

**Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of  
LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL  
held online on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

PRESENT: Cllrs. S Collins, G Nicholas, C Griffiths and A Toomey

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

1. Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr. B Robinson
2. There were no declarations of interest
3. There was no discussion in Public Forum

**4. Planning**

After discussion, it was agreed there were no objections to the following proposals:

- P1216/20/TCA tree surgery at 5 The Orchards, Church Road
- P1114/20/FUL loft conversion and extension at Greenacres, Barrel Lane
- P0072/20/DISCON discharge of planning conditions at Richard Read Transport, Monmouth Road

After discussion about proposal P1012/20/FUL for the creation of a natural burial site at Dick Whittington Farm Park, it was agreed to object on the grounds of the choice of site. As councillors knew from a previous site visit, the ground is uneven, with springs nearby, and there were concerns about the drainage. Councillors shared the Environment Agency's concern about potential pollution of the nearby water course, and there was also a danger of erosion. They felt not enough attention had been paid to the guidance for natural burial ground operators issued by the Ministry of Justice, in particular around environmental and ecological matters. The proposal would not enhance the landscape nor reflect local character. The choice of non-native tree species to provide an ineffective screen from the roadway was another point of concern.

The roadway itself is also the main access to the Swallow Lakes development. The Longhope Neighbourhood Development Plan has objectives around safe access to local facilities, and not exacerbating existing road safety issues. There were further objections to this proposal as it would lead to increased traffic to the site, causing further issues at the junction with the main road where there is no safe pedestrian walkway or cyclepath.

After discussion about proposal P0713/20/FUL for the siting of a shepherd's hut at Land Off Yartleton Lane, May Hill, it was agreed to object on the grounds of the poor access off Yartleton Lane at a pinch point between two properties and then up an unregistered track which is a public bridleway. The proposed design was not in keeping with the area, and would be very visible from nearby houses

**Standing Orders were suspended at the end of the meeting in order that the Council could continue in "closed session" under the provisions of The Public (Admissions to Meetings Act 1960) as the business to be discussed was considered to be of a confidential nature.**

5. After discussion it was agreed to appoint Ian Barrett to the post of parish clerk.

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