

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.30PM ON 8 JUNE 2009

PRESENT

Jeremy Barber (Chairman), Christopher Duxbury, Martin Lampard, Christian Dryden, Phil Harris, Tony Humphrey (Clerk)

Parishioners: Sarah Hayes

09/83 APOLOGIES

Councillors Toby Cooper, Chris Dewbury, Jim Neal (TVBC Councillor), Roger Derrick (parishioner)

Absent: Jo Clear

09/84 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 11 MAY 2009

The [minutes](#) were approved and signed. There were no matters arising.

09/85 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 11 MAY 2009

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

09/86 MATTERS ARISING

09/86.1 Parish Council Vacancies

No applications at present, notices have been posted.

09/87 PLANNING

09/87.1 Current applications [Introduced by Christopher Duxbury]

09/87.1.1 Woodstock [09/00943/FULLN](#)

This is the third application for the erection of a two storey side and rear extension and the Parish Council had not objected to the previous two – by a margin of 1 on the first and unanimously on the second. The further amended scheme differs from the second application and seeks to further reduce any impact on Walnut Tree House.

The Parish Council reviewed the plans following an outline of the changes by the Applicant, Mrs Sarah Hayes.

Unanimous decision – No Objection

Likely to go to Northern Area Planning Committee (NAPC) on 25 June. It was agreed that Christopher Duxbury and/or The Chairman would attend to advise why the Council does not object.

ACTION: CDux/JB

09/87.1.2 61 North Acre [09/00968/FULLN](#)

The Chairman declared an interest as he had for the two previous applications. Mr R Derrick (neighbour) had spoken to him. Mr Derrick thought that latest plans show 0.6m larger and asked the Council to object.

The Chairman left the room.

This is the third application. The first was closed for technical reasons, the second was approved by Northern Area Planning Committee on 2 February 2009, after prolonged discussion and revision of drawings..

This latest application has been submitted by a new architect (Clive Spencer) as the approved drawings still contained errors both to the size of the applicant's and neighbour's rear extensions.

The Parish Council agreed that the proposed 0.5 metre change overall would not alter its previous decision.

Unanimous decision – No Objection

09/87.1.3 Longparish House [09/00651/FULLN](#)

Erection of fishing hut and replacement of two existing huts..

Natural England has given consent with conditions.

Unanimous decision – No Objection.

09/87.2 Other planning matters

09/87.2.1 Paddock Cottages

After a disappointing reply from TVBC, Jim Neal took up the issue on behalf of the Parish Council by speaking to Bernard Sully.

After a subsequent email from Mr Sully, which suggested that the Planning Department had still not learned any lessons from the case, Jim Neal spoke to him again. Christopher Duxbury recommended and the Council agreed that the matter should now be closed.

09/87.2.2 Ropers

Letter received from TVBC, in response to the Parish Council's letter dated 27 May 09 concerning the new back vehicular access at Ropers stating that they will continue to investigate the Parish Council concern about the new entrance.

Clerk to write to TVBC offering to provide history of the site.

ACTION: TH

09/87.2.3 Owls Lodge Farm

Still awaiting advice from TVBC concerning the planning position relative to a new structure positioned to behind the barn referred to in 07/02072/AGNN, to the South and East of Owls Farm

09/87.2.4 Core Strategy

At a meeting with TVBC on 1 May 2009 the Government appointed Independent Inspector raised a number of concerns about the Core Strategy submitted in March 2009. Steve Lees told the TVAPC that the Andover Advertiser's article had exaggerated the inspector's concerns but there are issues that TVBC is dealing with.

09/87.2.5 Saved Policies

Christopher Duxbury had reviewed letter from TVBC. Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 existing Borough Local Plan policies are 'saved' for a period of 3 years from the adoption of the BLP in 2006. All the policies have been saved for a further 3 years, less 11 policies that have little relevance to Longparish.

09/87.2.6 Pre-Application Advice

At previous TVAPC meetings, the Parish Council has raised the principle of Pre-application Advice being made available on request once an application has been made, other than for those cases that are classified as commercially sensitive and therefore confidential,

The Chairman, Clerk and Christopher Duxbury attended the TVAPC meeting on 28 May, where Christopher put forward a request for more openness to Cllr Hatley, the TVBC Planning Portfolio holder. He stressed that there seems no reason for a blanket policy of non disclosure.

Two possible solutions emerged – include a question on the application form asking applicants to confirm that they had no objection to the release of such information and/or for the planning officer to issue a précis brief on the application, as they do in the New Forest.

Wait to see what transpires.

09/87.2.7 Village Policy Boundaries

At the recent TVAPC meeting Steve Lees, Head of Planning Policy and Transport, briefed us on the forthcoming Review of Village Policy Boundaries.

A working document was given to the participants and Steve Lees subsequently gave permission for appropriate circulation with one caveat that it 'work in progress' and will be refined as TVBC develops the review and in the light of comments received

There is no time frame yet for the review; informal consultation with PCs will be arranged during the summer and formal consultation next year.

A Hard copy of the discussion paper was passed to members of Council for their personal reading in preparation for later discussion and the exploratory meeting with TVBC.

Clerk to send copy to Jo Clear, Chris Dewbury, Toby Cooper. **ACTION: TH**

09/87.2.8 Developer Contributions

All parishes have been asked to make a list of uses for this money. Council agreed to wait for a formal letter. Some ideas have already been considered in the Parish Plan.

09/87.2.9 Shooting Range Covenant

There has been correspondence from the MOD which suggests the Covenant is being reviewed at the request of Mr Faulds.

The Council agreed that Christopher Duxbury and The Chairman should draft a suitably worded letter to the Defence Land Agent outlining the Council's position.

ACTION: CDux/JB

If the scale of the activity increases, the Parish Council will need to monitor compliance relevant to the Planning Conditions, monitor noise and formally note complaints.

09/87.2.10 Pachington wood chip shed

The Chairman read out an email from Mr Bourne highlighting the smell and asking the Council to review its representation. Councillors had no significant concerns about the smell and agreed that no further action was required other than to await reply to our letter.

09/88 FINANCE

09/88.1 Financial Statement (see Appendix 1)

No questions raised. In addition to the expenses included in the report a cheque was signed to Mr Kent for cemetery maintenance £180.

09/88.2 Annual Return

A draft was circulated. Answers to questions on page 3 agreed unanimously.

09/88.3 VAT

Course attended by JB who had requested advice on Village Hall VAT from HMRC – awaiting reply

09/89 OPEN SPACES

09/89.1 Use of football field for Beer Festival

Dropped for this year.

09/89.2 Village inspection (See Appendix 2)

Report reviewed

09/89.2.1 Weed cutting

Need to monitor effect of weed cutting. Council would like to write to (3 parties) over management of water levels following advice and input from Graham Darrah. Jeremy Barber to draft letter and speak to Graham.

ACTION: JB

09/89.2.2 Football pitch markings

Council agreed to purchase of white pitch marking paint.

ACTION: JB

09/89.2.3 War Memorial

Council approved the proposal that the war memorial be repaired subject to David Gould being able to obtain a grant.

ACTION: DG

09/89.2.4 Hedge in Village Hall Car Park

Jeremy Barber will raise with Middleton Estate.

ACTION: JB

09/89.3 Forton Bus Shelter

Ash tree has been removed by Middleton Estate.

09/89.4 Painting of playground equipment

To be done during June.

09/89.5 North Acre Street light

PFI saga continues. Jeremy agreed to continue to pursue the matter.

ACTION: JB

09/90 ROADS & BRIDGES

09/90.1 Litter pickers

Who is to look after litter pickers following resignation of Ricky Bourne? Christian Dryden to follow up with Ricky Bourne.

ACTION: CDry

09/90.2 30MPH signs

Jeremy Barber/Christian Dryden to follow up with Highways.

ACTION: JB/CDry

09/90.3 Twenty is Plenty signs

Christian Dryden will follow up with the school.

ACTION: CDry

09/90.4 Driver Information Sign

The Chairman had received advice from HALC. He and Christian Dryden to follow up.

ACTION: JB/CDry

09/90.5 SLOW Signs

Christian Dryden had already reminded the Highways people (see village inspection report)

09/91 FOOTPATHS

09/91.1 Riverdance walk

Signs ready to go up.

ACTION: ML

09/91.2 Footpath 20 Forton

The Chairman had spoken with Peter Watson who has matter in hand.

09/91.3 General state of paths

Landowners, Middleton estate, Testbourne Estate and Longparish Estate had done some good work on path maintenance. Jeremy Barber to write letters of thanks. **ACTION: JB**

09/91.4 Footpath Committee

Martin Lampard to set date of next meeting.

ACTION: ML

09/92 TRANSPORT

Nothing to report.

09/93 COMMUNICATIONS

Next meeting is on Monday 15 June. Nothing else to report.

09/94 SCHOOL/PLAYGROUP/COMMUNITY HALL

Nothing to report.

09/95 VILLAGE HALL

09/96 CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Reviewed and attached (see Appendix 3).

09/97 DATES OF MEETINGS & REPORTS

Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 13 July 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Communications Meeting – Monday 15 June 2009

09/98 CLOSURE

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 p.m.

AJH/10.06.09

APPENDIX 1

**Longparish Parish Council
Financial Report**

Period from 13-May-09 to 08-Jun-09

Income	Previous years		Year to 31 March 10		Total for period
	Year to 31/3/08	Year to 31/3/09	Budget	Total so far	
Precept	15,000	15,000	15,000	7500.00	0.00
Transfer from HCC Investment	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Cemetery fees	472	707	400	24.00	0.00
Handbook sales	0	0	50	0.00	0.00
Grants	0	0		0.00	0.00
Donations	1,266	580		0.00	0.00
Allotment rents received	30	36	36	0.00	0.00
Parish Paths Partnership	526	0	400	382.06	0.00
VAT refund	604	0	1,824	0.00	0.00
Other	450	0		0.00	0.00
TOTAL	18,348	16,323	17,710	7906.06	0.00

Expenditure

Clerks Pay/Expenses	1,376	0	3,000	0.00	0.00
General Admin	2,195	1,919	3,000	1251.02	1236.02
Elections	28	0	0	0.00	0.00
Open spaces	4,420	4,227	12,330	1451.39	681.65
Communications	691	615	1,850	328.10	93.75
Paths	976	34	1,100	638.00	0.00
Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Village Hall	2,766	1,080	500	0.00	0.00
Community Association	1,440	1,740	1,740	0.00	0.00
Village Plan (implementation)	2,046	1,642	1,500	0.00	0.00
Transfer to HCC investment	0	6,000	0	0.00	0.00
Other	0	100	500	0.00	0.00
VAT	1,067	757		131.20	70.50
TOTAL	17,005	18,115	25,520	3799.71	2081.92

Transfer from HCC investment				0	
Closing Bank Balance	8293.57	6501.54	484	10607.89	

Invested with HCC					
At start	44,377	46,824	54,591	54590.95	
Add Interest	2,447	1,767	1,200	0.00	0.00
Transfers from (- to) bank	0	6,000	0	0.00	0.00
At finish	46,824	54,591	55,791	54590.95	

Cheques signed

Date	Voucher	Cheque	Who to	What for	Amount
26-May	13	915	HALC	Membership subscription	195.00
26-May	14	916	Paul Knipe	Southside Common Maint.	333.50
26-May	15	917	TVBC	Cemetery Rates	72.15
26-May	16	918	J Barber	APM refreshments	34.43
26-May	17	919	Broker Network Ltd	Insurance premium	870.24
26-May	18	920	J Barber	Train fare re VAT course	36.85
26-May	19	921	SLCC	Membership subscription	72.00
26-May	20	922	TVBC	APM Printing	7.50
26-May	21	923	Hants Playing Field Asso	Subscription	20.00
8-Jun	22	924	TCA Ltd	Mowing village green	138.00
8-Jun	23	925	Hill & Valley	Magazine	93.75
8-Jun	24	926	Eclipse Pest Control	Mole control	139.50
8-Jun	25	927	AA Wolfenden	Playground maintenance	69.00
8-Jun	26	928	Clive Kent	Cemetery maintenance	180.00

APPENDIX 2 – REPORT OF VILLAGE INSPECTION 1 JUNE 2009**Present**

Jeremy Barber, Christian Dryden, Christopher Duxbury, Toby Cooper (Cress beds only), David Gould, Tony Humphrey (Clerk), Jenny Jolliffe, Martin Lampard

We met at 7pm at the cemetery and toured the village in Martin's car (thanks Martin). By and large, the state of the parts of the village for which the Parish Council is responsible is good. Action and decision points are listed below. In addition to the places mentioned we looked at the new gates at the top of Southside Hill and the pocket nature reserve at The Common. We did not have time to look at the playground but a RoSPA inspection is due about now and they will report anything that is needed.

Cemetery

The cemetery is in good condition thanks to hard work by Clive Kent. There is no significant rabbit damage evident. David Gould has an estimate from Mr Cullen of £500 for work to the pointing of the War Memorial to prevent ingress of water and head off damage. Grants are available towards half the cost. The group recommends that the Council goes ahead with the work provided a grant can be obtained. David will find out whether we can get a grant.

Village Hall Car Park

The cupressus hedge on the far side needs cutting. Last time the matter was raised Richard Wills said he would liaise with the neighbour and arrange it. Jeremy will remind him.

Slow signs

The new pavement between the village hall car park and the school is settling in well but we still don't have the SLOW signs painted onto the road surface. Christian will remind the Highway people

Cress beds and The Cleaves

We spent quite a while at the cress bed which adjoins the B3048 as it leaves the village and the village green. We met Martin, the proprietor and Jim from the cress beds on Nuns Walk. They explained that the water level in the side stream which passes the bed was very high. The cress bed is fed by spring water which normally exits into the side stream over a lip. But the lip is now about 4 inches under the water and the water is only just managing to get out of the bed into the stream. The water level in the bed has backed up with the result that Martin is unable to re-sow some beds. He has asked Mrs Baron to open her sluices to let some water and she did so intermittently.

Village Green

The part of the village green South West of the feeder stream had recently been cleared and was looking good thanks to work by Dave Harris.

The Cleaves

A stream was coming out of the river by the green wheelie bin where footpath 4 meets the road. No-one present had seen this happen before though the river sometimes overflowed slightly lower down.

There was a lot of weed in the river and vegetation on the banks and islands was constricting the channels.

Further downstream the flow through the various bridges by Upper Mill was not very high suggesting that water levels are high because of weed growth but that the flow is not particularly high. This ties in with The **Bourne** being nearly dry at St Mary Bourne.

Jeremy was aware that Graham Darrah had tried to establish contact with Testbourne Estate to discuss management of the river and will liaise with him.

The immediate problems should be relieved by the weed cut scheduled for a fortnight beginning on 8 June.

Football Pitch

The pitch is in good condition. The group recommends that the Council pays for the white stuff to enable the pitch to be marked out. Jeremy will raise at the PC meeting.

This note was typed by Jeremy on 8 June from notes taken during the inspection.

APPENDIX 3 CORRESPONDENCE***Received***

Date	Who from	Subject
14 May	Scottish & Southern Electric	Tree work at Cemetery
23 May	TVBC (Sue Gamalatge)	Notice of Poll for Euro and HCC elections (posted)
18 May	Came & Co	Insurance quotation
18 May	TVBC (B Cornhill)	New entrance at Ropers
1 June	Mr R Bourne	Smell from Bedmax woodchip plant
13 May	HCC	Decision notice re bunds at shooting ground
June	Community Action Hampshire	Parish Plan newsletter
6 June	Mr C Nicholl	Flooding on Footpath 4 at The Cleeves
28 May	TVBC (B Cornhill)	New entrance at Ropers
21 May	HCC (Caroline Mekky)	Test Valley Passenger Transport Forum 22 June (PH)
28 May	Mr J Ellicock	Copy correspondence re shooting ground
15 May	Hants Playing Fields Assn	Magazine and subscription request
29 May	HCC (Cllr M Woodhall)	North Acre street light
	Audit Commission	Annual Return
	The Great Outdoors	Equipment catalogue
27 May	TVBC (Graham Smith)	Borough Local Plan – saved policies
	Glasdon	Equipment catalogue
28 May	HCC County Treasurer	Details of PC investment with HCC
1 May	HMRC	Payment reminder
21 May	TVBC (T van der Hoven)	Information for next yearbook
	Arien	Flyer for notice boards and signs
11 May	Hants Fire & Rescue Service	Service Plan 2009 - 2012
	Carers Together	Hampshire Community Network Day 7 July

Correspondence sent

Date	Who to	Subject
26 May	TVBC (T van der Hoven) (JB)	Information for next yearbook
16 May	C Hewitt (email to JB)	Ash tree at Forton Bus shelter
28 May	Ricky Bourne (JB)	Thanks and acknowledgement of resignation
28 May	Becky Bourne (JB)	Thanks and acknowledgement of resignation
Various	Various	Advice of contact details for new Clerk
28 May	TVBC (B Cornhill) (MJD)	New entrance at Ropers
27 May	HCC and TVBC (MJD)	Pachington wood chip shed
28 May	Martin Coppen (JB)	Village Hall
26 May	HMRC (JB)	Village Hall
31 May	HMRC (JB)	VAT form
14 May	Allan Clear (JB)	Thanks re footpath maintenance
12 May	John Scott (CD)	Village Hall Project – contracting policy