

## **LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL ON 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2009**

PRESENT:

Councillors Gooch, Artis, Underwood, Fox, McLoughlin, Wignall, Cunningham, Crighton and Worthington

27 members of the public were present.

53/09 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Kershaw & Welch

54/09 MINUTES

**It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

55/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

56/09 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

Representation was made by members of the public concerning planning application 2009/0194 covering concerns regarding possible future development should this present application be granted, road safety issues as a result of increased traffic on a 60mph country road close to a junction, the viability of the proposition, the apparent lack of provision for toilet facilities, inadequate parking facilities, the location of the development within the Green Belt and the adverse affect on local nature and conservation relating particularly to protected species including barn owls, water vole & great crested newts. A letter was read out from the developer in support of the application. It was mentioned that objections to any planning application had to be based on 'planning considerations' and that future potential development or business viability could not be taken into account and that recreational facilities such as those applied for were permissible within the Green Belt in accordance with local planning policies. Road safety however was a 'planning consideration' as are considerations relating to nature conservation and the protection of certain species. It was suggested that an ecological survey should be carried out prior to determination.

Representation was made in respect of planning application 2009/0243 suggesting that the building proposed was too high and located too near a local road thus affecting safety and the amenity of the area.

Representation was made in respect of planning application 2009/0262 suggesting that the visibility splays may not be maintained in the future due to a lack of maintenance of a hedge which needed to be cut back and that the application for 3 houses was not part of the agreed development of 14 houses which had been granted under appeal procedures. It was explained that since 14 dwellings had now been approved and the visibility splays were considered as part of that application the matter was effectively already permitted as described in the agenda item relating to this application.

Concern was raised at the size of the 'sign board' requested under planning application 2009/0182.

Mention was made that negotiations were ongoing with regard to the continuance of public leisure facilities at Priory High School and that SRBC were hopeful of a satisfactory outcome.

The meeting was then re-convened.

57/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2009/0182 – Erection of 4m high sign board @ 21 Hugh Barn Lane New Longton PR4 4XA

2009/0194 – Change of use from agricultural land to 15 bay golf driving range with associated car parking and office @ Land Off Long Moss Lane New Longton (plans will be available at the meeting)

2009/0243 – Erection of agricultural building to provide agricultural storage and housing for livestock @ Land at Royalty Lane New Longton

2009/0245 – Formation of decked area to rear with alteration to existing dwelling house @ 323 Chapel Lane New Longton

2009/0184 – Erection of agricultural building @ 1 Bank Terrace Gill Lane Longton PR4 4SR

2009/0262 – Erection of 3 detached houses and garages (amended scheme of planning application 2009/0865) @ Land to rear of 21 Hugh Barn Lane New Longton (members may wish to note that planning permission has already been granted for 8 dwellings on land to the rear of Hugh Barn Lane adjacent to this application – that a further application for 6 dwellings on land to the rear of Hugh Barn Lane including the land covered by this application was refused but has now been agreed following an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate thus creating permission for 14 dwellings and that this application therefore being less than that already agreed must be permitted since it forms part of the 14 and is not additional to. Effectively planning permission will now exist for either 8, 11 or 14 dwellings)

2009/0273 – Erection of detached garage with covered seating area to rear @ 36A Hall Carr lane Longton PR4 5JJ

2009/0264 – Erection of garden shed to rear – application is for lawful development certificate @ 18 Birkdale Avenue Longton PR4 5ZH

**It was resolved that no representation should be made in respect of the above applications except for the following for which objections/observations should be submitted as follows:**

**2009/0182 – That this Council object to this application due to the size of the requested sign board which would cause distraction to drivers and be contrary to public amenity.**

**2009/0194 – That this Council object to this application due to road safety issues emanating from increased traffic movements on a 60 mph narrow country road which is used by pedestrians and cyclists, which has no pavement and is also located near to a junction, a situation which may be exacerbated by the lack of suitable car parking provision (19 spaces) when at peak times in and outgoing vehicle movements could be as high as 30 (15 golf driving bays). That an ecological survey is undertaken to establish whether there are any protected species in the area which might be affected by the development prior to determination and that consideration is given to toilet and other necessary facilities to ensure they are adequate for purpose.**

**2009/0243 – That this Council object to this application which is considered to be too high and too near the road and would therefore cause road safety issues due to distraction and is also detrimental to the amenity of the area.**

58/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PARISH COUNCIL			
001013	W V McEnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses May 2009	603.31
001014	Printing World	Newsletter Printing	415.00
LENGTHSMAN PAYMENTS			
000156	P Heise	Lengthsman	1056.00

**It was resolved that the above payments should be approved.**

59/09 BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION

**It was resolved that each member should identify from the lists supplied to them no more than 2 gardens each for inclusion in a final list of gardens to be judged, that Cllrs Cunningham and Artis should be appointed final judges and that prizes by way of garden vouchers (1<sup>st</sup> prize £20, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £15 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £10) should be approved.**

60/09 PRIORY HIGH SCHOOL LEISURE FACILITIES

**It was resolved that this Council should write to SRBC supporting the continuance of leisure facilities as they exist at the present time at Priory High School on the basis that these facilities are used by residents of this Parish and the wider area generally. It was further resolved that Cllr M Smith should be advised of this Council's concern at any loss of facilities and that Cllr Fox should raise the issue and enlist the support of the LALC Area Committee as appropriate.**