

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of **THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on

Tuesday the 12th January 2016 in **LONGTON LIBRARY** at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Gooch, Artis, Fox, Wignall, Coulton, Turner, Mather, Garside, Alsop and Riley

There was one member of the public present

1/16 To receive Apologies

Cllr Barnes and Welch

2/16 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st December 2015 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st December should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

3/16 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

4/16 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion.

The meeting was adjourned

It was mentioned that the footpath on Royalty Lane is very slippery.

It was questioned as to whether any prosecutions had taken place in respect of the 20mph speed limits. It was thought that the police will only use the 20mph limit for educational purposes and do not prosecute for a 20mph breach in itself.

A member of the public expressed his support of the efforts of the Parish Council in raising funds to assist maintain a local bus service. It was suggested that other local Parish Councils might also assist with funding where services crossed their area.

It was mentioned that a 'bus bill' is to be presented to the House of Commons in the future which might help local bus services across the country.

The meeting was reconvened

5/16 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

There were no applications to consider

6/16 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

300106	SLCC	Subscription	65.00
300107	Newgate Nurseries	New Longton Xmas Tree	150.00
300108	Inland Revenue	3 rd Qtr tax and NI	959.13
On Line	City Distributors	Newsletter Distribution	141.84
On Line 3/12/15	P Heise	Lengthsman	1238.40
On Line 29/12/15	W V McWhittle	Salary & Expenses 3 rd Qtr	1564.69
On Line 5/1/16	P Heise	Lengthsman	1238.40
300109	G Gooch	Chairman's Allowance	40.00

It was resolved that the above mentioned payments should be approved

7/16 To consider a verbal update with regard to LCC's budget proposals to withdraw bus subsidies and decide what action this Council might wish to take now that it has made funding provision within next year's Precept to protect the local subsidised bus service and also receive the enclosed meeting notes in respect of the withdraw of subsidies and respond as appropriate to the last paragraph of same.

It was mentioned that a meeting is to take place on 13th January 2016 to consider the 12/12A route, it is expected that proposals will be forthcoming which may involve removing the Broadgate loop and reinstating the Sheephill Lane loop.

Residents are being encouraged to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to express their views on the possibility of the removal of the local bus service so that the Parish Council are fully informed as to what the residents would like to see happen. County Cllr Fillis is to be invited to the meeting. LEP are to be advised, the web site and notice boards will carry a notice, whilst local residents are also doing local advertising in order to encourage attendance at the meeting.

It was resolved that the item above referring to a proposed consultation on the potential for a Western Parishes to Leyland bus route be deferred until April 2016

8/16 To consider the Draft Penwortham Neighbourhood Plan which has already been advised to members by e-mail and decide if any response is required

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

9/16 To consider and approve the enclosed Statement of Account as at 31st December 2015

It was resolved that the above mentioned Statement of Accounts should be approved.