

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of **THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on
Tuesday the 3rd February 2015 in **LONGTON LIBRARY** at 7.30pm

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

There were three members of the public present.

10/15 To receive Apologies

Cllrs Wignall and Kershaw

11/15 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th January 2015 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th January 2015 should be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

12/15 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fox declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 2014/0032 since she was a personal friend of the applicant – she left the room during the debate and voting on this item.

13/15 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion.

The meeting was adjourned

A member of the public expressed concern that there had been a dangerous increase in traffic along Sheephill Lane due to the recent construction of additional dwellings in the vicinity. She also stated that the junction of Sheephill Lane / Hugh Barn Lane / Wham Lane and Station Road was dangerous due to the amount of traffic at this pinch point in the morning and afternoon whilst children were being dropped off or picked up from school which caused her long delays. She was also concerned about the amount of parking along Sheephill Lane and Hugh Barn Lane which restricted the width of the road causing speeding oncoming vehicles to be head on in front of other drivers – she felt that this was an accident waiting to happen. She also supported item 8 on the agenda which was to seek a lower speed restriction on Long Moss Lane.

In response the Chairman mentioned that this Council has taken up the issue of parking along Hugh Barn Lane in the past however it had been felt that the parked vehicles did create a natural traffic calming measure rather than have a long straight stretch of road which might attract higher speeds.

It was suggested that since a part of the problem lay with parents taking children to school, that perhaps a walking bus could be arranged, the Farmers Arms car park be used and perhaps traffic lights installed at the junction.

The Chairman in his capacity as an LCC Councillor agreed to speak to the Highways Dept. to see what if anything could be done; he will liaise directly with the member of the public concerned.

It was mentioned that the works in Longton had now been completed and that SRBC were looking at what might be done in New Longton to improve the village. It was suggested that SRBC might work with Longton Parish Council to identify suitable projects. Members were asked to bring forward suggestions as appropriate.

The meeting was reconvened

14/15 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

2014/0656 – Application for prior approval for single storey rear extension @ 1 Old School Drive Longton

2014/1145 – Detached garage/sunroom with accommodation at first floor @ 9 Highfield Drive Longton.

2014/1152 – Erection of canopy to rear @ New Longton Church of England School Hugh Barn Lane New Longton

2014/1163 – Two storey extension to side and rear at 112 Royalty Lane New Longton

2015/0021 – Single storey rear extension together with formation of pitched roof over garage to form living accommodation in roof space @ 140 Chapel Lane Longton

2015/0032 – Extension to existing egg packing room/store @ Ghyll View Gill Lane Longton

2015/0040 – Single storey rear extension @ 17 Shaftesbury Ave New Longton

2015/0042 – Raising of existing roof to accommodate living space at first floor and dormer to rear. Single storey rear extension and chimney to side @ 3 Highfield Drive Longton

2015/0077 – New window in stairwell, new roof light on landing and replacement of two existing sets of patio doors @ 11 The Vinery New Longton

2015/0091 – Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 07/2013/0879 – to extend the temporary B1a (Office use) for a further two years @ 86 Station Road New Longton

2015/0085 – Two storey rear extension, porch to the front, dormer to front and attached garage to rear @ Woodlands Old Pope Lane Whitestake

2015/0101 – Part two storey, part side storey extension @ 3 Fengrove Longton

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

15/15 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

300054	Printing World	Newsletter	387.00
On Line	P Heise	Lengthsman	918.00

It was resolved that the above mentioned payments should be authorised

16/15 To approve the enclosed Statement of Accounts to the 31st December 2015

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

17/15 To consider requesting LCC to impose a 40mph speed limit on Long Moss Lane as a result of the significant increase in housing on the lane.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to LCC requesting that rather than a 40 mph speed limit; a 30mph speed limit should be applied to Long Moss Lane between Moss Lane and Startley Nook

18/15 To approve entry into the 2015 Best Kept Village Competition as per last year as per enclosed documents.

It was resolved that entry should be made to the above competition with the addition of The Rams Head public house being added to the merit class list.

19/15 To consider whether any representation should be made to the Consultation on the County Council's Budget Proposals 2015/16 – 2017/18 details of which have already been sent by e-mail to most members and can be viewed on the LCC web site direct or via the library – see attached letter.

It was resolved that this Council should make the following representation to LCC:

That it considers any reduction in PROW funding to be unacceptable

That there should be no reduction to funding for 'green space'

That there should be no reduction in rural bus service provision nor school crossing patrols

That the Council oppose any rise in Council Tax this coming financial year.

20/15 To nominate up to two representatives to attend the LCC Conference as detailed on the enclosed letter.

It was resolved that no representatives would attend the Conference detailed above.