

LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th September 2016

A meeting of **LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL** was held on Monday 12th September 2016.

PRESENT:

Cllr. Godwin (RG)
Cllr. Russell (AR)
Cllr. Wingrove (GW)
Cllr. Harvie (JH)
District Cllr Gill Oxley/Stroud District Council (GO)
Clerk Nikki Leach (NL)
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APOLOGIES:

PCSO Michael Trebble
Cllr. Tony Blackburn
Cllr. Dave Mossman

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. 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 July 11th 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING: Village car park has been addressed. Cllr. Godwin sourced some planings and agreed that he could have 8 – 10 tonne at £8 per tonne. The invoice will come to the Parish Council and they will pay for this. There have been concerns about the litter in the car park recently. This will be raised with the school. This is not entirely due to the school users. Cllr. Harvie has a spare wheelie bin that he could bring down to use for the car park. Cllr. Wingrove will discuss this with Ms Howard.

Clerk has now registered with Pensions Regulator.

Dog fouling – 4 bags of dog excrement were left in the school car park, this is unacceptable.

POLICE REPORT: No update received. Clerk to contact PCSO Mike Trebble to ask for an interim update and provide the date of the next meeting in advance. There have been break ins in Elmore and attempted break ins in Longney during the last few weeks. It was also mentioned that there had been an attempted break in at Madams End Farm.

Action: Clerk to contact PCSO Trebble to request an update on the recent criminal activity in the parish and advise of the next meeting date requesting police presence if possible. Update 28-Sep-16 this has now been completed

PLANNING: The Parish Council have been advised to collate a list of properties in the parish that are known to be in breach of their planning

permissions. A list of 4 or 5 properties have been reported to the council due to the potential transgressions. A letter will be drafted in response to the recent meeting between Cllrs. Harvie and Cllr. Wingrove and John Longmuire (Head of Planning) advising them of the known potential breaches.

Cllr. Godwin has received a letter of complaint regarding the number of large lorries and vehicles using castle lane from Merretts yard, this is on the agenda for this evenings meeting as it is the first council meeting since the letter was received. The Council will respond to explain that there is planning permission in place for the business. Comments were made from the Councillors that the drivers are always extremely considerate and are not driving without due care and attention. The biggest loads tend to come over Frampton Bridge rather than Castle Lane.

New applications - discharge of conditions at Astmans Farm
Updated applications - grainstore at Epney retrospective application has been withdrawn. Supply, maintenance and storage of plant and equipment in relation to the agriculture and construction industries and the maintenance of motor vehicles in breach of conditions 1 & 4 on planning approval S.99/339.

Action: Clerk to respond to letter to Rachel Williams and draft letter to John Longmuire

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from parishioner regarding the footpaths was responded to last month. A reply has been received asking if any information could be added to the newsletter to advise people on the action that should be taken with regard to problems with footpaths. A comment will be added to the website/newsletter advising walkers that if they have any problems with a public footpath in the parish, please report it to the county council highways copying in the parish council.

Action: None

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Report from Cllr. Blackburn:

There has not been a full council meeting since 29 June so nothing to report from Shire Hall. However I have been active trying to get the RaCT to confirm that they are implementing the measures put forward by Severn Voice to the GCC and passed on to them before going ahead with the abolition of bridgekeepers and remote automatic working of the bridges. At the moment I am waiting for a report from them following conclusion of the Sandfield Bridge pilot scheme in September. I attach a copy note from Samantha Harrower of Fretherne with Saul Pc. We should be very grateful to her and to William Alexander of Frampton and to Cllr John Jones for attending Sandfield Bridge meetings. It looks as if CaRT are doing some of the things we want but you will note that the CCTV and lasers under the approach roads are not yet working properly and she says that the scheme should be fully rested before the project goes live.

Meanwhile GCC Highways have somewhat "jumped the gun in implementing the proposals for parking restriction -"yellow lines" at the bridges I have told them that we want to be clear who is paying - CaRT have offered 50 % but I think that they should pay 100%. Certainly we do not want the parishes to pick up the bill. Also Highways must consult local opinion from the parishes and land owners as to where the yellow lines go. We do not want farm entrances blocked e.g at Castle Farm nor the restrictions

causing a build up of traffic the other side of a bridge or down the road . Input from Longney Please!

I am also worried about emergency access West of the Canal and am contacting Cllr Nigel Moor (cabinet member Communities) about a "dry run" type exercise so Fire and ambulance vehicles know what to do eg operate bridges manually if there is an emergency W of the canal. Also how long will they take from Gloucester/Dursley to get there?

3. Other matters -The "Fastershire Broadband " scheme Still a mess I copied a recent note from Cllr Mark Hawthorne who is i/c at the GCC who is trying to get better reception . I suggest the parish and interested residents E-mail him with complaints so he can see how let down we all feel That's all for the moment !

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Cllr. Oxley introduced herself as a new Councillor elected in May. She sits on community and licensing. Cllr. Oxley offered to take any questions back. Stroud District Council have just launched 2 new youth funding opportunities and Gill has details available on this.

Taxi rates and private hire rates are trying to be increased, they are asking for comments, available on the website if needed.

New waste collection bins have now been delivered.

Incinerator – second meeting postponed, ended up being a very quick meeting, every comment brought to UBB, they addressed immediately. Very positive and open meeting. They are now going to be bi-monthly. JH asked about the monitoring – should this continue for the lifetime of the incinerator rather than just 3 years. They are planning to put additional monitors in and Cllr. Oxley will take the comments back to the Council for comment. There is another incinerator recently online in Droitwich and it is possible that there will be an opportunity for Councils to go and look around.

Cllr. Wingrove collated the emails regarding Highways and sent them to Cllr. Mossman to forward. Daniel Tiffany has apologized and agreed to monitor the situation.

Action:

VILLAGE PLAN:

- Garden Group/Equipment: No updates
- Oil Purchase Scheme: No further updates.
- Website: This is now up to date and amazing, thank you to Bekki for her hard work. Bekki has been comparing our website with Elmore and Frampton for guidance. The emergency plan may be updated to include a flowchart / process map to offer a simple guide for Parishioners. Clerk to check that they are not signed on the Frampton and Elmore website. Draft minutes to be provided to Bekki within 30 days of the meeting. Final minutes to be sent to Bekki within 30 days of them being approved.
- Newsletter: Has been sent out. Thanks to Bekki for collating.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE: Castle lane will be closed from the 3rd to

the 21st October for maintenance to the bridge. This will be posted on the website and will also be sent around under the information scheme.

Action: Clerk to send around an email to all regarding the bridge closure.

AREA OF PRIME RESPONSIBILITY (APR): It would be useful for us to know the proposal for APR for Longney C of E Academy. This information could then be fed in to the school admission policy.

FOOTPATHS: Part of the footpath behind the school is overgrown due to the proximity of the electric fence. Cllr. Harvie will ask the landowner if it is possible to move the electric fence. Cllr. Wingrove reported that gate in a field had recently been left opened by persons unknown and that this had allowed horses to escape onto neighbouring land and potentially the highway, presenting a potentially dangerous situation to the community. As a public footpath crosses this field, it was possible anyone using the footpath could have left the gate opened, particularly if they were uncertain which route the footpath followed beyond the boundary of the field.

FIBRE OPTIC BROADBAND UPDATE: There are still a number of properties in the village that have sporadic access. Some residents are still being told that they cannot have access to fibreoptic as there is not sufficient capacity in the box to allow people to use it. Cllr. Wingrove will get in touch with Paul Coles (Director for the South West for Open Reach) and Cllr. Christian will continue with her line of complaint to see if

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Budget has been circulated for review. All items over £100 need to be documented on the website. The insurance is for 12 months and therefore is not over £100 in the month, not to be considered, as are the Clerks fees.

Action: Clerk to send a budget update through to Bekki to check that all relevant items have been posted on the website. Clerk to send spreadsheet to JH.

CAR PARK: Thank you to Cllr. Godwin for arranging the car park to be completed. The council have agreed that the cost of up to £100 will be approved for the cost of the scalplings.

ELECTORS' FORUM: No matters brought forward.

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION: None

Clerk to update the agenda – should be any other matters for discussion

Septic tank removal has not yet taken place, potentially could be completed during October half term.

The time of the meetings was discussed. Cllr. Harvie asked if they could be held earlier. The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm.

THE CHAIRMAN thanked all Councilors and residents for attending the meeting. The meeting was closed at 9.45pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Longney and Epney Parish Council will take place at Longney Primary School on Monday 14th November at 7.30. A number of Councilors mentioned that this date may not be suitable and so this will be finalised in due course.

Action

