

Longton Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday the 7TH DECEMBER 2010 in NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Gooch, Welch, Artis, Underwood, Crighton, Fox & Mcloughlin

One member of the public was present

112/10 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Cunningham, Kershaw & Wignall

113/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd November 2010 as previously circulated should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

114/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Fox declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 2010/0765 since she lives in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development. She chose to speak during public participation under paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct but left the room and did not take part in the debate and voting on this item.

115/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned.

Representation was made concerning planning application 2010/0765 raising concerns over what appears to be a further extension to the property which has already been extended before and questioning whether this further extension was within planning policy guidelines.

The meeting was re-convened

116/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2010/0768 – Change of use and alterations to public house with flat over, function suite and associated rooms to form 6 dwellings @ The Dolphin Inn Marsh Lane Longton

2010/0765 – Single storey extension to rear @ 37 Dale Ave Longton

2010/0766 – Change of use of a single dwelling to children's nursery including alterations to existing car park, erection of timber decking to rear, 2 canopies, conservatory to rear and 1.6m boundary wall @ 254 Chapel Lane New Longton

2010/0773 – Loft conversion to existing single storey dwelling and single storey rear extension to garage to form bedroom and study @ 21 Pear Tree Croft Longton

2010/0775 – Two storey side extension @ 9 Franklands Longton

2010/0786 – Two storey rear extension @ 32 Clifford Ave Longton

2010/0723 – Application for Lawful Development Certificate for a single storey side extension with canopy over front elevation, dormer extension to rear and single storey detached building to side @ 24 Station Rd New Longton

2010/0753 – Increase of roof height and alterations from sloping to pitched roof on the existing building @ Two Rivers Nurseries Marsh Lane Longton

2010/0749 – First floor extension to side @ 313 Chapel Lane New Longton

It was resolved that representation should be made as follows:

2010/0768 – That this council makes the planning authority aware that anecdotal evidence suggests that flooding has taken place in the past contrary to statements made on the Design and Access Statement.

2010/0765 – That concern has been raised that this further extension may breach planning policy guidelines

117/10 PAYMENTS

It was resolved that the under mentioned payments should be approved

CHEQUE NUMBER	TO WHOM PAYABLE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
001084	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses November 2010	564.67
001085	SLCC	1/3 rd Annual Subscription	63.33
001086	Viking Direct	Stationery	108.52
001087	P Heise	Lengthsman	1486.30

118/10 PRECEPT 2011-2012

It was resolved that the Draft Budget circulated with the agenda should be approved and that the Precept for 2011-2012 should be set at £21100.00 (the same as last year)

119/10 LALC AREA COMMITTEE

It was resolved that the Clerk should be appointed to the LALC Area Committee as the third representative from this Parish Council

120/10 NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL

It was resolved in response to a request from a member of the public that a rugby football post could be erected on the land immediately behind NLVH to allow local youths to practice their kicking skills subject to the installation being undertaken professionally.

121/10 THREE TIER FORUMS

Members had been asked to consider an appropriate response to LCC following the appointment of a South Ribble Local Council Area Representative to the new Three Tier Forum done at the last LALC Area Committee meeting without any reference to the Local Councils in the area. Documents were handed round outlining the purpose and general operation of the Forums together with a copy of an e-mail from LCC which acknowledged that the appointment was considered to be an 'interim' arrangement so as to ensure some Local Council attendance at first meeting of what is a 'pilot' in the South Ribble area.

It was resolved that this Council should accept that the Three Tier Forum South Ribble Area appointment is an 'interim' appointment as part of the rapidly developing 'pilot' being established in the South Ribble area and that this Council now seek to ensure that arrangements are put in hand to appoint a more permanent representative by requesting LCC and LALC to engage with all Local Councils in the area as soon as practicable to achieve this end.

122/10 DRAFT ROAD TRANSPORT PLAN 2011-2021

Members had been asked to consider the Draft Local Road Transport Plan 2011-2021 which had been circulated with the agenda and make such representation on the Response Form also circulated as was felt appropriate.

It was resolved that the following comments should be made:

Response Form 1 – That there is no mention of improving the routes for transporting goods. No one likes large vehicles but they are essential for the economy, industrial, urban and rural development. Such things as safe lorry parks should be considered to encourage business, reduce crime (S17) and improve road safety.

Response Form 2 – That to say rail passengers are well served between Preston and Manchester does not paint a true picture – the services in rush hours are grossly overcrowded and the Northern Rail rolling stock is old, uncomfortable and badly ventilated.

Many of the problems cited would be solved by small improvements in the railway – the reinstatement of the Todmorden curve would allow direct trains from Burnley to Manchester in a fraction of the current journey time.

The reinstatement of the Burscough chord would allow direct trains from Preston to Southport/Liverpool. Reopening Midge Hall station would allow park and ride to Preston, Southport & Liverpool

These are small railway projects that would have a dramatic effect on transport

Even greater improvement could be achieved by reopening the railway stations between Preston and Lancaster thus taking virtually all the commuter traffic off the A6 and relieve traffic problems at Broughton.

Reopening the line from Preston to Longridge as a tramway would ease much of the commuter traffic in Preston, serving the university, city centre and taking onward commuters to Preston railway station (it would also take visiting football fans direct to and from Deepdale)

Re-opening the railway to Fleetwood would also solve many of the congestion problems, notable around Singleton.

Response Form 3 – There is no mention of commercial transport which is vital to our economy

Response Form 6 – Rail access to Blackpool Airport needs to be considered

Response Form 9 – In working to reduce child casualties there should be much more emphasis on teaching parents to look after their children and not just the usual mantra of reducing speed

123/10

Members had been asked to consider potential uses for any available 106 monies emanating from recent developments in both Longton and New Longton

It was resolved that consideration should be given to the following suggestions once it became clear as to exactly how much funding was available:

Allotment provision – Playground facilities in the vicinity of ‘The Fields’ New Longton – Changing Room improvements at LVMRG – Improvements at the Brickcroft

Chairman