

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
LONGWICK-CUM-ILMER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 15TH JUNE 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)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2/ MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council on the 18th May 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 is dealing with the enquiry as it is already public open space there are restrictions on what can be done with the site. Cllr I Walker advised that he is in the process of obtaining quotations for the work required for the suggested plan. **IW**

WDC –Emergency Plan (Version2)

The Clerk informed the members that the only change to the CD from WDC containing the updated WDC Emergency Plan (version 2) was in the list of contacts. **All present agreed** to add this contact list to the website. **SG**

Survey of Rights of Way in the Parish of Longwick-cum-Ilmer

The maps and survey forms have now been received from the Rights of Way Dept. Cllr J Rogers will coordinate the exercise and allocate footpaths to the councillors at the next meeting. **JR**

An update on the HS2.5 proposal.

A letter from The Chilterns Conservation Board has been received concerning the HS2 proposals. It advises that it has been in direct contact with the HS2 Company, ministers and local MPs ever since HS2 began work in early 2009. The senior officers and Chair signed a confidentiality agreement so that they could see and comment on the plans, and they have been putting the case that a route through the AONB is unacceptable from the outset. The Board's position is that it has a legal duty to conserve and enhance the Chilterns AONB. As HS2 will irreparably damage the AONB therefore they are bound to oppose it. It has therefore voted to oppose any route through the AONB.

The HS2 Company has just agreed that groups of Parish Councils could be recognised as 'pre-consultation stakeholders'. The Chilterns Conservation Board thinks it would seem sensible to establish a group in the Chilterns. The Conservation Board would be willing to support such a group if Parishes wished. **All present agreed** to join the group.

The Board's website at www.chilternsaonb.org contains a dedicated HS2 page with details of the proposals, links to other organisations and news. There is a Speen based opposition group to the HS2.5 route and residents can access details to the website at www.speenbucks.org.uk. **All present agreed** to add this link to the Parish Council website.

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5. FINANCE

A. Accounts for Payment

VAT

371	Website	MH -P Design - Modify Directory page	£ 15.00	£ 2.63	£ 17.63
372	Grass Cutting	Manor Estates - Grass cutting May 2010	£ 348.90	£61.06	£ 409.96
373	Dog waste and litter bins	TBS Hygiene - Collection of dog waste and litter (March, April & May)	£ 182.00	£31.85	£ 213.85
374	Village Hall Hire	Longwick Village Hall - Hire of hall for meetings in 2009	£ 124.00		£ 124.00
375	Clerks Fees	S Griffiths - Clerks Fees and Expenses (April, May & June)	£1,275.00		
	Admin	S Griffiths - Postage & Expenses (April, May & June)	£36.14		£1,311.14
376	Capital	Safe & Sound Playground Equip Ltd – Zip Wire	£8500.00	£1487.51	£9,987.51

B/ Income

£1043.45 from HMRC. –VAT refund

£0.01p interest – Bank of Ireland

C/ Bank Balance £15,656.39 (allowing for the above credits and cheques)

The income and expenditure for June was examined by the Council. **All present agreed** that the necessary cheques be signed.

6/CAPITAL ITEMS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

A. Playing Field

Cllr G Harper informed the members that the weed killer was applied to the Playing Field on the 28th May as planned and that the zip wire installed.

B. Children's playground

Nothing to report.

7/ ROADS, VERGES AND RIGHTS OF WAY

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

SG

The directional signs at the junction of Bar Lane are giving the wrong direction to Longwick and the mile stone in Longwick on the Thame Road needs reseating after being lifted in a car accident, both of which have both been reported under reference number 274256 in January and are still outstanding.

The pot holes between Owsick and Stockwell Lane Junction, reported under reference number 287983 are now becoming a matter of urgency to repair.

There are potholes on the Lower Icknield Way by the end of Longwick Mill and Farthings Cottage that need attention.

Nettles are obstructing the footpath under the bridge on the B4009 heading towards Chinnor.

The standard of grass cutting is of concern in the Parish as strimmers are being used instead of mowers and the grass is left lying on the paths.

8/ CORRESPONDENCE:

-Letters of thanks from the churches for the maintenance of the churchyard grants.

Comments noted

-Request from BCA to give a presentation on Community Led Planning at a Parish Council meeting

All present agreed to invite the BCA to the meeting in October to enable the presentation to be advertised in the next newsletter due to be delivered in late September/early October.

SG

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-Invitation to attend the Chilterns Planning Training event.

Noted.

-Invitation to attend a course to introduce the Parish Consultation Portal.

Noted.

Notification of a local enquiry in to the appeal against the decision of WDC to refuse permission for change of use of land at Hemley Hill.

Noted.

-Invitation from WDC to submit comments on the update on the Delivery and Site Allocations Development Plan Document.

The document will be available for viewing from June 25th 2010 until 23rd July 2010 in Risborough Information Centre, the library and at the WDC office in Queen Victoria Road. All comments to be submitted by 23rd July 2010. The Clerk informed the members that there were no policies and issues included in the update relating to the Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish.

-Invitation to the inauguration of RACB new Community Bus.

Cllrs G O'Neill and Mrs J Rogers agreed to attend the event on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk is requested to reply to the invitation expressing the Parish Councils delight at the successful outcome of the project.

GON/JR/SG

Two letters received from residents concerned that they were not informed of the decision to install a zip wire and complaining about the noise from young people in the playing field.

The Clerk is requested to reply reassuring the residents that there will be no additional notice from the zip wire equipment and that any anti social behaviour should be reported to the police. The Parish Council is concerned about the allegations of anti social behaviour in the playing field and requested the Clerk to contact the police about this matter and ask that they visit the playing field on a regular basis.

SG

Items of general interest on table.

9/ REPORTS

School Governors

Nothing to report

WDALC

Nothing to report. The next meeting is on the 17th June 2010.

NW Chilterns Local Area Forum

Cllr G Harper attended a meeting held to discuss the HS2.5 proposal. He informed the members that until the Government confirms that it proposes to continue with the previous governments proposal, there is little more that can be done at the present.

Neighbourhood Action Group

Nothing to report

Newsletter

Further to the comments made by the public in the public forum, Cllr G O'Neill proposed that the Parish Council include a parish report in the Newsletter informing the residents of any plans that the Parish Council were considering and actions taken in the previous months. **All present agreed.**

GON/VM

10. AN INVITATION TO MEET WITH JERRY UNSWORTH, W.D.C.

Cllr Mrs P Priestley explained the purpose of the meeting was to join with WDC and other parishes that have gypsy settlements to form a fair policy for the future. Cllr Mrs J Rogers agreed to represent the parish at this meeting and report back to the council at the next Parish Council meeting.

JR

11. TO PLACE A MAP OF THE PARISH ON THE WEBSITE.

The Clerk informed the members that it would cost £35 to place a map of the parish showing the parish boundaries on the website. **All present agreed** to this cost and requested the Clerk to proceed with placing the footpath map on the website.

SG

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12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Progress on applications already considered:

10/05508/FUL Decision: Application Permitted. Horsenden Manor Horsenden Lane Princes Risborough
Proposal: Application for erection of general storage building to house equipment and machinery.

B/ New Applications to be considered

10/06017/FUL: 7 Walnut Tree Lane Longwick. **Proposed:** Householder application for erection of new front porch, new front wall & creation of new hard standing. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

10/06185/FUL: Orchard Farm, Stockwell Lane, Little Meadle **APPLICATION FOR:** Erection of two buildings to house livestock, serve as temporary workshop and store animal feed. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

10/06031/LBC: Stockwell Lane Farm, Stockwell Lane, Little Meadle. **Proposed:** Listed Building application for replacement ground floor side window with pair of French doors. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

13/ AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

To be advised.

14/NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 20th July 2010 in Longwick Village Hall at 8.00pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.50pm

Chairman.....

Date.....