

# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING LONGWICK-CUM-ILMER PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009 AT 7.30 PM IN LONGWICK VILLAGE HALL

### PRESENT

Cllr G Harper (Chairman)  
Cllrs I Walker, Mrs J Rogers, Mrs V McPherson, G O'Neill and Mrs. D Brock  
Mrs S Griffiths (Clerk)

### 1/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs. P Priestley.

### 2/ MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meetings of the Parish Council, 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.

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

None

### 5/ FINANCE

#### A/ Accounts for Payment

|                   |   |             |        |
|-------------------|---|-------------|--------|
| Cheque number 301 | Came & Company – insurance policy 09/10               | £1294.94    |        |
| Cheque number 302 | BALC – annual subs for 2009/2010                      | £164.42     |        |
| Cheque number 303 | TBS Hygiene – dog waste collection                    | £182.00+VAT |        |
| Cheque number 304 | K Dobson – Risk Assessment Duties (February)          | £13.80      |        |
| Cheque number 305 | Longwick Village Hall – Hire of Hall                  | £124.00     |        |
| Cheque number 306 | Sure Care Maintenance – repair play equip.            | £80.00+VAT  |        |
| Cheque number 307 | S Griffiths - Clerk's fees and Exps (1/1/09-31/03/09) | £1188.38    |        |
| Cheque number 308 | G Weir – Internal Auditors Fees                       | £35.00      | Cheque |
| number 309        | G Harper – Purchase of Xmas tree of Playing Field     | £15.00      |        |

B/ Bank Balance £7,536.68 (allowing for the above entries)

The income and expenditure for March was examined by the Council.

**All present agreed** that the necessary cheques be signed.

### 6/ CAPITAL ITEMS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

#### A/ Playing Field

The Clerk is requested to remind Manor Estates that a soil test is required for the Playing Field and the school path by the Scout Hut needs strimming. **SG**

Cllr G Harper informed the members that the fallen tree by the cricket net had been removed and all issues highlighted in the Risk Assessment report had been actioned.

#### B/ Children's Play Area

A missing bolt from the children's swing, reported by a member of the public, had been replaced.

## 7/ ROADS, VERGES AND RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr G Harper agreed to contact Mr S Mackintosh concerning upgrading the path in Walnut Tree Lane that leads towards the Phoenix Trail. **GH**

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

- The missing sign post in Bar Lane giving directions to Owlswick and Longwick
- A very deep pot hole in the Lower Icknield Way approaching the bridge from the Chinnor direction which is extremely dangerous and needs urgent attention.
- Pot holes in Boxer Road, Longwick **SG**

## 8/ CORRESPONDENCE

**Correspondence:** Items of general interest on the table.

Correspondence to be discussed:

a) Response from Bucks CC re: Consultation on the review of the speed limit sign.

The Parish Council was disappointed with the response and notes the comments.

b) Message in a bottle

Cllr V McPherson informed the members of the purpose of the scheme. It basically consists of a plastic bottle containing a leaflet which you can write your emergency contact details and medical history on. The bottle is then placed in the fridge. It is a piece of partnership working, and the fire & ambulance service are well aware of it. It is simply a time saving, and life saving idea. The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has a supply of the bottles and would be pleased for any resident to contact them concerning the scheme.

## 9/ A REPORT FROM THE WEBSITE WORKING GROUP

Cllrs Mrs V McPherson and Mrs J Rogers gave a report on the progress to date of establishing a web site for the Parish Council. They advised that up to three additional pages might be required at a cost of £15.00 per page. **All present agreed** to the additional cost up to a limit of £45.00.

The Clerk is requested to contact the local organisations that will be listed on the website to seek their agreement. Cllr Mrs J Rogers will supply the names. **SG/JR**

## 10/ DOG FOULING PROBLEM WITHIN THE PARISH

Cllr Mrs V McPherson has contacted the Dog Warden who has agreed to visit the parish on a more regular basis. The concerns of a resident about the problem of dog fouling on the pavements in Longwick has been passed to the Environmental Health Team at W.D.C. under reference number. CT20090216\_000000025.

Cllr Mrs V McPherson agreed to include another article in the newsletter to highlight the issue. **VM**

## 11. THE PLANS FOR A TRAFFIC ISLAND BEING INSTALLED ON THE THAME ROAD

The Parish Council were concerned to learn of plans for a new traffic island to be installed on the Thame Road by reading an article in the Princes Risborough Area Newsletter published by the B.C.C.

The Clerk is requested to write to the B.C.C. advising that the Parish Council feel very strongly about being included in discussions and plans for any improvements in the Parish and requesting an update on the timescales for the project and information concerning the road closure mentioned in the Princes Risborough Area Newsletter. **SG**

## 12. APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

**All present agreed** that Mr Geoff Weir is appointed as the internal auditor for the financial 2008/2009.

## 13. REPORTS

A School Governors:

Cllr G O'Neill repeated the request for the need for a Community Gov for the school.

The school parking issues reported on previously are being investigated and solutions sought.

B Local Community Partnership:

Cllr G O'Neill reported that future meetings are cancelled until the purpose of the meeting and what can be achieved is clarified. **Page 568**

C. WDALC:

Nothing to report – The next meeting is on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009

D. Neighbourhood Action Group.

Cllr Mrs V McPherson informed the members that more volunteers are required for the Community Speedwatch Programme. Training is provided. Cllr Mrs V McPherson agreed to place a request for volunteers for this programme in the next Newsletter.

E. Newsletter.

Cllr Mrs V McPherson informed the members that the next edition should be published by the end of March.

**14. Planning Applications**

A/ Progress on applications already considered:

**08/07710/CLE:** Maplefield, Owlswick Lane, Owlswick. Certificate of existing lawfulness for the continued occupation of dwelling in breach of condition. **Permitted**

**09/05221/CTREE:** Appletrees, Meadle Village Road, Meadle. Reduce crowns by 3-4m to Silver Birch Trees. **Application withdrawn.**

**09/05046/FUL:** The Old Forge, Thame Road, Longwick. Construction of first floor extension and detached double garage. **Permission Refused.**

B/ New Applications to be considered

**08/07786/FUL** Horsenden Manor Horsenden Lane Princes Risborough: Amendment to original application. Erection of a detached four bay garage with separate room above. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

**09/05401/MDS10609/03/2009** Maplefield Owlswick Lane Owlswick. Application to discharge a S106 agreement relating to the use of a building as a single family dwelling. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

**09/05170/FUL29/01/2009** Land at Corner of Lower Icknield Way and Mill Lane Monks Risborough Buckinghamshire Construction of 4 x timber stables and tack room, feed box and hay store. **The Parish Council recommend that the application is refused for the following reasons: - The construction of 4 x timber stables and tack room, feed box and hay store is an over development of the site and is considered to be too many stables for the amount of land available. The Parish Council is concerned that the stables will be used for Commercial use which is effectively seeking the change of use of the land. The additional stables erode the openness of the countryside and are detrimental to the open character and appearance of this part of the countryside. If the application is likely to be approved, The Parish Council would like the application to be referred to the Development Control Committee to be determined and a restriction preventing Commercial use and lighting to be attached to the permission.**

**08/06150/FUL06/05/2008** Apple Tree Cottage Thame Road Longwick. Amendment to original application for the demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 link-detached dwellings with car ports attached, creation of new access and parking area. **The Parish Council has no observations on this application.**

**15. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

A Report from the Website Working Group (Cllrs V McPherson and J Rogers)

**16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009 in Longwick Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chairman.....

Date