

**Minutes of the Meeting of
LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 20th February 2017**

PRESENT: Cllrs. C Tilling (Chair), T Barnes, M Phelps, A Toomey, S Collins, D Attrill and L Isko

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Maliphant (Clerk), County Cllr. B Robinson and 3 residents

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J Stephens and District Cllr. D East. The clerk advised that the meeting was being recorded.
2. There were no declarations of interest

3. Public Forum

Velthouse Lane residents spoke to the failure of County Highways to attend the previous week's site visit, and also referred to the circulated email restating the police objection to any lowering of the speed limit on the A4136 between Hopes Hill and the Yew Tree pub, due to the recently-monitored speed levels along that stretch and its value as a place for overtaking. Points raised included:

- There are other straight stretches on the A40 where the speed is restricted
- Vehicles can overtake at 50 mph as well as at 60 mph
- Vehicles – especially heavy tractors – coming down Hopes Hill at speed give those wanting to pull out from Velthouse Lane split seconds to make a decision
- Other options than “significant engineering” for reducing speed should also be considered

BR added that the email looked like something lifted from an old file, and that this fresh request deserved a fresh evaluation, which he would recommend to County Highways officers accordingly.

After discussion it was agreed to write to County Highways requesting a rearranged site visit during term time, when all potential solutions should be reviewed including traffic lights, extra signage, cutting back roadside hedges and regular attendance by police speed camera vans.

ACTION: AM

4. Planning & Licensing

The circulated progress report on planning applications was received with thanks. The clerk noted that licensing applications were now being recorded on the District Council website.

After discussion, it was agreed that the parish council would make no objections to any of the current six planning applications.

5. The minutes of the meeting on January 16th were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.

6. Members' Reports

AT reported that the pallets by the road at Dursley Cross had been cleared away in advance of the County Highways inspection, but had since reappeared. May Hill residents

were split over the safety of the nearby bus stop on the A40, but Stagecoach had confirmed that they would not make the stop official, but would cut back the vegetation once a year.

LI reported complaints about dog mess in the village, and AT added that in Lincolnshire dog walkers were at risk of a £100 fine if they were not carrying a suitable plastic bag. DA added that the dog waste bin at Nupend Lane had deteriorated, and it was agreed to replace it. **ACTION: AM**

CT said that she had been into the primary school with DE to talk to the pupils about making some posters to shame dog walkers into action.

DA reported back on the first “Boar Solutions” meeting which she had attended with JS. It had been agreed to have a 12-member steering group, which she had been asked to join, and the next meeting would be attended by the Forestry Commission, the MP and the Forest Verderers.

CT noted she had received a lot of complaints about street lighting failures, and that any future issues should be reported to County Highways along with the relevant pole number. She had also had complaints about youngsters not going into the youth club but making a nuisance in the village, and it was agreed to ask the police if they could provide a presence on a Wednesday night. **ACTION: CT**

7. Committee Reports

(a) Latchen Room Management Committee

SC reported that the building work had now finished. Ideas were still needed for a suitable tenant for the downstairs space. A memorial plaque to Roger Kerlake would be unveiled at a future Café Bonnies event.

(b) Recreation Ground Management Committee

TB reported that three more seats would be going into the recreation ground by the tennis courts in memory of local people. There will also be a plaque in memory of Roger Kerlake to record the generosity of his legacy.

8. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

The clerk reported that a visit to the records in Gloucestershire Archives suggested that the land on May Hill currently let out by the Charities Committee had been effectively passed into the ownership of the new charitable body formed by the merger of several smaller charities in 1975. AT added that the secretary of the Charities Committee was looking into the paperwork in their possession to confirm.

The clerk spoke to the previously circulated report on the finances of the Rose Barton & Margaret Skelton Charity. A sum of £1160 17s 6d invested in 3.5% Government war stock in 1954 was being repaid by HM Treasury.

There were a number of items of correspondence including:

- An email from Hillside Brewery reporting changes made on site following the conditions recently imposed by the licensing committee
- A letter asking for confirmation of the annual play area safety inspection
- An invitation from the District Council to a boundaries review meeting
- The Coleford job centre would be moving into the District Council office building

9. Finance

The clerk reported the following invoices had been approved by himself and the chair in December for payment within budget, in line with financial regulations:

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors	1,800.00	NDP health check
Merlin Waste	33.90	Dog waste collection
GAPTC	20.00	Networking event
Andrew Maliphant	597.85	November salary & expenses
Cash	50.00	Petty cash

The following new invoices were approved for payment:

Merlin Waste	33.90	Dog waste collection
Terry Barnes	370.00	New fence at allotments
Andrew Maliphant	565.47	Salary - January
Andrew Maliphant	37.33	Expenses – January
Cash	50.00	Petty cash

The latest financial report was received with thanks. The clerk had received a letter from the National Savings & Investment Bank about the parish council's two accounts, and it was agreed that CT, LI and MP would become the new signatories. **ACTION: AM**

10. Localism and Neighbourhood Plan

MP said that the plan had been checked and should be submitted by the end of the month. BR reported that the board of Two Rivers Housing had decided to draw back from the proposed development on the Wend, but this didn't mean that there wouldn't be other proposals for that site in the future.

11. Next Meeting - Monday 20th March at 7 pm

Signed:.....Chairman. Date:.....