

**Minutes of the Meeting of
LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 19th September 2016**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Maliphant (Clerk), County Cllr. B Robinson, District Cllr. D East and 13 residents

1. Planning

The circulated progress report on planning applications was received with thanks. After discussion, it was agreed there were no objections to the revised proposal P0886/16/FUL for kerb lowering at Brooklyn, Little London, provided original conditions around road safety were adhered to.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. S Stephens

3. There were no declarations of interest

4. Public Forum

There was considerable discussion involving May Hill residents and the owners of Holly Bush Farm around special events and the link to past planning permissions. It was agreed there should be a site meeting with residents to discuss the various issues, and that councillors would review the planning history and report back. **ACTION: DE/MP/AT**

5. The minutes of the meeting on July 18th were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.

6. Members' Reports

LI reported back from the Road Safety Liaison Group:

- A feasibility study was under way into options for the Velthouse Lane junction with the A4136
- Following the site visit at Hopes Hill, County Highways had decided the carriageways were not wide enough and were looking into altering them
- There was no news yet on the replacement of the red speed warning lines following resurfacing work on the A4136

7. Committee Reports

(a) Latchen Room Management Committee

SC reported that a contractor had been appointed to build the extension to the Latchen Room and work had begun.

(b) Recreation Ground Management Committee

TB reported that Les Meadows had completed the planned works to the relocated play equipment, and it was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Malcolm Marshall for his help with the carpentry. **ACTION: AM**

8. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

A number of agenda items were discussed:

- It was agreed there would be clearance work at the brook as and when required, and the state of the parish council's waders would be checked **ACTION: DE**
- Due to the rising costs of maintaining the allotments, it was agreed to discuss raising the allotment fees at the next parish council meeting, and to invite the current allotment holders to the meeting to join in the discussion **ACTION: AM**
- Glebe Contractors had tendered a price for replacing the fencing removed during recent work to the allotments hedge, and it was agreed to review this at the next meeting together with other quotes **ACTION: TB/AM**
- Following the decease of the previous tenant of the parish council's field on May Hill, it was agreed to confirm the amount of rent paid to the Charities Committee and the recording of the plot at the Land Registry before drafting a new agreement for future tenancies **ACTION: AM**
- It was agreed there should be no commercial events on the top of May Hill, and that AT as May Hill portfolio holder would retain the keys to the gate padlocks
- It was agreed that in the event of any issue coming up that affected the parish council, the chairman would be informed as well as the relevant portfolio holder **ACTION: All**
- Following the notice that BT were proposing to remove the telephone box in the village, it was agreed to contact them to confirm what future uses might be allowed **ACTION: AM**
- It was agreed to chase Rhodri Grey of County Highways about a site meeting in the village, to include delays in addressing drainage issues **ACTION: AM**
- Following the request for new "geocaches" in the village, it was agreed to reply with advice that the owners of the propose sites be contacted direct **ACTION: AM**

There were a number of items of correspondence including:

- The District Council had publicised a new helpline for use in the event of power cuts
- The Severn Tunnel would be closed to train services for a period of six weeks
- GAPTC had circulated a draft letter to Government expressing concerns about the current proposals to devolve more central funds to the Gloucestershire Local Enterprise Partnership, Gfirst LEP

9. Finance

Members confirmed the following expenditure within budget managed by the clerk and chairman between meetings as previously agreed:

John Hicks	180.00	Recreation ground inspection
Nick Thomas Landscapes	1632.00	Grass cutting
Glebe Contractors	240.00	Tree surgery on May Hill
Merlin Waste	33.90	Dog waste collection, August
Kevin J Toombs	300.00	Valuation assessment
Merlin Waste	33.90	Dog waste collection, September
Andrew Maliphant	540.20	Salary - July
Andrew Maliphant	37.33	Expenses – July

The following new invoices were approved for payment:

Centigen Facilities Management	66.00	Grass cutting
Came & Company	1518.80	Parish insurance
Centigen Facilities Management	66.00	Grass cutting
S A East	25.00	Strimming at allotments
Andrew Raynor	315.00	Website transfer
Andrew Maliphant	575.89	Salary - August
Andrew Maliphant	37.33	Expenses – August
Les Meadows	64.99	Replacement slide

As trustees of the Rose Barton and Margaret Skelton Charity, the members agreed to pay the £504.55 bill for the annual older people’s party, which had gone very well.

The clerk reported back on tenders for the following:

- Hedge work behind the Latchen Room, which was unanimously agreed to be contracted to Joe Rose
- Call-off contract for village works, which was unanimously agreed to be contracted for a year in the first instance to Nick Thomas Landscapes

10. Localism and Neighbourhood Plan

MP reported that the final plan had been sent to an independent examiner for checking before formal submission to the District Council. Following advice, the steering group had decided to go forward with this process without waiting for the final approval of the District Allocations Plan. The steering group had also applied for a final tranche of funding to complete the neighbourhood development plan process.

11. Next Meeting - Monday 17th October at 7 pm, when agenda items would include concerns about Hobbs Lane and other road safety proposals

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