

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the revised date of Monday 18th September 2023 at 7.30 pm
at Longborough Village Hall.

Councillors Present: Cllrs T Howse (Chair), A Driver (Vice Chair), B Prior (Vice Chair), R Green, and F Regan.

Also present: Clerk to the Council, Jenny Walsh. There were 4 members of the public present.

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Cuningham, Huttunen and Eddolls.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations made.
- 3. Public Participation** The meeting was temporarily suspended to hear representations from the public.

Mr Prior – Enquired about Rural England Prosperity Fund closing date for applications. Information would be provided.

Mrs Clapham – Asked that the new planning application for an eco dwelling (see Item 10) would be given due consideration by the Parish Council. The Chairman assured Mrs Clapham that all planning applications were reviewed carefully by the Council and comments made accordingly as Consultees.

Mr Robertson – complained about the odour emanating from creosote products kept in the Stow Ag outside storage and asked that the Council raise this with the business.

The meeting then resumed.

- 4. Approval of minutes** - Minutes of the meeting held 10th July 2023 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 5. Matters arising from the meeting held on the above date.**
 - i. Work to cut back and prune shrubbery between the school and village pub** had been completed and the area was now in a much better state. The Council would consider re-planting bulbs or small shrubs to prevent the grow-back of weeds etc. on the site.
 - ii. Thanks** had been sent to GCC Highways for undertaking **repairs to the manhole cover on entrance to the allotments** which had now been completed.
 - iii. Update on damage to flagstones/kerb by the school entrance** - Cllr Regan would liaise with the Clerk on details of delivery firms who access the site on a regular basis with a view to identifying a solution to the current problem of regularly occurring damage.
- 6. County Councillor's Report** - Cllr Stowe was unable to attend.
- 7. Ward Councillor's Report** - Cllr Cunningham was unable to attend.
- 8. Correspondence**
 - i. Emails from resident regarding general maintenance in Longborough**
The Chairman reported that following resident had contacted the Council matters concerning maintenance and grounds work. This matter would be discussed under Item 11.
- 9. Finance**
 - i. Monthly finance reports for August and September 2023**
The reports were duly noted.
 - ii. Approval of payments for August and September 2023**

The following payments were approved unanimously:

August

- Mrs J Walsh – Salary and expenses – (DP)
- HMRC- PAYE- (DP)
- Mrs B Prior – refreshments for public meeting held in July £13.95
- Stow Ag – materials - £18
- Sutcliffe Play – playground repair materials - £248.64
- Stockwell Davies – grounds maintenance - £390
- Grants to local organisations- £3,000
- LB village Hall – rent - £24

September

- Mrs J Walsh- Salary and expenses – (DP)
- HMRC- PAYE- (DP)

iii. **Community Infrastructure funding – update on projects**

Following decisions made at the last meeting, further consideration would be given to signs for the white gates; creation of a basketball (or similar) play facility at the playground, and money towards the recent cost of repairs to the existing play equipment in the village.

iv. **Consideration of new notice board outside village school**

The Chairman and Cllr Regan would investigate further on sourcing a new board.

10. Planning/Licencing

i. **Planning/Licencing Applications received:**

- **23/02426/TCONR**- Various tree work around The Ashwell including felling plum tree. No comments (LPC applicants for this work).
- **23/02640/CLEUD**- Certificate of Lawful Permitted Development for an agricultural building at Frogmore Farmhouse, Stow Rd. No comments.
- **23/02696/FUL** – creation of a pond at land to the rear of The Gables, Ganborough Rd. No comments.
- **23/02797/FUL**- erection of double garage at Milverton, Old Rectory Gardens. Council objection for following reasons: *The presence of a double garage would not be in keeping with the character and aesthetics of Milverton's location within the Conservation Area of the village. The proposal represents over development of the site with multi-levels and in close proximity to a busy road. We would defer commenting specifically on road safety issued until the GCC Highways report is available, but the garage in relation to the road would appear to present safety issues for vehicles when moving out from the garage and for vision of those vehicles for drivers travelling down the main road.* The Clerk would seek clarity on whether planning permission would always need to be obtained for the erection of electric gates on a property within the Conservation Area.
- **23/02796/FUL** – Construction of proposed lightweight single storey eco dwelling at Land southeast of Old Rectory Gardens. TBA.

ii. **Update on application:**

- **21/02068/FUL** – new dwellings at Upper Town House – Nothing further to report to date.

iii. **Planning Decisions** – None recorded at the meeting.

11. Highways

- i. **Update on Speedwatch project** - Cllr Driver reported that following the resignation of Steve Mathers, Tim Howse would become the new Co Ordinator of the Longborough Speedwatch Team. Following repeated requests to GCC and the Police for updates on our grant application for traffic calming and speed awareness signs, Cllr Driver was pleased to report that a new Speedwatch Project Officer for Gloucestershire had now taken up position and although it would take some time, the backlog of outstanding grant applications would be processed as soon as possible. Cllr Howse reported that it had

come to his attention that the Police may be re-considering the extent and selection of data transfer from local Speedwatch Teams and he would inform Council of any updates should they occur.

- ii. **Roadworks Update**– The Chairman reported that pending works affecting Longborough had been circulated and posted on the LPC website. Stephen Dolan (Cotswold Volunteer Rangers) had sent a message regarding various works that the wardens had undertaken on footpaths in Longborough. The Clerk had sent a letter of thanks for the continued service by the volunteers for the community.

12. Repairs and Maintenance

- i. **Playground repairs and maintenance** – Cllr Driver reported that he had now replaced the broken swing and repairs to the multi-play system at the playground had also been made by Creative Play Ltd.
- ii. **Re-seeding of the area around new kerbing on the Memorial Green** – Cllr Green would discuss this with the grounds contractors and a reminder that their invoices needed to be submitted as soon as possible.
- iii. **Update on Flooding issues at Lime Cottage** – a survey had now been carried out and work was pending.
- iv. **Village Tidy up** – The Chairman suggested a date of Sunday 8th October for the tidy up to take place. A survey of the village would be carried out as a preliminary exercise followed by a schedule of tasks to be undertaken by Councillors and village volunteers. The resident who had sent an email regarding clearing of ivy etc., around the bus shelter, (see Correspondence, Item 8 above) had kindly offered to assist in the project.

13. Commemoration of D Day landings – 6th June 2024 – lighting of Beacons

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received about plans for the lighting of beacons across the country on the above date to commemorate the anniversary of the D Day landings. The Sezincote Estate Manager had confirmed her permission for the lighting of a beacon at the usual site and more information would be made available nearer the date.

14. Any other Business and Councillors' requests for items for consideration at the next meeting

- The Clerk reported on a request from Cotswold DC in relation to the Local Plan, for any suggested sites that were suitable for the location of traveller/show people & families in the Parish.
- Cllr Regan asked for discussion on the open space at Waterstyles to be considered at the next LPC meeting.

The open meeting closed at 8.35pm.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on 13th November 2023

