

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.30PM ON 14 JUNE 2010**

### **PRESENT**

Christopher Duxbury (Chairman), Jeremy Barber, Phil Harris, Jonathan Frere, Natasha Rouse, Christian Dryden, Karen-Marie Dinesen, Tony Humphrey (Clerk)

### **10/88 INTRODUCTION & APOLOGIES**

Martin Lampard, Chris Dewbury, Toby Cooper and Jim Neal

#### **10/88.1 Committee Reports**

The Chairman asked that Committee Chairman/ Representatives submit a short report to the Clerk before each meeting when he calls for agenda points. Whilst appreciating that this might cause some extra work, it would be immensely helpful to the Clerk with the minutes, for the monthly input to Hill & Valley, and help streamline meeting times.

**Action: Clerk & All**

#### **10/88.2 Committee Meetings Matrix**

The Clerk will draft a Committee matrix before the next meeting showing the aims of each committee meeting and the provisional dates for the coming year.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **10/88.3 TVAPC Matters**

The Chairman had circulated two briefs from TVBC Head of Legal & Democratic Services concerning the Code of Conduct and issues that have arisen from complaints and New TVBC Executive Arrangements.

- **Complaints:** He asked all members to re-read and familiarise themselves with the PC Code of Conduct and Standing Orders.

**Action: All**

- **New Executive Arrangements:** TVBC is required to introduce new decision arrangements from the elections in 2011, and have the choice of adopting either a Mayor and cabinet or a Leader and cabinet. A letter has also been received seeking PC views, which needs a reply by 16 July 2010. The Chairman will circulate the letter [which gives more details than the brief] for discussion at the next PC meeting on 12 July 2010.

**Action: CD/Clerk**

#### **10/88.4 New Executive Arrangements**

The Parish Council needs to review and report back at the July meeting in time for the official response due on 16 July 2010.

**Action: Clerk to include on July's Agenda.**

### **10/89 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

### **10/90 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 10.05.10**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 May 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## **10/91 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

### **10/91.1 Hill & Valley Representative**

Natasha Rouse volunteered and was appointed.

**Action: Clerk to publish on Members' List**

### **10/91.2 Replacement for Xandi Denny**

This has been advertised in Hill & Valley with no reply as yet.

## **10/92 OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST**

Several suggested amendments have been passed to the Clerk for the next edition

**Action: Clerk**

## **10/93 PLANNING**

### **10/93.1 New Applications**

**10/93.1.1** [10/01064/TREEN](#) Tree Notification. Longparish House. T1 Lime Avenue reduce by 20%, T2\_T3 Lime reduce by 50%, remove 3 standing Lime and Chestnut stumps.

No Objection

**10/93.1.2** [10/01185/TREEN](#) Tree Notification. Wickets, Longparish. Fell 1 Lawson Cypress, Fell 1 Ash stump.

No Objection

### **10/93.2 Report on Previous Applications**

The updated list is at Appendix A

#### **10/93.2.1 River Cottage**

The Chairman reported that the application for River Cottage had not been determined by NAPC on 3 June 2010 and had been deferred to a later meeting for a second hearing.

### **10/93.3 Other Planning Matters**

#### **10/93.3.1 Owls Lodge Shooting Ground**

Following a series of complaints to the Environmental Protection Team at TVBC about noise from the shooting school, particularly on 17 April 2010, the Chairman and Jonathan Frere attended a meeting with Mrs and Mrs Faulds organised by TVBC on 7 June 2010.

The aim of the meeting was to establish more effective dialogue and communication, clarify issues relating to the planning conditions under which the school has to operate and see what practical measures could be taken to mitigate the noise of shooting.

The meeting had been useful and it is intended that a short article, agreed by all 3 parties, will be published in the July edition of Hill & Valley.

**Action: JF to finish and submit article for Hill & Valley**

#### **10/93.3.2 Pre-application Advice**

TVBC has acknowledged our Freedom of Information request to see the Pre-Application Advice information on River Cottage. The statutory response time is 28 days (28 Jun), but they hope to issue a response earlier than that date. We have asked them to ensure that it is issued before the next NAPC hearing.

#### **10/93.3.3 Community Land Trust (CLT)**

The subject of a Community Land Trust (CLT) has been raised by the Middleton Estate in connection with possible development at Wades Farm, Barton Stacey. They have also

consulted with Barton Stacey Parish Council, as they see the CLT being of benefit to both villages. In essence, such a proposal could lead to the percentage of affordable houses required by TVBC for any development at Wades Farm being split between the two villages.

The Council felt that they needed more information on CLT and the Chairman and Jeremy Barber have arranged to meet Mr Steve Lees, Head of TVBC Planning Policy and Transport Services, and Middleton Estate and report back.

**Action: Chairman/JB**

## **10/94 FINANCE**

### **10/94.1 Financial Statement**

The financial statement and cheques signed were accepted.

See Appendix B & C

## **10/95 OPEN SPACES**

### **10/95.1 Village Inspection Report**

See Appendix D

### **10/95.2 Litter in Playground**

JB ordered a couple of 'litter pickers for use by Nicky Smallwood (?). JB proposed the installation of an additional bin. It was agreed that JB should source one and in the meantime JB/PH will install an unused brown bin.

### **10/95.3 East Aston Common**

Further to the Minutes of the PC meeting on 10 May 2010, Natural England is consulting [extended to 9 July 2010 at PC request] as to a possible direction to exclude dogs [NOT people] from parts of East Aston Common. The NE proposal is concerned with the management of the common and improving the SSSI, not changing its overall status as common land, so that work can be undertaken to start restoring the SSSI's condition/habitat to that for which it was designated originally; and specifically to protect the interests of breeding otters.

Details and reasoning behind the proposal, including a map of the proposed restricted area, may be found on the NE website under East Aston Consultation. The initial restriction would be for a period of 2 years until June 2012, to be followed by a further review.

The Council decided to support the NE proposal, as representing a reasonable balance between the interests of public access and wildlife conservation; and publish an article in the July edition of Hill & Valley explaining the proposal and how people can comment individually if they wish.

**Action:** JB to submit article for publication in Hill & Valley

### **10/95.4 Broken Drainage Pipes from Cricket Pavilion**

It was agreed that the first approach should be to use rods to try and clear the blockage.

## **10/96 ROADS & BRIDGES**

### **10/96.1 Rubbish on A303**

The Clerk is to follow up with JSN.

**Action: Clerk to follow up.**

### **10/96.2 Passing Place on Southside Hill**

Regarding Mr Stubbs' letter, we need to understand Andrew Gibson's approach and where he has got to (see 10/96.3 below).

### **10/96.3 Road Repairs**

At the instigation of Mr Keith Thompson, Principal Highways Engineer Test Valley, The Chairman and Christian Dryden are due to meet with him, Mr Jon Bambridge and Cllr Andrew Gibson on 15 June 2010 to discuss Longparish Highways matters' including the Southside Hill passing place. Jon Bambridge is the new Longparish contact; he already covers the majority of Parishes in Cllr Gibson's area.

## **10/97 FOOTPATHS**

### **10/97.1 New Footpaths on the Testbourne Estate**

It was agreed that we should look to arrange an informal opening ceremony for the new footpaths on the Testbourne Estate, in conjunction with Hurstbourne Priors PC. At a time convenient to Mrand Mrs Tacchi. Mid September was thought to be a suitable timeframe.

**Action: CD to approach Chairman Hurstbourne Priors PC and together Mr & Mrs Tacchi.**

## **10/98 TRANSPORT**

Nothing to report.

## **10/99 COMMUNICATION**

Nothing to report.

## **10/100 SCHOOL/PLAYGROUP/COMMUNITY HALL**

### **10/100.1 Playgroup Concert**

The Parish Council wishes to congratulate everyone associated with the concert in support of the Playgroup on 22 May 2010. It was a memorable evening, very professional and great fun.

## **10/101 VILLAGE HALL**

### **10/101.1 Asbestos Survey**

The Village Hall Committee has commissioned a Demolition and Refurbishment Asbestos Survey, which will be paid for from VH funds.

The Village Hall Committee has agreed to work towards 'HALLMARK' accreditation – a quality standards scheme for village halls.

## **10/102 CORRESPONDENCE**

See Appendix ?

The Council noted two letters from TVBC concerning Public Involvement and the 2011 Census. The Chairman will include some details appertaining to both in the July Hill & Valley.

**Action: Chairman**

## **10/103 ANY OTHER BUSINESS & DATES OF MEETING**

The Chairman reminded members of the LCA's Mid Summer Fun Day this coming Saturday, 19 June 2010, which kicks off at 7.00 a.m. with a nature walk, followed Bacon Butty and Bucks Fizz breakfast at Lower Mill and continues all day.

Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 12 July 2010

The Chairman closed the meeting at 09.27 p.m.

## Appendix A

## **Outstanding Planning Applications, Notifications and Appeals as at 14 June 2010**

Serial	Property Reference Number & Date	Description	Status
1	Testwood Trout Farm, Longparish  08/00196/FULLN	Temporary Use of Mobile Home as Agricultural Workers Dwelling	Feb 10 - TVBC Planning Department has recently advised that they still await a formal decision from the Planning Inspectorate.
2	A303 Recycling Facility 10/00030/CMAN	Proposed amendments to approved plans (planning permission 09/01292)	PC – No objection 11 Jan 10  HCC - Permission 29 Apr 10
3	Picket Piece [land to the North and South of Ox Drove and South of Walworth Road]  10/00242/OUTN	Outline – Mixed use development comprising up to 530 dwellings, local centre offering community facilities and retail units, public open space, vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access and landscaping	PC – Objection 8 Mar 10  TVBC - Still Pending
5	Firgo Farmhouse Tufton  10/00677/LBWN	Internal and external alterations to include re-thatching of roof, damp proofing, brickwork repairs, glazing, windows and door repairs, work to fireplaces and re-painting exterior.	PC - No objection 12 Apr 10  TVBC – Consent subject to notes 18 May 10
6	River Cottage Forton  10/00832/FULLN	Erection of first floor extension to rear and side to provide bedroom, dressing room and bathroom together with Juliet balcony. Ground floor extension to provide enlarged kitchen, dining room. Installation of 3 dormer windows in rear elevation at roof level (amended scheme)	PC – Objection 10 May 10  TVBC – Pending [Called in to NAPC 3 Jun, but deferred on Chairman's casting vote]

## Appendix B

### Longparish Parish Council Financial Report Period from 11-Apr-10 to 14-Jun-10

Income	Previous years		Budget	Year to 31 March 11	
	Year to 31/3/09	Year to 31/3/10		Total so far	Total for period
Precept	15,000	15,000	15000	7500.00	0.00
Transfer from HCC Investment	0	0	3600	0.00	0.00
Cemetery fees	707	204	400	96.00	96.00
Handbook sales	0	0	50	0.00	0.00
Grants	0	1,550		0.00	0.00
Donations	580	0		0.00	0.00
Allotment rents received	36	34	34	0.00	0.00
Parish Paths Partnership	0	382		0.00	0.00
VAT refund	0	1,824	893	893.47	893.47
Other	0	175		0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,323</b>	<b>19,169</b>	<b>19,977</b>	<b>8489.47</b>	<b>989.47</b>

#### Expenditure

Clerks Pay/Expenses	0	1,622	4000	625.50	625.50
General Admin	1,919	1,812	2600	1551.88	1551.88
Elections	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Open spaces	4,227	8,742	14311	4383.59	4383.59
Communications	615	769	1940	0.00	0.00
Paths	34	794	400	0.00	0.00
Capital Expenditure	0	0		0.00	0.00
Village Hall	1,080	21	4600	0.00	0.00
Community Association	1,740	1,740	1740	0.00	0.00
Village Plan (implementation)	1,642	0	500	0.00	0.00
Transfer to HCC investment	6,000	0		0.00	0.00
Other	100	0	500	0.00	0.00
VAT	757	892		692.22	692.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,115</b>	<b>16,393</b>	<b>30,591</b>	<b>7253.19</b>	<b>7253.19</b>

Transfer from HCC investment			0	
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>6501.54</b>	<b>9277.62</b>	<b>-1,336</b>	<b>10513.90</b>

## Appendix C

### CHEQUES SIGNED JUNE 2010

14-Jun-10	997	Christopher Duxbury	Photocopying Land Registry Documents	5.00
14-Jun-10	998	HALC	Internal Audit	176.25
14-Jun-10	999	Jeremy Barber	New Villagers Event	135.72
14-Jun-10	1000	Clive Kent	Cutting/Strimming	236.67

## Appendix D

### 10/104 LONGPARISH PARISH COUNCIL

#### 10/104.1 *Village Inspection 7 June 2010*

##### Present

Jeremy Barber, Jo Clear, Graham Darrah, Karen-Marie Dinesen, Christian Dryden, Christopher Duxbury, David Gould, Jonathan Frere, Jenny Jolliffe, Martin Lampard

1. We met at 7pm at the cemetery and toured the village visiting
  - cemetery
  - village hall car park
  - common land at the Common
  - common land near Vale Farm
  - common land at Larkwhistle
  - common land at East Aston Common
  - village green (over the Long Bridge)
  - footpath 11
2. 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.

#### 10/104.2 *Cemetery*

3. The cemetery is in good condition thanks to hard work by Clive Kent. There is no significant rabbit damage evident.
4. A recent grave is subsiding. David Gould will liaise with the undertakers to establish who is responsible for making good. We have plenty of soil to do so. **Action DG.**
5. The Committee looked at the proposed location for a bench kindly to be given by Penny Elkins and were content. **Action JB to advise Clive Kent.**
6. SEB have still not done the agreed tree work. In addition the beech tree in the hedge next to the one they are to fell is showing considerable signs of distress and looks likely to die. Graham Darrah will prepare a report so we can discuss with Middleton Estate. **Action GD.**
7. David Gould has an estimate from Mr Cullen for work to the pointing of the War Memorial to prevent ingress of water and head off damage plus repainting the letters. **Action DG & JB to follow up.**

#### 10/104.3 *Village Hall Car Park*

8. The cupressus hedge on the far side needs cutting. The new owners of Church Farm had pegged out the boundary and the hedge is entirely within their property. They have advised JB that they would like to replace the hedge or reduce its size considerably.
9. The SEB have sheathed the wires which enabled the lower branches of the chestnuts to be trimmed at the spring clean up day. However Graham Darrah strongly recommends that the branches are removed. He will include this in a report for the Council and Middleton Estate. **Action GD**

10. Graham Darrah had previously inspected the chestnuts. His report will include recommendations that some branches are removed. **Action GD**

**10/104.4 Common Land at the Common**

11. The Council maintains the area as a pocket nature reserve. Members wondered whether more could be done to make use of it for nature study and suggested approaching the school.

**10/104.5 Common Land adjacent to Vale Farm**

12. Graham Darrah and Jeremy Barber had inspected the large ash tree which overhangs Nuns' Walk and Jeremy had cut the ivy on it which was dying back. Graham recommends removing some limbs with the option of removing completely and is preparing a schedule of works. He recommends that the smaller adjacent ash tree also gets attention and will include this in the spec. **Action GD**

13. There are tracks inside the area which may have been made by a motor cycle. Jonathan Frere will contact Nick Dunford about this. **Action JF**

**10/104.6 Common Land at Larkwhistle**

14. The Committee noted that the area is becoming pretty overgrown. The SEB had trimmed under the high tension wires but not the low tension ones.

**10/104.7 East Aston Common**

15. The Committee noted with approval that footpath 4 was in good order.

16. Testbourne Estate have mown the small meadow next to the path which looks much better. They were concerned that the area might attract travellers and have installed dragon's teeth with the approval of Natural England.

17. The bank near the green bin has still not been repaired where the river flooded out last year. Graham Darrah will liaise with Jonathan Cox. **Action GD**

18. The Council was to discuss on 14 June a proposal by Natural England to restrict access by dogs. See Hampshire area in <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/places/openaccess/consultation.aspx> The Committee felt the proposal was acceptable. (See also paragraph 18 Village Green re hide).

**10/104.8 Village Green**

19. The Committee supported the idea of a hide as part of the management of the SSSI. This would enable people to observe the wildlife quietly. It would be accessed from the hand gate (currently locked) between the Village Green and East Aston Common. **Action GD & JB to follow up with Natural England.**

20. The vegetation was in need of a cut. Graham Darrah will liaise with Jonathan Cox. If Testbourne Estate do not intend to cut it he will ask Paul Knipe to do so. **Action GD**

21. The Committee noted the good state of footpath 3, thanks to Graham Francis.

**10/104.9 Footpath 11**

22. Members then walked to the shop via footpath 11. The meadow looked in good condition. The single strand of wire is in place on both sides except for a short stretch near the bridge. The surface needs to be trimmed.

**10/104.10 Playground and Adjournment**

23. It was approaching 9pm so 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.

This note was prepared by Jeremy on 11 June.