

Meeting of Longford Parish Council on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2017

Held at Longford Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Apologies.

Cllrs P. Awford D Waters, M. Williams Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC)

Cllr M. Hamblett LONGFORD Parish Council (LPC)

Present.

Cllr K. Doherty (Chair) E. Doherty. P. Gough. L. Gough B. McInerney A. Williams. D. Lynham.

Members of the public 5

### **1. Public Session**

Julie asked if it would be possible to have a crossing on the A38 the Village side of the roundabout. Clerk said that there was a problem with the width of the road and the person in charge (Stakeholder) was not returning his calls but he would persist. Chair asked that clerk put communication in writing.

**Action P.O**

Gary B. commented on the poor state of the village hall. Volunteered to assist. Some young people will help. B.M. on behalf of village hall committee accepted offer of help. Advised ref. Health and Safety. Agreed action of volunteers to be reported on in newsletter.

**Action E.D.**

This is a village hall matter.

Les B commented on the state of Longford Lane. Also commented about dog fouling in the playing field.

Clerk advised that this is the biggest growth complaint in the country. There are few dog wardens. TBC does not have one. Unless residents are prepared to go to court and give evidence if they witness the event, nothing can be done.

Discussion followed about whether or not having lights on the playing field would have a positive impact. Several thought it may help and would aid security. Others that it attracted vandalism and police advice was to turn them off.

Vote followed. Agreed lights should not be put on (2 for 4 against-1 abstention)

**Agreed**

Question about the Car wash on the A38 was raised. PG said that there was planning permission on the piece of land which would solve that problem.

**2. Minutes of last meeting.** Approved and signed by the chair

### **3. Matters Arising**

-DW was going to look at the problem of Amey leaving rubbish in hedgerows. (Not present to report).

-S106/ Works to village hall. BM asked about the consultation meeting and had the Village Hall Working Group had been involved. Chair replied that they had not but information would be

disseminated to all. K.D proposed an EGM involving all interested parties to ensure all concerned were advised of the outcome and consider where next. D.L concerned about time being taken. Said he had suggested such a meeting previously. All agreed to meeting in January. Date to be confirmed. This will need publicising. **Agreed**

-K.D advised she had requested that the clerk to apply to the developers for the balance of S106 monies to secure it without necessitating completion of works. Clerk confirmed he now had a cheque to be forwarded to TBC. Also a bill for £900 from the architect.

-Allotments. It was advised water cannot be turned off – sheep in the field. B.M reported that Ronan’s Trust now have a website and mention the allotment project.

- Parks and Playing Field. Clerk reported that person who has quoted for maintenance of hedge is unable do all works required on park/playing field. He cannot carry out grass cutting.

-Clerk to write to Twigworth, Down Hatherley and Norton Parish Councils thanking them for the invitation to their meeting and forwarding a copy of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

**Action P.O**

**4.) Declarations of Interest.** L.G, P.G, B.M. New development. Village Hall

#### **5.) Finance**

Necessary cheques signed. Balance provided £63801.08 as of 19<sup>th</sup> October. Payments include PO November Salary, ED for signage for Play Ground, Printing & Stationary. E.D worked through a Risk Assessment form supplied by P.O. As part of this it was suggested that P.O needed to back up data regularly and make copies of documents before sending them off and make available details of contractors used and allotments holders contact details in the event he is unavailable for some reason. **Agreed**

#### **6.) Budget**

ED handed round prepared Budget sheets which he explained. A Budget figure was discussed. It was agreed that the precept amount required would be deferred until TBC had supplied the necessary figures, because, due to an error last year LPC had not claimed enough. D.L of view last year’s error should be corrected. Clerk to forward figures to all when they arrived. **Agreed.**

Budget agreed in principle. **Agreed**

It was then agreed to finalise these figures at the extraordinary meeting. **Agreed**

ED asked if the Council were happy with the £300 rental received from the football club and the rental from the allotments. PC was happy with the amounts.

There being no other business the chair closed the meeting at 9.05pm

K. Doherty

Chair