

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of **THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on

Tuesday the 7th February 2017 in **LONGTON LIBRARY** commencing at 7.30pm

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

There were no members of the public present

08/17 To receive Apologies

Cllrs Alsop, Barnes and Coulton

09/17 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th January 2017 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th January 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

10/17 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

11/17 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion.

There were no members of the public present

12/17 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2017/0070/HOH – Single storey extension to rear @ 66A Sheephill Lane New Longton

07/2017/0074/HPD – App for prior approval for single storey rear extension @ 17 Latimer Drive New Longton

07/2017/0102/CLD – App for Cert of Lawful Development for a proposed single storey rear extension @ 56 Aspendale Close Longton

07/2017/0142/HOH – Part two storey and single storey side extension and porch @ 1 Wham Cottages Long Moss Lane New Longton

07/2017/0123/COU- Retrospective application for a change of use of part of ground floor unit from cafe/restaurant (Class A3) into travel agency (Class A1) and change of use of first floor into offices (ClassB1) @ 117 Liverpool Road Longton

07/2017/0101/HOH – Two storey rear extension and first floor extension to side and front @ 12 Woodlands Way Longton

It was resolved that no representation should be made in respect of the above applications

13/17 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

On Line	Newgate Nurseries	Christmas tree dressing New Longton	138.00
On Line	Preston Bus	December Instalment	4166.67
On Line	Viking Direct	Stationery	149.46
Cheque 300117	Royal British Legion	Donation S137	100.00

It was resolved that the payments mentioned above should be approved

14/17 To confirm that this Council does wish to extend its arrangements with Preston Bus for a further period of 12 months in respect of service 12, will contribute £50000 to the running costs for the period in question and hereby authorises the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign an extension agreement on behalf of this Council.

It was resolved that this Council should extend its arrangements with Preston Bus as outlined above and that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should sign the extension agreement

15/17 To consider whether this Council would wish to take part in 'Western Parishes in Bloom' as described in the attached papers and what if any effect this might have on this Council's Best Kept Garden Competition.

It was resolved that since this Council had its own long standing competition it would not be appropriate to take part in what would effectively be a duplicate competition.

16/17 To consider what locations (lamp posts) might be appropriate for the display of 'Love Where You Live' posters as outlined in the attached correspondence.

It was resolved that a location on School Lane Longton by the play area and on Chapel Lane New Longton by the Parish Council notice board would be appropriate places for the above posters.

17/17 To consider the enclosed request for financial support to the extent of £250.00 to assist the Sports and Social Club with further improvements to its premises and issue as previously a letter of support confirming tenure details and that there are no likely plans to change the present arrangements.

It was resolved that the request for funding as mentioned above should be approved and that the Clerk should issue an appropriate letter of support as outlined above.

18/17 To approve the enclosed Financial Statement to the 31st December 2016

It was resolved that the Financial Statement as mentioned above should be approved

19/17 To consider renewal of the Lengthsman's contract for a further 12 months at a rate of £13.30 per hour (last year £13.00) being an increase in line with the latest RPI figures

It was resolved that renewal of the Lengthsman's contract as mentioned above should be approved at a rate of £13.30 per hour

20/17 To appoint Len Slade as the internal auditor for 2016/17 at a fee of £105.00 and approve the Terms of Reference and Internal Control and Suggested Testing Methodology, the relative documents having already been circulated

It was resolved that Len Slade should once again be appointed as the Council's Internal Auditor and that the documents mentioned above should be approved

21/17 To consider and approve the following documents which have already been circulated

- The Councils Risk Management Policy Statement 2017
- The Councils Risk Management Register 2017
- The Councils Asset Register 2017
- The Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control 2017

It was resolved that the documents mentioned above should be approved

22/17 To confirm that this Council wishes to enter the 2017 Best Kept Village Competition for both Longton and New Longton and agree which merit entries should be submitted this year (2016 nominations enclosed)

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23/17 To consider whether any response is required to the two SRBC consultations regarding Supplementary Planning Documents relating to:

The Green Belt Infill Draft SPD

The Central Lancashire Employment Skills SPD

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

24/17 To consider whether this Council wishes to reverse its decision to withdraw from membership of LALC – figures for the forthcoming year are not available however LALC have verbally stated that they will be no more than last year (£741.72) although it is unclear as to whether this relates solely to the LALC (409.65) part or is inclusive of both LALC and NALC (332.07)

Please note the resolution of last year below concerning the basis of membership:

It was resolved that this Council should reverse its decision to withdraw from membership of LALC however due to concerns regarding potential future subscription levels notice should be given that the subscription is based on one year only and our notice to withdraw membership should be carried forward so that membership will now cease on the 31st March 2017.

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