

Longton Parish Council

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday the 10TH JANUARY 2012 in NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Gooch, Artis, Fox, Wignall, Underwood, Welch, Holmes, Turner, Cunningham, Coulton and Kershaw

One member of the public was present.

01/12 APOLOGIES

None

02/12 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th December 2011 as previously circulated should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

03/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

04/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned

Mention was made that there was some general positive interest in the area for the creation of a Skate Park in the Western Parishes. SRBC had now included this on its 'My Neighbourhood' wish list and SRBC officers were now looking at potential funding sources.

Note was made that New Longton Cricket Club had put forward a number of grant applications for improving their facilities in order to retain and attract junior members. It was noted that a funding request had been received by this Parish Council for consideration at its next meeting.

It was mentioned that the new lighting replacement works in Longton were now 100% complete. New Longton is expected to be completed later this year.

The meeting was re-convened

05/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2011/0782 – Two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear and front following demolition of rear outrigger and detached garage @ Springfield Drumacre Lane West Longton

2011/0806 – Application for lawful development certificate for single storey side extension @ 3 Manor Court Longton

2011/0828 – Single storey extension @ 168 Chapel Lane Longton

It was resolved that no representation should be made to the above applications.

06/12 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the under mentioned payments should be authorised:

001138	Printing World	Newsletter	455.00
001139	Taylor's Commercial	Christmas Tree	2982.64
001140	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses December 2011	546.55
001141	Inland Revenue	3 rd Quarter Tax & NI	975.98
001142	SLCC	1/3 rd Subscription	65.67
001143	SRBC	Newsletter delivery	126.94
001144	P Heise	Lengthsman	

07/12 INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was resolved that Len Slade should be appointed as the internal auditor for 2011/12 at a fee of £100.00 and that the Terms of Reference and Internal Control and Suggested Testing Methodology as explained in the Parish and Town Council Audit Requirements Report all of which had been circulated with the agenda should be approved.

08/12 CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Members had been asked to consider the three applications for the one vacant Longton Parish Council seat and decide which applicant should be co-opted.

It was resolved that Ann Mather should be co-opted to this Council.

09/12 FUNDING REQUEST LONGTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Members had been asked to consider a proposal from Longton Sports and Social Club that this Council act as a Contributing Third Party up to approx £4000 to support their applications for further improvements at the club as outlined in the documents circulated with the agenda.

It was resolved that in view of the forecast reduction of the reserves of the Parish Council occasioned by the freezing of its Precept over recent years it would not be appropriate to commit what would be a significant amount of those reserves to the one project outlined in the proposals circulated with the agenda.

Chairman