

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
LONGWICK-CUM-ILMER PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010 AT 8.00 PM  
IN LONGWICK VILLAGE HALL**

**1/ PRESENT**

Cllr G Harper (Chairman)

Cllrs I Walker, Mrs V McPherson. Mrs J Rogers, Mrs. P Priestley, Mrs D Brock  
and G O'Neill

Mrs S Griffiths (Clerk)

9 members of the public

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

**2/ MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council on the 15<sup>TH</sup> June 2010, having been circulated were approved by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**3/ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

Cllr Mrs P Priestley declared an interest in Planning Applications

**4/ MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**

The piece of land at Bell Crescent/Chestnut Way.

The Clerk informed the members that Andy Sherwood, Green Space Team Leader, Wycombe District Council having considered the Parish Council's proposal to lease the public open space at Bell Crescent from Wycombe District Council does not feel your scheme would be a suitable option for this small area of public open space. Cllr I Walker had obtained a quote for the scheme in the region of £15,000 .00

Meeting with Jerry Unsworth concerning a way forward for future Gypsy encampments

Cllrs J Rogers and P Priestley represented the Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council at a meeting to discuss with other Parishes, a way forward for future Gypsy encampments. A summary will be issued by Jerry Unsworth in due course.

Map of the Parish on the Website.

A map has been placed on the website as a link from the Publications page. A suggestion from the webmaster is to place a small photograph of the map on the "About" page and link it from there. **All present agreed** to this suggestion. Cllr V McPherson informed the members that the map was not very clear and suggested using a different map for clarity. A member of the public kindly offered to create one especially for the Parish Council website and will circulate it for the members' consideration before the next meeting. SG

**5. Finance**

A. Accounts for Payment

VAT

37 7	Website	MH -P Design &Set up costs Annual Updating Contract	£510.00	£ 89.25	£599.25
37 8	Risk Assessment	K Dobson – Risk Inspection Fees	£ 14.10		£ 14.10
37 9	Play Area	WDC - RoSPA report	£ 64.00	£ 11.20	£ 75.20
38 0	Grass Cutting	Manor Estates - Grass cutting June 2010	£348.90	£ 61.06	£409.96

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B/ Income

£0.01p interest – Bank of Ireland

C/ Bank Balance £ 4,570.38 (allowing for the above credits and cheques)

## **6. CAPITAL ITEMS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **A. Playing Field**

Cllr G Harper confirmed that there were no issues highlighted in the Risk Inspection Report for the playing field.

Cllr G Harper informed the members of an incident in the playing field one evening, resulting in broken car park lights which have now been repaired. Broken glass bottles were also left which Cllr G Harper cleared up together with other litter left. Cllr P Priestley thanked Cllr Harper for his hard work in ensuring the playing field was safe and tidy for the residents to use. It was **agreed by all present** that it would be beneficial for a meeting with the police to be arranged with the residents and councillors to discuss the anti-social behaviour in the playing fields as members of the public had voiced their concerns in the Public Forum at the beginning of the meeting. The Clerk is requested to arrange this meeting, book the village hall and invite the residents that had left their details for contact. **SG**

Cllr G O'Neil has received a request for more seats to be placed around the playing field. **All present agreed** that this request is to be considered at the Estimates meeting in November when the council set the precept for the next financial year, as an amount has not been budgeted for in this financial year to provide additional seats. **SG**

**All present agreed** to issue a work order for the clearance of nettles around the village hall and to cut back two elder bushes. **GH**

### **B. Children's Play Area**

Cllr G Harper informed the members that the bi-monthly Risk Inspection Report had highlighted the wooden frame that had become wobbly as a low risk. This has been inspected by RoSPA who has agreed it is a low risk and recommends monitoring. The rest of the equipment was also checked by RoSPA and found to be satisfactory. The RoSPA report stated that the playground is in a good condition and well maintained. The Skatepark was found to be in a satisfactory condition, meet the requirements of EN 14974 and that no remedial maintenance work is required at the present time. However the summary showed the Skatepark to be a high risk which is due to the activity on a Skatepark and cannot be reduced to a lower risk. **SG**

## **7. ROADS, VERGES AND RIGHTS OF WAY.**

The Clerk is requested to raise the following concerns with the relevant local authority: - **SG**

- Footpath 6 is blocked with stinging nettles at the Ilmer end by the railway. These concerns have already been reported to BCC Highways under the following reference numbers and are still outstanding:-

- The mile stone in Longwick on the Thame Road needs reseating after being lifted up in a car accident. Ref 274256
- The directional signs at the junction of Bar Lane have been knocked giving the wrong direction to Longwick Ref 274526
- On the opposite pavement to the shop and right of the turning to the Village Hall is a sunken drain or inspection cover, which is a tripping hazard. Ref 293185

The Clerk is requested to contact the Local Area Technician to discuss the outstanding concerns. **SG**

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE.**

### -Letter of thanks from residents.

A letter of thanks has been received for the help given by the Parish Council in the planning of a 25th Wedding Anniversary Party and Fireworks. They said that they have received feedback from people in Longwick and the surrounding villages and everyone seemed to enjoy them.

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### -Licensing Act 2003 – Policy Statement Review

Comments noted.

-Letter from a resident concerning the anti-social behaviour and reports of a gun being fired in the playing field.

The Clerk is requested to respond advising the resident that the Parish Council is very concerned with the points raised in her letter and will be arranging a meeting with the police to discuss them further. **SG**

## **9. Reports**

- A. School Governors – Nothing to report
- B. Local Community Partnership – Nothing to report
- C. WDALC – Cllr I Walker reported on the last meeting of the WDALC held in June.
- D. N.A.G – Nothing to report
- E. Newsletter – Cllr V McPherson advised the members that all articles for the next newsletter need to be with her by 13<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr G O’Neill agreed to write an article on the Parish Council Finances. **GON**

## **10. THE 2011 COUNCIL ELECTION.**

Cllr G O’Neill agreed to write an article on the forthcoming Parish Council election in May 2011. **GON**  
Cllr G Harper informed the members that Cllr Dorothy Brock will retire as a Parish Councillor in September 2010. Cllr D Brock has served on the Parish Council for over 50 years. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Brock for her work during this time and the wealth of experience that she has brought to the council and advised her that she will be very much missed.

## **11. THE FOOTPATH TO DORRELLS ROAD.**

Cllr G O’Neill has received a request from the school to widen the footpath by the scout hut towards the Dorrell Road. All present agreed to defer this item to the next agenda to enable the councillors to visit the footpath and make an informed decision at the next meeting. **ALL**

## **12. A RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION ON ‘THE FUTURE OF DAY SERVICES IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE’.**

The consultation will continue through to the 25th August 2010. A copy of the consultation document, together with the questionnaire can be completed online via the website:

[www.buckscc.gov.uk/HaveYourSay](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/HaveYourSay). **All present agreed** to send a Parish Council response deploring the proposal to close several Day Service Centres especially the ones in Princes Risborough and Haddenham which would have an impact on the residents in the Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish. **SG**

## **13. SPEEDING IN LOWER ICKNIELD WAY**

Cllr V McPherson has been approached by residents complaining of speeding in the Lower Icknield Way. Cllr McPherson has notified the police and it was **agreed** to discuss this issue when the councillors, residents and police meet. **ALL**

## **14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A/ Progress on applications already considered:

**10/06031/LBC** *Decision: Application Permitted*

Address: Stockwell Lane Farm Stockwell Lane Little Meadle

**Proposal:** Listed Building application for replacement ground floor side window with pair of French doors

**10/05733/FUL** *Decision: Application Permitted*

Address: Armour Farm Stockwell Lane Little Meadle

*Proposal:* Construction of two storey side and front extensions together with alterations

B/ New Applications to be considered

None.

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## **16/ AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.**

To discuss the footpath to Dorrells Rd. (Cllr G O’Neill)

**17/NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010 in Longwick Village Hall at 8.00pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 10.10pm

Chairman.....

Date.....