

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
LONGWICK-CUM-ILMER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 21ST SEPTMEBER 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)

1 member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2/ MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council on the 17th August 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

Cllr G Harper declared an interest in the Planning Application for Cozen Holdings in Owlswick

4/ MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

HS2 Proposed High Speed Rail Link

Cllr Mrs V McPherson has received two letters of support to the opposition of the proposed HS2 and HS2.5 Speed Rail Link from The Speaker of the House of Commons the Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP and the Correspondence Officer for the Department of Transport.

5/ Finance

A. Accounts for Payment

VAT

384	Grass Cutting	Manor Estates - Grass cutting August 2010	£348.90	£61.06	£ 409.96
385	Clerks Fees	S Griffiths - Clerks Fees and Expenses (July, August & September)	£1,275.00		
	Admin	S Griffiths - Postage etc (July, August & September)	£23.42		
		Total Cheque			£1,298.42
386	Risk Assessment	K Dobson - Risk Assessment Duties - August 2010	£14.10		£14.10
387	Dog waste and litter bins	TBS Hygiene - Collection of dog waste and litter (June, July & Aug)	£182.00	£31.85	£213.85
388	Section 137	BCC - Contribution towards VAS	£350.00		£350.00
389	Section 137	G Harper - Retirement gift for D Brock	£54.99		£54.99
390	Car Park lights & bulbs	I Thompson - Replace 3 broken external bulkhead light fittings	£144.19	£25.23	£169.42
391	Newsletter	Whiteleaf Printers Ltd - Printing of Newsletter	£420.00		£420.00

B/ Income

None

C/ Bank Balance £1053.43 (allowing for the above credits and cheques)

6. CAPITAL ITEMS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIE

A. Playing Field

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

Cllr I Walker informed the members that the rubbish bin by the Skatepark was full. The Clerk is requested to contact TBS Hygiene to arrange for this to be emptied. **SG**

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. Cllr G Harper agreed to inspect this piece of equipment and report back at the next meeting. **GH**

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 have been knocked giving the wrong direction to Longwick previously reported under 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. Previously reported under Ref 293185
- The weight limit sign in Owlswick Lane has been knocked down at the junction with the B4009.
- Fly tipping has occurred in the lay-by in Ilmer Lane consisting of plaster board.

The Clerk is requested to contact the B.C.C. to discuss the possibility of requesting devolved services are give to Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council. **SG**

Cllr Mrs J Rogers informed the members that the footpaths survey in nearly completed and requested that the Clerk forward the survey forms to Rights of Way Dept, BCC when all survey forms have been received. **SG**

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from WDALC to the Communities and Local Government / Consultation Dept with reference to the Local Referendums to Excessive Council Tax Increases

All present agreed that this was a comprehensive reply objecting to the proposal for Local Referendums to Excessive Council Tax increases and the Parish Council tier of Local Government. As BALC have also replied on behalf of the parishes, it was **agreed** that no further action needs to be taken.

Letter inviting members of the Parish Council to the Dedication of the Coombe Hill Monument ceremony.

Cllrs G O'Neill and I Walker agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk is requested to advise the Coombe Hill Monument Restoration Project Manager. **SG/GON/IW**

Invitation to 2010 Councillor briefing event on Saturday 16th October 2010

The Clerk agreed to attend this briefing. **SG**

Letter from WDC advising of a forthcoming consultation on the Wycombe Community Stadium and Sports project

Noted

Invitation to the Chilterns AONB Planning Conference 2010 at a cost of £35.00.

Noted

Letter of resignation from Cllr Dorothy Brock.

It is with much regret that the Parish Council accepted the resignation from Cllr Dorothy Brock after 51 years of service. Cllr Brock's knowledge of the land and people of this parish will be greatly missed at parish council meetings, The Chairman thanked her for her contribution to all things related to this parish and wished her many happy years of retirement. A retirement gift was presented together with a letter from the Speaker of the House of Commons the Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP inviting her for afternoon tea at the House of Commons in recognition of her service. John Gibbs Chief Executive of BALC recorded his praise and thanks for Cllr Dorothy Brocks long service to the Parish Council.

Invitation from Chairman of WDC to attend an informal presentation from Chief Constable Sara Thornton on local policing.

Cllr Mrs V McPherson **agreed** to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. **VM**

Letter from Longwick Preschool Garden

A letter from Longwick Preschool Garden has been received requesting permission to extend the garden area by 1.5metre around the perimeter. **All present agreed** to the extension of the area by 1.5metre on the hedge

side and far end and 1 metre by the steps. It was further **agreed** that the arrangement for them to use the land is formalised by signing a contract and paying a nominal sum of £1 per year. The Clerk is requested to prepare a contract for circulation to the councillors for their consideration. **SG**

Request from B.C.C. for the Parish Councils preference for the position for the VAS.

All present agreed to request that it is installed at the Thame end of the village next to the village sign. **SG**

9. Reports

- A. School Governors – Nothing to report
- B. NW Chilterns Local Area Forum – Nothing to report
- C. WDALC – Cllr I Walker reported on the last meeting of the WDALC held on the 2nd September 2010.
- D. N.A.G – In July/ August there have been reports of ASB in Longwick for a couple of weekends. The team are aware and suspect this has been caused by young people drinking alcohol in a new location having had it regularly seized from them in the town. They will up patrols of the recreation ground to identify suspects and confiscate their alcohol.

The reported crimes for the month of August in the Parish are:

Theft not classified elsewhere, generator stolen from Thame Road, Longwick.

Non payment for petrol in Longwick x 3

Burglary in a barn, access gained, nothing stolen, Ilmer.

Theft from a motor vehicle, hub caps stolen from a Van on Thame Road, Longwick.

E. Newsletter – The newsletter will be distributed during the next two weeks.

10. 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** in principle to the request once permission has been obtained by the school for the Education Department and subject to the cost involved. **GON**

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A/ Progress on applications already considered:

Application No: **10/06887/MINAMD** *Decision: Application Permitted*

Address: Meadowsweet Barn Stockwell Lane Little Meadle Buckinghamshire HP17 9UG

Proposal: Proposed non-material amendment to permission for Householder application for front porch granted under 10/05944/FUL

B/ New Applications to be considered

Application No: **10/06641/FUL** At: Orchard View Farm Stockwell Lane Little Meadle

Proposed Erection of agricultural glass house. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

Application No: **10/07013/CTRE** At: Bank Farm Meadle Village Road Meadle

Proposed Works to a variety of trees at the property. **The Parish Council has no objections**

Cllr G Harper declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion or decision for the following Planning Application.

Application No: **10/06894/FUL** At: Cozens Holdings Owlswick

Proposed Householder application for insertion of new casement and dormer windows to existing detached garage and conversion of roof space into habitable accommodation. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

12/ AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

Presentation from Carol at Bucks Community Action on Community Led Planning.

13/NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 19th October 2010 in Longwick Village Hall at 8.00pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....