

LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th July 2016

A meeting of **LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL** was held on Monday 11th July 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)

APOLOGIES:

PCSO Michael Trebble

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 18 due to their position as School Governors. Cllr. Godwin declared an interest in the footpath item as one of the footpaths concerned crosses his land. Neither Councillor will gain financial benefit from the discussion so it was deemed acceptable for them to remain present during the agenda item.

THE MINUTES of the meeting of Monday May 11th 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING: Sandfield Bridge – several Cllr's have been over the bridge and not noticed anything of interest.

Cllr. Christian has been co-opted on to the council.

POLICE REPORT: No update received. Clerk to send contact details through to Cllr.s. Clerk to contact PCSP Trebble regarding the date of the next meeting

Action: Clerk to forward details of PCSO Mike Trebble to the rest of the council. Clerk to forward date of next meeting to PCSO Trebble.

PLANNING: The application at Hill Farm, Longney to construct an arena has been approved.

A new application at Severnside Park Epney has been submitted – discharge of condition 3 (landscaping) from application, this has now been permitted.

Cllr. Harvie and Cllr. Wingrove attended a meeting with Cllr. Mossman and John Longmuire (Head of Planning). The council were advised that they need to report all breaches of planning in the parish.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from school family regarding car park to be discussed under AOB.

Action: None

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: None received.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Report provided:

The police have said that they will not support funding for ANPR cameras until their use has been reviewed. It takes a lot of officer time to review the footage. They are looking at a situation now where the cameras can provide a report of the problems which can then be looked into. Cllr. Mossman is looking into getting these on solar power and trialing them in his areas. If some of the parishes join forces together, buy a camera and use between the parishes, then they can be moved around and used in different locations which is more effective. Cllr. Wingrove attended a road safety meeting where these cameras were discussed and there was very positive feedback to support their use.

The incinerator group CLG – Community Liaison Group now has 27 members, inc GCC, SDC, parishes etc. There is to be a 2 month planning situation on the incinerator and then an outlook for 6 months. This will allow for highlighting any problems in advance. There is also a community Funding Group to work with the 4 parishes that will be most affected by the incinerator. The monitoring system has now been agreed. There will be 2 PM metres, 14 NO tubes, all in an agreed cluster around the incinerator. Cllr. Mossman has applied to UBB for the payment of this. Before the final fix of the incinerator in end 2018/ early 2019, the monitoring will start and continue for 3 years after it starts working. This is being conducted by SDC, not UBB. There will be pre and post readings in order to compare levels of particle fallout.

Canal restoration – The Brimscombe to Stonehouse restoration is going ahead, there was a bid in for Stonehouse to Saul which was unsuccessful, SDC have been advised to submit to the lottery again in smaller amounts and there is a higher likelihood of having the bid accepted.

Action: Clerk to forward communication regarding the referendum to the council.

VILLAGE PLAN:

- Garden Group/Equipment: No updates
- Oil Purchase Scheme: No further updates.
- Website: Due to the fibreoptic broadband, Cllr. Christian does not yet have internet access. It drops out every single day. Other neighbours also have the same issue, and they are all on BT. This will be fed back to BT – Cllr. Wingrove will provide an email address and contact number for Cllr. Christian to get in contact on behalf of the residents in the road. Cllr. Christian and Nathan Mills will then update the website.
- Newsletter: Geoff Smith has been editing and circulating the newsletter. Cllr. Christian has kindly agreed to take on this role along with Nathan Mills. The latest newsletter is available to send. Geoff Smith will send list of residents to Cllr. Christian.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE: Cllr. Godwin put in a request regarding taking responsibility locally regarding the verges. Highways have not replied. Cllr. Mossman asked for the correspondence to be sent to him so that he can follow up with Daniel Tiffney. Cllr. Godwin to forward his email to Cllr. Wingrove who will collate the emails and forward them to Daniel Tiffney. Arlingham are also in a similar situation.

The verges have been cut but it has not been completed to a high standard. It has been rushed at speed. Cllr. Wingrove has not yet heard back about the subsidence at the top of castle lane where it meets the A38.

Cllr. Wingrove attended a road safety evening and they focused on speeding in the village. They also referenced the ANPR cameras.

Action: Cllr. Godwin and Cllr. Wingrove to forward their communications to Cllr. Mossman who will follow up with Daniel Tiffney.

AREA OF PRIME RESPONSIBILITY (APR): Cllr. Harvie attended a presentation at Lakefield school regarding the current situation. At the last meeting the issue of a child not able to get into Longney school was discussed, this has now been resolved and the child has been allocated a place.

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

THE NEW SEVERN ESTUARY FLOOD RISK STRATEGY: Cllr. Godwin has recently attended a meeting. They have completed 40 plus modelling scenarios around the estuary. This has been a huge amount of work. There are only a few items that will have a cost benefit that the government will support. Cllr. Godwin is concerned that all of that modelling has been completed as it stands today and not based on future considerations, for example, a new development at Hunts Grove. New developments will have suds and attenuation ponds to deal with this. The builders are supposed to be responsible for maintaining these. Cllr. Mossman said that at Sellars Bridge a management company are taking control of the attenuation ponds. The money for the management companies come from the developers. The householders on the development will continue the payments to ensure that the management companies continue to maintain the situation. There is concern that the attenuation ponds will silt up and become overgrown with vegetation. This should be addressed by the management companies but there is a concern that this will not be upheld.

FOOTPATHS: Cllr. Harvie has forwarded correspondence to Cllr. Blackburn to push further with Amey. This will be chased further.

FIBRE OPTIC BROADBAND UPDATE: Covered earlier.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The audit has been received and accepted by Grant Thornton and is under review.

Clerks Fees. Cheque for £300 to N Leach and cheque for £75 to Inland Revenue. These were approved.

Action: Clerk to complete Pension Regulation Scheme. Cllr. Godwin and Clerk to meet to discuss Clerks fees in light of the new salary scale.

ELECTORS' FORUM: No matters brought forward.

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

A letter from one of the school families has been received raising concerns regarding the school car park because the entrance is almost unusable. This was also discussed at a recent governors meeting. Cllr. Godwin has managed this in the past and obtained planings free of charge and completed the work for no cost. If the situation cannot wait then the parish council need to consider whether they will pay for it. The car park belongs to Smiths Charities and is rented by the Parish Council. A lorry load of scalplings would cost about £75. Cllr. Harvie

said that there were concerns with the PC providing money for something that is used more by the school than the parish. It was suggested that the school could provide some funding towards it, and the PC could contribute. Cllr. Godwin has offered to spread the scalplings if they are delivered and he will also source the load. It was suggested that perhaps the school pay 50% and the PC pay 50%. It was also suggested that Cllr. Godwin could provide a temporary solution and scrape the car park to try and fill in the holes. Then in the future an agreement could be set up with the school to make a contribution towards the maintenance of the car park.

There is a septic tank in the playing field that needs to be removed and is being undertaken by GCC. The scope of work needs to be provided in order to discuss with the landlords. In previous experience, work completed on the land and school has resulted in damage to the car park which took some effort to repair.

Cllr. Christian asked about the debris from the fallen trees.

Action: Clerk to respond to the letter regarding the car park.

THE CHAIRMAN thanked all Councilors and residents for attending the meeting. The meeting was closed at 9.33pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Longney and Epney Parish Council will take place at Longney Primary School on Monday 12th September at 8.00. A number of Councilors mentioned that this date may not be suitable and so this will be finalised in due course.

Action

