

LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2009

PRESENT:

Councillors Gooch (Chairman), Artis, Fox, McLoughlin, Cunningham, Kershaw, Worthington, Welch & Crighton.

3 members of the public were present.

69/09 APOLOGIES

Cllr Wignall & Underwood

70/09 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 7th July 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

71/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

72/09 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

SRB Cllr Smith advised members that planning permission and funding had been obtained to make alterations at Priory High School to meet child protection requirements. These will involve creating a new car park and additional fencing to segregate access to the leisure facilities from the school itself. Other improvements to the facilities themselves including a multi use games area are also to be undertaken. The necessary legal paperwork is now being drawn up to ensure security of tenure since public money is being invested in these facilities at the school. Work is expected to start shortly.

Parish Cllr Worthington advised that due to her obtaining a job with the BBC which required her to be in London for a significant part of the week she would be unable to continue with a 'hands on' involvement with the Young Longton Project. She would however continue to assist with the administration. A replacement youth worker is being sought to run the club on a weekly basis and funding has been applied for. In the mean time members of the club will be taken to existing facilities in Penwortham by mini bus until such time as the new leaders can be found.

Confirmation had been verbally received that the requested 'dropped kerb' on Liverpool Rd mentioned by residents at the last meeting will be installed although no time frame had been provided.

LCC are aware of speeding traffic on Liverpool Rd approaching Longton and it was intimated that speed measurements are to be taken although no timescale has been set.

The issues with regard to overgrown vegetation and the introduction of seating and re-landscaping around the library area have been reported to SRBC who will be undertaking some low level maintenance in the near future.

LCC are aware of deteriorating standards on some roads and will undertake temporary repairs to pot holes. These need to be specifically reported to them either by telephone or by using their on line facilities. More permanent repairs are done when the number of temporary repairs in any particular area justifies the additional high costs and resurfacing is done on a priority need basis across Lancashire. County Cllr Young advised that £5m capital funding had now been agreed across Lancashire to provide additional road improvements and properly patch pot hole damage.

The long awaited pedestrian crossing on Liverpool Rd in Longton has now been formally agreed.

Speeding on Marsh Lane was once again mentioned. County Cllr Young reiterated that previous recordings did not suggest any need for action and that whilst there were incidents of speeds higher than the speed limit the need for action was unsubstantiated.

A number of ASB incidents have recently occurred. These have been reported to the police. It was suggested that they should also be reported to the PACT meetings so that they were then a matter of public record. It was suggested that this Council formally appoint a representative to attend PACT meetings to help keep members informed and provide a vehicle for raising the concerns of the Parish Council.

A speed limit reduction on part of Liverpool Rd Hutton from 70mph to 50 mph has now been agreed and will be implemented as soon as possible.

County Cllr Young advised that he had some grant funds available which local groups could apply for direct to him.

The meeting was then re-convened.

73/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2009/0373 – Erection of a brick built barn with 3 stables @ Hugh Barn Farm New Longton PR4 4SQ

2009/0412 – Removal of condition 3 of planning permission 1999/0538 to enable use of the floodlights during the period 1 November to 31 March @ New Longton Bowling Club New Longton.

2009/0421 – Single storey extension to side and rear @ 2 Gorse Grove Longton PR4 5NP

2009/0422 – Raising of overall height of dwelling by 1.9m, two storey extension and single storey extension to front, part two storey extension to rear and two storey extension to rear with first floor balcony @ The Bungalow Park Ave New Longton PR4 4AY

2009/0438 – Erection of 3 detached dwellings and associated car parking @ Plots 12, 13 & 14 Hugh Barn Lane New Longton (plans will be at the meeting – this application relates to the design etc of the dwellings and does not relate to permission to build which has already been approved)

2009/0450 – Two storey extension to side and rear, porch to front and introduction of dormers to front @ 19 Chapel Lane Longton PR4 5WA

2009/ 0425 – Alterations to existing convenience store, incorporation and change of use of adjacent former estate agent unit. New shop front to former estate agents, bricking up of openings on rear and side elevations and forming new fire exit doorway to rear of store @ Spar Stores Liverpool Rd Longton PR4 5HA

2009/ 0431 – Ext to restaurant to form customer reception area. Relocation of bar with extension to provide bar store and formation of outside terrace area @ 84 Liverpool Rd Longton PR4 5NB

2009/0472 – 2 storey detached replacement dwelling and alterations to highway @ Oak View 44 Hall Lane Longton PR4 5ZD

It was resolved that no representation should be made in respect of the above applications.

74/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PARISH COUNCIL			
001019	BDO	External Audit	327.75
001020	Hutton PC	Spid Insurance Contribution	23.41
001021	Information Comm Office	Data Protection Registration	35.00
001022	Viking Direct	Stationery	89.14
001023	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses July & Aug 2009	1147.89
LENGTHSMAN PAYMENTS			
000158	P Heise	Lengthsman	1200.35
000159	P Heise	Lengthsman	1180.90

It was resolved that the above payments should be approved.

75/09 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO 30TH JUNE 2009

It was resolved that the above mentioned Statement of Accounts which had previously been circulated should be approved

76/09 ANNUAL RETURN 31ST MARCH 2009

It was resolved that the Annual Return as above which had previously been circulated should be approved.

77/09 LALC CONFERENCE 31ST OCTOBER 2009

It was resolved that Cllr Artis should attend the above Conference.

78/09 MEMBER CO-OPTION

Two applications had been received for the vacant position on this Council.

It was resolved that Paul Holmes should be co-opted to this Council

79/09 IMPROVEMENTS/LANDSCAPING AROUND THE LIBRARY

A suggestion had been made at the last meeting during public participation that improvements including additional landscaping and the inclusion of benches should be made to the area around the library. Subsequent discussions with SRBC had confirmed that some low level maintenance would be undertaken but that anything additional would need to be funded perhaps as a partnership with LCC and the Parish Council.

It was resolved that this Council did not feel it appropriate to enter into funding arrangements with SRBC and LCC to undertake any landscaping improvements however it did wish to reiterate the request that low level maintenance should be undertaken as soon as practicable.

Chairman