

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

PRESENT: Cllrs. M Phelps (Chair), L Isko, S Collins, J Stephens and T Barnes

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Maliphant (Clerk) and 21 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A Toomey and R Noblett, and also District Cllr. D East.

2. There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. Public Forum**

Local residents presented a number of concerns about the proposal for turkey farming at Chessgrove Farm, including a protest that neighbours had not been properly informed of the planning application by the planning authority.

### **4. Planning**

The circulated planning report was received with thanks. After discussion, it was agreed that there were no objections to the following applications:

- P1273/18/TCA fell 1 silver birch at the Pound House, The Latchen
- P1217/18/HED removal of hedge at Sterrys Lane
- P1118/18/FUL erection of a balcony at the Latchen Room
- P0788/18/FUL revised plans Marshes Farm barn change of use to residential

It was agreed there was no objection to application P1088/18/FUL for a replacement dwelling at 1 The Cottage, The Slad, but the council were concerned that the design of the new building should be in keeping with local distinctiveness, in line with policy PE1b of the Longhope Neighbourhood Development Plan.

There was considerable discussion about planning application P1054/18/FUL for the new agricultural buildings at Chessgrove Farm. It was agreed to object to the proposal, as there is already a detectable local smell of pig manure, and it was anticipated that further smells would only exacerbate the situation. It was felt that the study of odour impact provided by the applicant was based on hypothetical modelling, and may turn out to be inaccurate in reality. There was also the risk of an effect on outdoor diners at nearby Harts Barn, where 15 people are employed by one catering business - the loss of such business and the related unemployment would be balanced by only one extra employee anticipated for the turkey farm. In addition, if the District Council were minded to approve the application, the parish council felt they should consider requiring the applicant to install a higher level of odour filtration, testing the odour levels once the new barns are in operation, and enforcing improvements to the filtration should odour levels be found to be far in excess of the original estimates.

There was further discussion about the revised planning application P0471/17/FUL for 23 houses off School Lane. It was agreed to continue to object to this proposal on the grounds that the proposed level of affordable housing is still much less than the District Council's requirement of 40% affordable housing for such developments. There was also the issue that while the Longhope Neighbourhood Development Plan policy PE1a Development Within the Conservation Area says that new development will be supported where it preserves or enhances its character and appearance, the applicant had made no attempt to

discuss this important aspect with the parish council or the community, as anticipated under the revised National Planning Policy Framework.

The clerk gave a brief update on the need for planning permission for the tree surgery recommended by the recent tree survey on parish council-managed land. The planning application would be sent in once discussions had taken place with neighbouring landowners.

## 5. Members' Reports

LI reported that she and the clerk had met with the local County Highways officer on site to review potential sites for a moveable vehicle activated sign (VAS). Once the proposal for two sites on Church Road and one on the Latchen had been confirmed by County Highways, a formal application process would take place. **ACTION: AM**

## 6. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

The clerk confirmed that data hosting of the parish council's electronic files was now in place. The issue of an extra litter bin for the Latchen Room was being dealt with by RN on behalf of the Latchen Room Committee.

After discussion of a letter from the District Council about the current street cleaning agreement, it was agreed to continue with the arrangement until March 2020.

## 7. Finance

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Merlin Waste	90.00	Dog waste collection
Longhope Youth Fund	2000.00	Youth shelter
Microshade Bus. Consultants	501.60	Data hosting
Andrew Maliphant	618.10	Salary – July
Andrew Maliphant	77.33	Expenses – July

The clerk advised that the monthly sum given for council-related phone calls from his personal phones would now be treated by HMRC as taxable income.

## 8. Next Meeting - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm

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