC	Minutes of meeting 5 March 2009
15.		HCC	Hampshire Now magazine
16.		Information Commissioner	Training CD about Freedom of Information requests
17.		HALC	Newsletter
18.		County Supplies	Newsletter
19.		Queensbury Shelters	Advertisement leaflet
20.		CPRE	Countryside Voice magazine
21.		Maudesport	Catalogue (passed to Martin Hulme)
22.		HMRC	PAYE payslips for sending tax

**Correspondence sent**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Who to</b>	<b>Subject</b>
23 Mar	HMRC (JB)	PAYE arrangements following Clerk's death
Various	Various prospective clerks (JB)	Correspondence about our vacancy
25 Mar	Cath Hart HCC (JB)	Grant claim re footpaths leaflet
24 Mar	Mary Jarrett (JB)	Condolences from the PC
9 Mar	N Dunford (JB)	Watering place in Nuns Walk
24 Mar	Cllr Kirk HCC (MJD)	School admissions Policy (acknowledgment)
24 Mar	HCC Highways M Wiltshire (MJD)	Various highways matters
24 Mar	S Gidley MP (MJD)	School admissions Policy
5 Apr	T Tacchi (JB)	Village Green and Larkwhistle common land
25 Mar	TVBC Environment & Health (JB)	Litter bin at The Cleeves