

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LONGFORD PARISH COUNCIL TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2017

PRESENT

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

Apologies for absence Dave Waters T B C Parish Clerk (P O)

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Public session, there were no members of the public present.

- 1 Minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chair with no amendments.
- 2 Matters arising not covered by any other agenda item.

P G had attended a meeting at Down Hatherley Village Hall regarding the proposed developments in the area, Graham Bocking , and Phil Awford spoke at the meeting.

P G said he had been contacted by Twigworth Parish Clerk about another meeting to be held at Norton Village Hall on 13th March 2017 (the meeting starts at 3 pm until 7 .pm)

Most other Parish Councils in the area have been approached and asked to send a representative if possible, P A commented that if this development goes ahead it would have a massive impact on the local communities, P A said the possible development has a long way to run before it goes out to consultation.

Freedom of information requests have been sent T B C regarding officers actions regarding the 1,900 homes.

E D said it would cost about £ 70 to produce a news letter he has contacted the relevant people , 6 articles to be included training course, P A said T B C have a transparency fund to help out with courses PC agreed to fund this.

3 Declarations of interest P G. B M. LG. Longford development. K D. E D concrete yard Sandhurst Lane.

- 4 Correspondence (all by E mail) K D brought up the recent request from a future resident to possibly purchase a small section of the Playing field to increase the property boundary of a house she was interested in buying, P G said the Parish Council have had similar requests in the past and these have always been refused. Previous Longford Parish Councils have also refused to sell parts of the park / Playing field for residents to extend their gardens, there followed a discussion concerning boundaries on the Playing field.
The Parish Council / Village Hall have received a request by a resident to provide adequate lighting along the Village Hall drive, this issue was discussed with a view to provide additional lighting in the future.

5 106 Related matters ED. Gave a brief summary but was waiting for the notes taken by MH
At the last meeting.

6 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A Planning nothing at this time

B Park / Playing Field P G has checked all the Play equipment and no problems were found , all dog bins were emptied , some dog fouling present, P G said he was waiting for the safety report from Wickstead.

Some small branches have blown off the trees during the recent high winds, needs clearing before the grass is cut

C (Finance)) two cheques were signed by L G and B M

Bank statement was signed by P G. E D was working on the budget and other financial issues with the Parish Clerk (Paul Ounsworth) which would be presented in April as clerk would be present.

ED said that PC could not purchase goods for VH to avoid them paying VAT this was illegal.

It was also agreed that ED go on a Web management course.

ED volunteered to take the lead on financial scrutiny and cease to be a cheque signatory.

D (Flood) ED has had some feedback from other agencies relating to flooding, the river levels were high and some surface water was present on the fields.

E (Highways) P G had reported some dangerous pot holes in Longford Lane M H had also reported these issues, this should not be included in the minutes but the pot holes have since been identified and are due to be repaired.

Rhodri Grey has contacted P G and a ticket has been issued for the overhanging branches in Fircroft road and along the A 38 to be cut back as soon as possible. E D said some hedges in Sandhurst Lane had been cut back but there was some debris had not been cleared.

7 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

A (Village Hall) B M no update, next meeting March 22nd 2017

B (Allotments) M H said the plots are very wet, he will meet with the Parish Clerk P O to discuss possible new contracts for plot holders also to draw up new maps as the plots have somewhat changed over the years.

C (Rights of way) some gates are difficult to gain access this is not a new problem.

D (Health and Social Care) B M said that the Care Quality Commission have completed their inspection of Gloucester Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The report is not yet available.

Health Watch Gloucester (Local adult and childrens social care champions contract has been awarded to Health Watch Wiltshire for a five year period.

Cleeve Care Glos has gone into liquidation.

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E (Environment) Fly tipping in Sandhurst Lane is still a problem.

F (Police) none present.

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Borough Council report M W said new dust carts had arrived they will be in service in April, there will be some changes to the collection of food waste as the new vehicles do not have the facility to collect food waste.

County Councillors report (P A) due to the late hour P A will send his report later.

The meeting closed at 9.25 P M

In the absence of the Parish Clerk Lynn Gough volunteered to do the minutes.

P. Gough

Chairman

