

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Tuesday the 4th July 2017
in **NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL** commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Gooch, Wignall, Barnes, Artis, Coulton, Welch, Garside, Mather, Fox and Riley

There were 6 members of the public present

64/17 To receive Apologies

Cllrs Alsop and Turner

65/17 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th June 2017 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th June 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

66/17 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wignall declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 07/2017/1773 since she was the applicant – she left the room during the debate and voting on this item

67/17 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion.

The meeting was adjourned

Tom Calderbank from Preston Bus was present to discuss the first-year performance figures of Bus Service 12 and suggested changes to the current service provision aimed at reducing the current deficit which stood at £22K despite the contribution from this Parish Council – A resident stated that Service 12 was an excellent service and very reliable.

Mention was made that weight restriction signs were being removed by the old railway bridge Hugh barn lane – it was confirmed that this was because the weight restriction had been removed several years ago but the signage had not been removed.

68/17 To receive and note the enclosed 12-month performance figures relating to bus service 12 and consider the specific proposals (details also enclosed) suggested by Preston Bus which are aimed at either reducing costs or increasing usage with a view to reducing the current annual cost deficit

It was resolved as follows:

That the suggestion to amend the service to run through to Woodlands Way/ Stonefield should not be accepted.

That the service should be re-routed to include Booths on Millbrook Way

That the 09.30 service should be removed to save an estimated £3K

That the late-night services from Preston on Fridays and Saturdays should cease to save approx £2.5K

That the fares from Longton and New Longton should be increased by 20p to increase income by an estimated £5K / £10K

69/17 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2017/1697/HOH – Formation of gable and dormer extension to rear @5 Waverley Drive New Longton
07/2017/1321/HOH – Outline application for erection of 1 detached dwelling following demolition of existing 2no outbuildings (Access applied for) @ Ranch House Farm Brownhill Lane Longton PR4 4SJ
07/2017/1409/HOH – Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension @ 18 Marsh Lane Longton
07/2017/1711/HOH – Single storey rear extension to provide link to detached garage, conversion of garage to living accommodation @ 2 Woodside Ave New Longton
07/2017/1735/HOH – First floor extension to front and two storey extension to rear to alter dwelling from dormer to two storey dwelling @ 1A Wham hey New Longton
07/2017/1773/FUL – Erection of 1no detached dwelling house following demolition of disused industrial building @ Woodlands Long Moss Lane Whitestake PR4 4XN

It was resolved that no representation should be made to the above applications

70/17 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

On Line	W V Mcennerney-Whittle	1 st Qtr Salary & Expenses	1656.80
On Line	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI deductions	983.30
On Line	Greenlands Tree Care Ltd	Make Safe and Remove from NL Rec Ground	960.00
On Line	City Distributers	Newsletter	129.44
On Line	P Heise	Lengthsman	1276.80
On Line	Preston Bus	May Subsidy	4166.67

71/17 To increase the number of Bank signatories who can use on line banking facilities and nominate such new signatories as appropriate and confirm:

That the people named on the Bank Mandate Form will be authorised signatories on all accounts
That any future changes will be given in line with the mandate
That we are aware that Unity Trust Bank may not make any enquiries before acting on instructions given by any authorised signatory in line with the mandate
That we will notify Unity Trust Bank of any changes to the organisation in writing
That the existing signing arrangements shall remain unchanged and which require two signatures/authorisations for payment made by cheques or on line.

It was resolved that Cllrs Mather, Barnes, Welch and Riley should be added to the list of bank signatories

72/17 To consider a request from New Longton under 5's to allow the erection of a fence as outlined on the enclosed plan/details which will be situate on the land leased to New Longton Village Hall who have no objection to the proposals.

It was resolved that this Council felt that a fence height of six foot was excessive given that existing railings on another area used by the children are nowhere near that height. The Clerk will advise New Longton under 5's that it wishes the fence to be no more than four feet in height but that it would re-consider this should the group be required by law to have a fence height of six foot for safeguarding purposes in which case they must produce the relative legislation covering this point.