

# Longton Parish Council

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday the 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011 in LONGTON LIBRARY

Present: Cllrs Gooch, Artis, Fox, Wignall, Cunningham, Underwood, Welch and Coulton

There were 6 members of the public present which included one representative from the Little Hoole Action Group.

Invited guests LCC Cllr M Otter (Parish Champion) & SRBC Cllr C Coulton were also present

89/11 APOLOGIES

Cllr Holmes

90/11 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011 as previously circulated should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record**

91/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Fox declared a personal and prejudicial interest relating to planning application 2011/0619 since she had predetermined her position on it by lodging a personal objection to the development.

Cllr Wignall declared a personal and prejudicial interest relating to planning application 2011/0619 since she lived in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development.

Both Cllr Fox & Cllr Wignall left the room during the debate on this item however representation against the application was made during public participation under Para 12(2) of the Code of Conduct.

92/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The representatives from the Little Hoole Action Group addressed the meeting thanking the Parish Council for listening at the last meeting to their concerns with regard to planning application 2011/0304 relating to the installation of wind turbines in Little Hoole.

Cllr Fox reiterated her objections to planning application 2011/0435 as fully detailed at the last meeting requesting that the same objections should be made to application 2011/0619 since the new application was in reality no different to the original apart from one change of property type on the proposed development.

LCC Cllr Mike Otter presented a cheque for £250.00 to the Parish Council in respect of his contribution to the recent donation to LVM Sports and Social Club in respect of their club refurbishment as approved reference minute 59/11

SRBC Cllr Coulton spoke to members concerning the potential value of Parish Plans which had been undertaken in other local parishes. It was mentioned that these might be used as a basis for input into the new 'My Neighbourhood Area' forums which were about to be launched by SRBC as a replacement for the old Area Committee arrangements. The Clerk to the Parish Council handed out copies of the Hutton Parish Plan which had been completed in 2007 and explained briefly the process for establishing such a plan which was essentially a community based document drawn up following extensive consultation by a steering group formed from local residents. The plan is then usually adopted by the local Parish Council. Cllr Coulton said that a more recent plan in a neighbouring parish had been originally launched at a public meeting at which the steering group had then been formed. This meeting had been chaired by the then local MP. A number of questions were responded to; not least a number concerning the cost of producing such a plan. It was confirmed that funding had been available from DEFRA in the past but this was not now available and that more recent plans had been partially funded by the local Parish Council. Cllr Coulton indicated that he was to speak with the current local MP in order to hopefully arrange a public meeting to discuss the matter further and gauge the level of community interest in undertaking such a project.

It was mentioned that a further application had been received by SRBC (not yet verified) seeking permission to develop another separate piece of D9 land in close proximity to that covered in planning application 2011/0619. The proposals are for 27 dwellings (partly affordable). It is expected that the application will be verified shortly and consideration to it given at the next Parish Council meeting in November.

93/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2011/0612 – Erection of a pair of two storey semi detached houses including covered car port and parking space to rear following demolition of existing barn and outbuildings @ 195 Chapel Lane Longton PR4 5NA

2011/0582 – Single storey extension to rear with garage to side @ 72A Aspendale Close Longton PR4 5LN

2011/0585 – Raising of roof height to create extra living space at first floor level @ 41 Marsh Lane Longton PR4 5ZJ

2011/0619 – Erection of 25 dwellings @ The Fields Long Moss Lane New Longton being a change of house type to plot 8.

*(Members had been advised that application 2011/0619 is additional to 2011/0435 to which this Council made objections at its last meeting minute 80/11. The developers are seemingly establishing a new application with a view to time saving since application 2011/0435 will likely run out of time due to the fact that SRBC have appealed to the High Court concerning an Inspectorate ruling to invalidate policy D9 upon which a previous application in December 2010 concerning 25 similar dwellings was refused – this Council was therefore asked to re-consider submission of objections as previously to this new application)*

**It was resolved that representation should be made to SRBC instructing that the objections/observations previously made (reference minute 80/11) in respect of planning application 2011/0435 should be carried forward to the new application 2011/0619.**

94/11 PAYMENTS

**It was resolved that the under mentioned payments should be approved:**

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001127	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary September 2011	465.75
001128	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI payments 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr (July to Sept)	976.38
001129	LALC	Conference Fee	35.00
001130	P Heise	Lengthsman	1209.16

95/11 CO-OPTION TO PARISH COUNCIL

Members had been asked to consider a letter requesting co-option to this Parish Council

**It was resolved that Karl J Turner should be co-opted onto this Parish Council**

96/11 SALE OF LAND AT THE VINERY

**It was noted that the land sale of part of The Vinery as previously agreed had now been completed and that the sale price of £2000.00 has been received to the Council's Bank account.**

97/11 BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

Members had been asked to consider and approve renewal of the Council's banking arrangements with the Royal Bank of Scotland and nominate three additional members to be authorised signatures on the said accounts.

**It was resolved that:**

- **The signing rules in the current mandate covering all Parish Council Accounts as detailed in section 2 of the mandate (being account numbers 11338014, 11338022, 11338049 & 10005518) should remain as two members from the authorised list being required to sign cheques and**
- **The Authorised Signatories be changed in accordance section 5 of the mandate so that Cllrs Coulton, Wignall & Underwood be added to the list which already includes Cllrs Gooch, Cunningham & Artis.**

Chairman