

# Longton Parish Council

Minutes of **THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held

Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in **LONGTON LIBRARY** commencing at 7.30pm

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

There were eight members of the public present

73/17 To receive Apologies

**Cllr Turner**

74/17 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (enclosed)

***It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record***

75/17 To receive Declarations of Interest

***Cllr Mather declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 07/2017/2369/VAR since she was party to the application. She left the room during consideration of this item and did not take part in the debate or voting thereon.***

76/17 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion.

*The meeting was adjourned*

*Several residents raised concerns regarding planning application 07/2017/0623/FUL. They considered that providing access to future housing developments allocated in the Local Plan by this sole access would be detrimental to road safety due to:*

*The significant increase in vehicular movements at key times of the day onto Chapel Lane which was already heavily congested at those times and was already subject to traffic calming measures installed in the interests of road safety. It was suggested that an alternative access could be provided via the old railway line and that this should be the access to the future housing developments that were to take place. It was further suggested that perhaps there should be two access routes to the development sites of which the proposal currently put forward might be one, on the basis that only one access for over 200 dwellings was insufficient.*

*They asked that this Council object to the current proposal on the grounds of road safety issues which would be exacerbated when the future developments took place with only this one proposed access.*

*A resident raised the issue of the lack of any floral displays in New Longton, the poor maintenance of grass verges, overgrown ditches and the lack of weed removal – it was stated that maintenance of grass verges and weed spraying had been reduced by LCC last year as part of its cost cutting measures but that this was being reviewed by the new administration, whilst overgrown ditches were the responsibility of the land owner. In respect of floral displays the Clerk spoke to the resident after the meeting suggesting that she put forward proposals for floral displays which would include the specific locations and type so that her ideas might be further considered.*

*The meeting was reconvened*

77/17 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2017/2415 HOH – First floor side extension together with conversion of one garage into additional living accommodation @ 11 park farm Close Longton PR4 5ZG

07/2017/2369 VAR – Application for removal of condition 5 (permitted development rights) of planning permission 07/2001/0247 @ Pear Tree Farm 247 Chapel Lane New Longton PR4 4AD

07/2017/0623/FUL – The improvement of the existing Longton Hall Court junction with Chapel Lane to adoptable standards and sufficient to enable the service of the remainder of allocated development sites M V and X south of Longton Hall Longton in the SRBC Local Plan (which would be subject to a future application)

***It was resolved that an objection should be lodged to planning application 07/2017/0623/FUL on the grounds of road safety as outlined by the public who attended the meeting.***

78/17 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

On Line	Unity Trust Bank	Quarterly Bank Charge	18.00
On Line	Newgate Nurseries	Plants for New Longton Garden Area	27.80
On Line	Viking Direct	Stationery	78.22
On Line	P Heise	Lengthsman May June	1170.40
On Line	Preston Bus	Monthly Contribution June	4166.67
On Line	Preston Bus	Monthly Contribution July	4166.67
On Line	C & W Berry	Lengthsman Materials	12.10
On Line	P Heise	Lengthsman June July	1276.80
On Line	Preston Bus	Monthly Contribution August	4166.67

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

79/17 To nominate up to 2 voting delegates to attend the 73<sup>rd</sup> LALC Annual General Meeting on Saturday 18th November 2017.

***It was resolved that only Cllr Fox should attend the AGM mentioned above.***

80/17 To consider whether this Council wishes to put forward a resolution (which must be restricted to Parish/Town Council issues) for discussion at the LALC AGM on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and if so ALSO nominate a Proposer and a Seconder who will be required to speak briefly in support of the resolution at the meeting.

***It was resolved that no resolution should be put forward***

81/17 To consider the Proposed Dog Public Space Protection Orders as set out on SRBC web site and decide whether any representation should be made. (Access details have already been circulated to those on e-mail – for those without Internet access they can be accessed at the library on line)

***It was resolved that no representation should be made***

82/17 To consider a proposal put forward that the judging of this year's Christmas Competitions should ONLY include STATIC lights because festive lights sold to the public do not have to comply with Health and Safety regulations – they can flash at any rate, thus causing individuals to have seizures. Three in every hundred people have Photosensitive Epilepsy which can be triggered by flashing or flickering lights.

***It was resolved that the arrangements for the judging of this year's competition should remain unchanged.***

*The judging this year will be undertaken during the weekend 9/10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 with Cllr Garside undertaking the Rosebowl Competition, Cllr Gooch the Longton House Display Competition and Cllr Welch the New Longton House Display Competition*