

Longton Parish Council

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

Tuesday the 9th January 2018 in **LONGTON LIBRARY** commencing at 7.30pm

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

There were three members of the public present

01/18 To receive Apologies

Cllrs Mather and Garside

02/18 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th December 2017 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th December 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

03/18 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

04/18 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion.

The meeting was adjourned

Residents present expressed their support for the proposed funding to Preston Bus which facilitated the continuance of Service 12 which provided a public transport facility between Longton and New Longton.

In response to a question from one resident it was explained that LCC funding of bus services was based primarily on a need basis.

The meeting was reconvened

05/18 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2017/3652/FUL – Erection of two pairs semi detached dwellings including garages following demolition of existing storage buildings @ Land south of Orchard Ave New Longton

Please note that whilst this land is in Green Belt permission already exists 07/2016/0042/OUT for erection of TWO dwellings with associated garages – the Design and Access Statement and Plan indicate that each pair of the now proposed dwellings will have a similar footprint and volume to those for which planning permission has already been granted.

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

06/18 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

On Line	Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal Donation	100.00
On Line	P Heise	Lengthsman Invoice 8	1276.80
On Line	Preston Bus	Subsidy - November	4166.67
On Line	W V Mcennerney-Whittle	Sal and Exp 3 rd Qtr	1575.82
On Line	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI Deductions 3 rd Qtr	984.75
On Line	SLCC	¼ Contribution	64.50
On Line	City Distributors	Newsletter	126.00

It was resolved that the payments detailed above should be approved

07/18 To consider whether this Council should renew its funding of Bus Service 12 for a further period of 12 months at a subsidy rate of £50K.

Please note that LCC are not willing to consider any funding unless this Council decide to withdraw or substantially reduce its contribution to an extent that the service would no longer be viable in which case they would then and only then consider whether they might become involved.

Please also note that until November 2017 the service has continued to show a commercial loss despite the present subsidy and even where a small profit has been achieved this is only due to the subsidy. Without this a substantial commercial loss would be in evidence.

It was resolved that this Council should renew its funding of Bus Service 12 as mentioned above

08/18 To approve the enclosed Statement of Accounts as at 26th December 2017.

It was resolved that the Statement of Accounts as at 26th December 2017 should be approved.