

**Minutes of the Meeting of
LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 18th March 2019**

PRESENT: Cllrs. M Phelps (Chair), L Isko, T Walmsley, S Collins, R Noblett, A Toomey & T Barnes

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Maliphant (Clerk), County Cllr. B Robinson and 2 residents

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J Stephens and District Cllr. D East
2. There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Forum

The clerk gave a brief update on the public transport survey focusing on the lack of bus services between Box Bush and Huntley, which was timed to coincide with the public consultation being run by Stagecoach.

4. Planning

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

- P0348/19/FUL erection of a two storey extension at High Meadows, Yartleton Lane
- P0327/19/TCA removal of cherry tree at 6 The Orchards, Church Road
- P0325/19/FUL erection of a porch at Springfield House, Station Lane
- P0320/19/FUL erection of wooden stable block at The Springs, Barrel Lane
- P0230/19/FUL extension at Uwana, Hopes Hill
- P0277/19/FUL erection of a stable block at Hazelwood, Velthouse Lane
- P0027/19/DISCON discharge of planning condition at Brook Farm, Monmouth Road
- P0028/19/DISCON discharge of planning condition at Brook Farm, Monmouth Road

5. Minutes of the meetings on February 18th

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly

6. Members' Reports

AT reported to BR that County Highways contractors had installed a new crash barrier on Yartleton Lane as requested, though it was one post short of the requirement.

LI reported that the Youth Fund had nearly reached £7,000. Some research had been carried out on the potential for a self-build basket swing, which would require an independent play safety inspection, but would still be cheaper than buying a swing from a play equipment supplier. The idea of a separate youth shelter had also been proving more expensive, so the local teens group had suggested instead a canopy at the front of the Pavilion, for which LI was also researching costs. This would benefit everyone in the village. TW raised the issue of public liability if work was not carried out by professional installers, and LI proposed to ask Ruspidge Parish Council how they managed their own new installations. After discussion the idea of a canopy was agreed, and RN offered to work with LI as project manager to take the idea forward. **ACTION: LI/RN**

LI added that two groups of young people were congregating near the Pavilion on Wednesday Kids Club nights, and had also been an intimidating presence in the village

shop, which AT added she had witnessed. LI had asked the police for a patrol on Wednesday nights, and been told to ring 101 if there were any problems. It was agreed to write to the Chief Constable to ask for a more positive response, circulating a draft for approval in advance. **ACTION: AM/MP**

RN presented a proposal for extra battery power to support the VAS batteries, which once recharged were only lasting a fortnight each time. The proposal was for extra battery boxes behind the base of each camera pole to take a stronger battery. After discussion this proposal was agreed with a budget of £250, and the clerk was asked to check the proposed plan with County Highways and the parish council's insurers. **ACTION: RN/AM**

7. Committee Reports

(a) Latchen Room Management Committee

RN reported that work was continuing to develop the downstairs workshop on Monday mornings.

(b) Recreation Ground Management Committee

The clerk presented a proposal from the Recreation Ground Committee that the parish council take on responsibility for the Pavilion electricity bill as a contribution towards Recreation Ground revenue costs. This was agreed after discussion against a notional annual budget of £600.

The Recreation Ground Committee had also sent a proposal for some improvement works to be paid for from the annual capital budget provided by the parish council. After discussion of the need to get three quotes for such expenditure and to reclaim VAT, while still giving individuals the chance to volunteer assistance, it was agreed that the clerk would draft a broad tender brief to be confirmed with councillors and the Recreation Ground Committee before issuing.

LI reported that a licensing application had been submitted to the District Council to allow for a monthly pop-up pub to raise funds for the Recreation Ground. There would also be a "Rock on the Rec" fundraising event with local bands on Saturday 11th May.

8. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

After discussion, the safeguarding, volunteer management and risk management policies for the Rose Barton & Margaret Skelton Charity were approved, with thanks to JS for his work on the drafting.

In discussion about the Neighbourhood Development Plan, it was agreed to set up a sub-committee to monitor the application of the plan to planning proposals, and to formally review the plan every five years. **ACTION: AM**

There were a number of items of correspondence including:

- A business directory from the Forest Economic Partnership
- Increase in annual fees for Microsoft Office
- County Highways response to street lighting enquiry
- GAPTC training schedule
- Update on the local potential for a community infrastructure levy
- Mitcheldean Community Library was looking for a new treasurer
- 2nd Mitcheldean Scouts proposal of a renaming to include Longhope

9. Finance

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Merlin Waste	90.00	Dog waste collection
Whitehill Direct Ltd	94.80	Dog walkers sign
National CLT Network	75.00	Annual membership
Andrew Maliphant	563.81	Salary – February
Andrew Maliphant	37.33	Expenses – February
Cash	50.00	Petty Cash

The financial report for March was received with thanks.

10. Community Land Trust

MP reported that only one housing association, the Aster Group, had expressed interest in supporting a Longhope community land trust. However, Aster were very keen and experienced, and would be bringing an architect and building contractor to a site visit on April 3rd.

11. Next Meeting – the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 15th April at 7 pm, to be followed by a short business meeting

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