

LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Action

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th May 2016

The Annual meeting of **LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL** was held on Monday 16th May 2016.

PRESENT:

Cllr. Godwin (RG)
Cllr. Russell (AR)
Cllr. Wingrove (GW)
Cllr. Harvie (JH)
District Cllr Dave Mossman/Stroud District Council (DM)
Clerk Nikki Leach (NL)
Nine residents

APOLOGIES:

None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman: Cllr Godwin, proposed by Cllr. Harvie, seconded by Cllr. Russell.
Vice Chairman: Cllr Wingrove, proposed by Cllr. Harvie, seconded by Cllr. Godwin
Highways officer: Cllr. Wingrove proposed by Cllr. Godwin, seconded by Cllr. Harvie
Footpaths officer(s): Cllr's. Russell and Harvie proposed by Cllr. Godwin, seconded by Cllr. Wingrove
Snow Warden/Snow Plough Operator: Cllr. Godwin proposed by Cllr. Harvie, seconded by Cllr. Wingrove
Deputy Snow Warden: Cllr. Harvie proposed by Cllr. Wingrove, seconded by Cllr. Godwin
Responsible Finance Officer and Clerk: Nikki Leach, proposed by Cllr. Godwin, seconded by Cllr. Harvie
Litter Representative: Cllr. Harvie proposed by Cllr. Wingrove, seconded by Cllr. Godwin
Oil Purchase Scheme Coordinator: Cllr. Russell proposed by Cllr. Godwin, seconded by Cllr. Harvie
Website Manager: Nathan Mills, proposed by Cllr. Godwin, seconded by Cllr. Harvie.

Thanks were given to the Clerk.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA: As with the previous meeting, Cllr. Wingrove and Cllr Godwin declared an interest in the agenda item Area of Prime Responsibility due to their position as School Governors in relation to Item 11. Neither Councillor will gain financial benefit from the discussion so it was deemed acceptable for them to remain present during the agenda item. Cllr. Christian works for Ecotricity so if that is raised as an issue then she would like to declare an interest.

THE MINUTES of the meeting of Monday March 14th 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING: Sandfield Bridge – as previously discussed.

PC attendance at parish council meetings – Severn Voice have written to the police and crime commissioner to discuss this.

The work at Downend Barn was due to be completed by the end of April and has not yet started.

The planning application at Severnside Park is still on the website as undecided even though it has been accepted through appeal.

The website is going to be managed by Nathan. Cllr. Harvie has a list of topics that he would like to discuss and have amended – he will arrange to meet with Nathan.

Newsletter – as previously discussed.

APR – There is a meeting at Lakefield next week to try and discuss the issue regarding

extra spaces that have been filled. There is also a situation at Longney where a child from Elmore has not got in to Longney, this is currently under review.
Cllr. Harvie has not had a response from Amey regarding the blocked footpaths – he will now copy in Cllr. Mossman to escalate this.
Transparency code and funding – a sum of money has now been received for this to contribute towards the website maintenance.

POLICE REPORT: No update received.

PLANNING: The application at Astmans Farm has been rejected. The application at Daisy Cottages has been permitted.

A new application has been submitted for Hill Farm, Longney to construct an arena. Cllr. Godwin asked for all Councillors to email comments to him by close of business tomorrow so that he can submit comments from the PC.

Cllr. Godwin has spoken with Cllr. Mossman regarding creeping development in some situations. Some of these issues have been taken to the enforcement officer already. This may be occurring in more than one case. Cllr. Mossman explained that unless there is a “degree of harm” in what the resident is doing then it is very difficult for the enforcement officer to act. Cllr. Mossman offered to set up a meeting with the members of the parish council and members of the planning committee. Consistency in submitting applications is also variable within the parish and some people still go ahead before receiving approval to then submit retrospectively.

Action: Cllrs. to reply to Cllr. Godwin regarding the Hill Farm application.

THE NEW SEVERN ESTUARY FLOOD RISK STRATEGY: Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the Headmistress at Longney Primary Academy regarding the use of the bottom end of the maze for a nature area for the children. No concerns were raised.

Action: NL to reply to the Head agreeing.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT: None received.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT: Report provided:

As you can imagine it has been relatively quiet in the election period. The results of the election in the Hardwicke Ward were that David Mossman, Gill Oxley Tom Skinner all conservatives were elected as SDC Councillors for the Hardwicke Ward for the period 2016 to 2020

Hunt’s Grove is now progressing forward, and the Super Surgery has been confirmed, it will be sited next to the Dance Studios near the Nass Lane roundabout close to the Park and Ride bus terminal, it is anticipated that the surgery will be in operation early in 2018, and a presentation will be arranged by the Doctors who will be running the surgery in the near future for the public. This Surgery will support Kingsway and Hunts Grove, and take a large number of patients from Rose Bank/Seven Vale surgeries which are badly overloaded.

In addition to this Cllr. Mossman is starting discussions with the NHS and Rose Bank re a satellite surgery to assist with the 750 homes in Hunts Grove on the last Phase of this development.

Food Waste collection will start later this year and bins will be provided by SDC- further information will be circulated closer to the start of these collections.

Cllr. Mossman is now a member of the Road Safety Group run by GCC and SDC and

will be organising a demonstration of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera's to begin with Hardwicke, Moreton Vallenge, and Whitminster Parish Councils to look at speeding/safety problems on the A38.

The incinerator is progressing forward and some activity will start on site in June, but main construction is about to start in September. Cllr. Mossman is chairing the Community Liaison Group, with Local Parishes/District Councillors/County Councillors/UBB/SDC/GCC to ensure that any disruption during construction is kept to a minimum and the public are informed in advance of anything that may affect their daily lives, they are just completing the investigation into methods of independently Monitoring the plume of the incinerator, and hope to have final agreement shortly on the methods/cost of this independent Monitoring so that residents can be assured that there is no danger from the plume.

Finally as there is now a team of 3 District Councillors, it is hoped to be able to ensure that the 8 parishes in our extended ward are correctly serviced.

Community infrastructure levy (CIL) is being introduced to the district council. Any individual smaller developments not in the SDC plan could end up with a CIL levy. 25% of that levy could come to the local PC that the development sits in if the parish already has a neighbourhood plan. The amount will be less if there is no neighbourhood plan in being.

VILLAGE PLAN:

- Garden Group/Equipment: A reminder was added to the recent newsletter reminding parishioners that the equipment is available to use.
- Oil Purchase Scheme: No further updates.
- Website: Previously discussed, Cllr Harvie to meet with Cllr. Christian
- Newsletter: Geoff Smith has been editing and circulating the newsletter. Cllr. Christian has kindly agreed to take on this role along with Nathan Mills.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE: Cllr Wingrove completed the road safety questionnaire.

LITTER AND DOG FOULING: Previously discussed in the Annual Parish Meeting.

AREA OF PRIME RESPONSIBILITY (APR): Previously discussed.

BUDGET 2015/2016:

Now needs amending to reflect 2016/2017. Annual return for 2015/2016 completed and approved, to be subject to internal audit and then published on the website and made available for review.

ELECTORS' FORUM: A question was posed to District Councillor about Pilot Bridge. The parked cars on the Hardwicke side of the bridge make it very difficult for the cars to cross. The give way sign is on the wrong side of the bridge. The same issue applies regarding the parked cars on the bend leading up to Castle Bridge.

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION: Insurance renewal – AON - £225.33 if we lock in for 2 years. Proposed by Cllr. Harvie, seconded by Cllr. Wingrove.

Clerk's Fees – have been approved at each meeting even though this has not always been documented in the minutes. Fees were approved at the start of the financial year and cheques are signed by 2 councillors each time they are raised. All Clerk's fees for 2015/2016 have been approved and paid.

The council would like to continue using the black book to record minutes.

Action: Clerk to buy a new minute book.

THE CHAIRMAN thanked all Councilors and residents for attending the meeting. The meeting was closed at 9.32pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Longney and Epney Parish Council will take place at Longney Primary School on Monday 11th July at 8.00.