

MEETING OF LONGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Longford Village Hall on Tuesday May 1st 2018

Present

Cllrs. K. Doherty (Chair) E. Doherty B. McInerney, L. Gough P. Gough,
M. Hamblett

Apologies for Absence

Cllr T.Smith

Election of Chairman

The Chair announced her intention to stand down and said that she wished to propose Cllr A. Williams but as he was not present asked the clerk for advice on the protocol.

Clerk said that this could be done but queried whether she had discussed this with him and ascertained whether or not he was willing to accept the post. KD agreed this would be the most appropriate course of action and withdrew her nomination. There being no other nominations she agreed to continue as Chair for this meeting.

The Clerk then announced that he would retire in December. 2018

Public

Mr. D. Lynham Mr. L. Bailey Mr. Mr. & Mrs Sperry Ms Shaw.

(1) Public Session

Members of the public then left having raised all issues they wished to discuss at the Annual Parish Meeting.

(3) Minutes of last meeting

Agreed and signed by the Chair.

(4) Matters Arising

K.D/P.G advised that Parish Councils did not now need to appoint a Data Protection Officer. However other GDPR requirements still apply.

Declarations of Interest

PG, LG, BM. New development & Village Hall KD, ED, MH Village Hall Working Party

Correspondence

a.) Consultation regarding Ethical Standards in Local Government. P.C decided not to participate.

b.) Bus Shelters **Agreed** to proceed with installation of new bus shelters to replace existing ones in Longford Lane. Clerk to liaise with Jonathan Roberts.

Action P.O

Finance

Expenditure: Clerk's salary; GAPTC course; Wicksteed Playground inspection.

End of year balance given.

Cheques for signature

Insurance. **Agreed** to continue with current provider.

Planning

Tewkesbury Borough Council - workshop on planning to be held in July.

Appeal 282 Longford Lane (Dismissed)

Development in Whittington Park. There had been local opposition and amendments have been made. P.C did not wish to make further representations.

Rights of Way

Nil

Highways

E.D reported on his investigations. VAS cost will be in order of £3.5 K. County Council will fund half. P.C has to enter legal agreement to maintain. E.D has forms. **Agreed** forms to be completed and returned. **Action E.D**

It was **agreed** to progress the VAS signs providing P.C Public Liability Insurance was the required £10 million pounds. Clerk to check. **Action P.O**

Allotments

Competition set for July. Date to be confirmed. MH & LB to liaise. M.H to contact judge. **Action M.H**

Park and Playing

Wicksteed inspection done. **Agreed** Wicksteed to be approached for Quote for repairs. **Action P.O**

Weed spraying of field. **Agreed.**

Health and Social Care

BM gave an update

Village Hall

BM said that there had been a meeting yesterday. L.B commented that exception had been taken in some quarters to comments made in the newsletter about the outcome of the consultation exercise about how S106 monies should be spent where various comments had been discussed.

B.M advised the AGM is June 4th.

KD suggested PC should pay for use of Village Hall for events such as the Defibrillator Training to help with its' funds. **Agreed**

It was further suggested that consideration be given to Community Groups using the hall to plan for Community activities be allowed use free of charge but that events and activities be charged at the usual rate. For further discussion by Village Hall Committee.

KD queried whether the Village Hall committee had discussed the Parish Council accessing its electricity supply in order that lighting to the drive could be installed. B.M advised it had been overlooked. Will raise at next meeting.

K. Doherty

Chair