

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

PRESENT: Cllrs. L Isko (Vice Chair), S Collins, T Walmsley, R Noblett, A Godwin and G Nicholas

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Maliphant (Clerk) and three local residents

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M Phelps and A Toomey, the meeting was chaired by Cllr. Isko
2. There were no declarations of interest
3. There was no discussion in public forum

#### **4. Planning**

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

- P1020/19/FUL general purpose farm building at Zions Barn, Green Lane

#### **5. Minutes of the meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>**

The minutes of the meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.

#### **6. Members' Reports**

It was agreed to defer the item on the dementia alliance until the September meeting.

There was discussion of a number of potential responses to climate change, including using a green energy provider and installing low energy light bulbs. It was agreed to research the potential for Government grants towards the cost of installing charging points for electric vehicles. **ACTION: GN**

TW suggested that the parish council should comment on planning applications in the light of climate change, for example suggesting the use of ground source heat pumps. It would also be good policy to install a pressure tap on the Pavilion water fountain, and it was agreed to add this to the Recreation Ground maintenance list. **ACTION: RN**

RN reported that the vehicle-activated sign would be moved again shortly. Recently the boosted battery system had given power for seven weeks rather than the earlier ten days, and the manufacturers had asked for details of how this had been achieved!

#### **7. Committee Reports**

##### **(a) Latchen Room Management Committee**

RN reported that a separate bank account had been set up for the Monday workshop.

## (b) Recreation Ground Management Committee

LI reported that the Teens Club had been awarded a £2,000 grant from the High Sheriff, which enabled the next phase of the basket swing project, to be project managed by SC.

The AGM for the Recreation Ground Management Committee would take place on July 17<sup>th</sup> from 7pm, under the new rules recently registered with the Charity Commission.

There had been some damage to the playground climbing frame, which had been added to the maintenance list. A number of other incidents of vandalism and misbehaviour including apparent drug use had been discussed with the PCSO, and after discussion it was agreed to include suitable warning words in the next Leafletter. **ACTION: LI**

A separate bank account had been created for the Friends of the Recreation Ground, to be used for the pop-up pub. The summer Fun Day had raised £800, of which £200 would be kept back for expenses for next year's event, with the balance going towards the Path Fund which now stands at £674.

## 8. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

The clerk reported telephone conversations that suggested there would be no major changes in the autumn to the local bus timetables, despite the results of the local consultation, but it appeared that more detailed information would not be available until certain regulatory processes had been completed. It was agreed to keep up the pressure on Stagecoach and the county council to give fuller feedback. **ACTION: AM**

After discussion it was agreed to revive the Planning Committee to review planning applications in August and December, with the addition of RN and TW as members. It was also agreed to circulate a summary of invoices for those months, prior to attention by the clerk and chairman in line with the financial regulations. **ACTION: AM**

The previously circulated brief for improvement works to Hobbs Lane was approved. The clerk was asked to ensure that county highways contractors and the county rights of way officer were included in the process. **ACTION: AM**

There were a number of items of correspondence including:

- Regular summaries of funding opportunities and County Council news
- Training opportunities from GAPTC
- New District Council planning document on affordable housing
- Closure of the A4136 at Mitcheldean for road improvements

## 9. Finance

The following invoices were approved for payment:

PATA (UK)	23.25	Payroll costs
HMRC	311.00	PAYE
Glebe Contractors	118.69	Grass cutting
Merlin Waste	112.50	Dog waste collection
Andrew Raynor	85.00	Website hosting
Andrew Maliphant	512.35	Salary - June
Andrew Maliphant	37.33	Expenses – June
Cash	50.00	Petty cash

The monthly financial report was received with thanks.

It was confirmed that GN would become a cheque signatory. **ACTION: AM/GN**

The clerk reported that all efforts to get further quotations for maintenance work on the pavilion had been unsuccessful, and it was agreed to go ahead with the cheapest quotation received to date, subject to confirmation of the quoted figures. **ACTION: AM**

### **10. Community Land Trust**

The clerk reported there would be a site meeting with planning officers in August looking at the development potential of a number of sites in the village.

### **11. Next Meeting - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm**

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