

LONGWICK-cum-ILMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 17th APRIL 2012

Present: Councillors Mr G Harper, Mr B Richards, Mrs J Rogers, Mr G Walters, Mr I Walker, Mrs V McPherson and Mr G O'Neill,
Clerk Ms S Griffiths
4.Parishioners,

1 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Cllr Harper welcomed everyone and introduced the Parish Councillors and the Clerk

2 REPORT FROM THE POLICE

Sgt Deane and WPC M Logan reported that there had been 96 crimes in the parish during the last year. These included 25 vehicle and house burglary and 26 theft of petrol from the garage. A new non emergency number 101 is in use now for residents to ring and report crime that does not require an immediate response.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Harper reported that at the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council last May, George O'Neill was elected as Vice Chairman.

During the year Cllr Pamela Priestley retired as a councillor. He was very pleased to welcome Brian Richards to the council.

Cllr Harper gave the following report:-

Planning

- A total of 27 planning applications have been considered by the Parish Council during the past year. Parish Council recommended refusal of 2.
- 22 were permitted by WDC and 2 refused.

Play area

- The climbing frame has had to be taken away due to Health and safety concerns. The residents are requested to let the Parish Council know what they would like to see to replace the climbing frame in the play area.

Footpath

- Work on the path to Dorrels Road completed

Website

It was agreed by the Parish Council to update the website on an annual basis in May with the contact details of the different organisations. Please let the Clerk know about any changes to your contact details.

Other

- A new Parish Map for the board
- Refurbishment of the Notice Board
- PC in the process of preparing a Community Resilience Plan
- School took part in the Remembrance day at the War Memorial with the Parish Council
- Carol Service was again held and was an enjoyable occasion.

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Coming year

- Precept remains the same for 2012/2013
- Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – The Parish Council are ordering mugs to commemorate the occasion for each child in the parish. The playing field will be open for residents to meet and bring their own picnics on Tuesday 5th June.
- A bid has been submitted for the cost to reduce the speed limit on the Thame Road between the roundabout on the A4010 and the Red Lion from 40mph to 30mph. We are waiting to hear if that bid is successful. The cost will be in the region of £7400.

Cllr G Harper finished his report by saying that he hoped the residents of the Parish had approved of the expenditure of the Parish Council and that the Councillors welcome any feedback.

Cllr G Harper thanked the other Parish Councillors for their help and support during the past year.

Cllr Rogers thanked Mr Harper not only for his excellent leadership as Chairman but also for his hard work behind the scenes, quietly making repairs around the parish and saving the Parish Council the expense of having to employ someone.

4 **PARISH ACCOUNTS AND PRECEPT**

Mrs S Griffiths distributed copies of the summary of income and expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2011 and the balance sheet as at 31st March 2011.

There being no further questions, the meeting closed at 7.55pm