

LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL ON 2ND MARCH 2010

PRESENT:

Councillors Gooch (Chairman), Artis, Fox, McLoughlin, Wignall, Welch, Underwood, Kershaw & Crighton

6 members of the public were present

20/10 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Cunningham & Worthington

21/10 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 2nd February 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

22/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Fox declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 2010/0027 since she lived close to the development concerned and had predetermined her position on this application by sending in a personal objection. She made representation during public participation under para 12(2) of the Code of Conduct and then left the room during the formal debate and voting thereon.

23/10 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

Mention was made of the works being undertaken by United Utilities along the Ribble estuary which are part of an improvement scheme to deal with excess surface water in the Preston area which currently causes flooding.

A resident made verbal representation in support of his letter to the Parish Council concerning the lack of a bus route along Sheephill Lane and the Brookdale area which had arisen as a result of the re-scheduling of services to provide a link between Longton and New Longton. It was explained that after much debate involving LCC, David Borrow's office and the Parish Council a choice had had to be made with regard to altering the route of the existing service in order to create the time needed to establish the link between New Longton and Longton. This did involve conceding the route around the Brookdale area which it was felt would have a lesser impact than loss of a connection between the two villages. It was noted that the new service had still to prove its worth and that a review of its viability was to be undertaken in the coming months.

Lancashire Local will cease from the end of this month although work is being undertaken to look at communication between the three tiers of local government in the future.

Representation was made against the withdrawal of condition 15 of planning application 2010/0027 on the grounds that it would if approved adversely affect the amenity of local residents in the future and was in fact valid in terms of the Local Plan Policy QD1.

The meeting was then re-convened.

24/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2010/0023 – Erection of twin span agricultural building to accommodate storage of lambing and rearing of sheep @ Marsh farm Hall Carr Lane Longton PR4 5JN

2010/0041 – Porch to front @ Saddle Barn 1 Ranch House Barn Brownhill Lane Longton PR4 4SJ

2010/0027 – Removal of Condition No 15 to approval No 2009/0079 relating to the provision of acoustic fencing to the eastern boundary @ 36 The Maltings Longton PR4 5ZS (Supporting Statement by the Developer is enclosed)

It was resolved that representation should be made in respect of application 2010/0027 in support of the representation made during public participation concerning local amenity for future residents of the new development.

25/10 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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001040	SLCC	Contribution to Clerk's Conference Cost	65.00
001041	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	February Salary & Expenses	572.01
001042	BKVC	Entry fees	30.00
LENGTHSMAN PAYMENTS			
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It was resolved that the above payments should be approved.

26/10 WITHDRAWAL OF BUS SERVICE TO BROOKDALE AREA.

It was resolved that note should be taken of the letter of complaint relating to the lack of a bus route around the Brookdale area following the explanation given during public participation and in the knowledge that a review of the viability of the new service was to be undertaken within the next few months.

27/10 LENGTHSMAN BANK ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the request from the RFO to merge the Lengthsman Accounts with those of the main Parish Council Accounts should be approved.

28/10 PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN LONGTON

It was resolved that the draft response which had been previously circulated to members in respect of the LCC proposals for parking restrictions in Longton should be approved and that Cllrs Mcloughlin & Crighton should arrange to meet with LCC on site with a view to finalising the arrangements as soon as possible.

29/10 BUS SHELTER AT PHARMACY NEW LONGTON

It was resolved that this Council should defer any decision with regard to the consideration of erecting a bus shelter at this location for 6 months so as to allow the viability review of the bus service itself to be concluded.

30/10 PAINTING OF NEW LONGTON BUS SHELTERS

It was resolved that the Lengthsman should be authorised to repaint the existing bus shelters in New Longton in the cherry red livery colours of SRBC.

Chairman