

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.30 pm at Longborough Village Hall.

Councillors Present: Cllrs A Driver (Acting Chair), B Prior (Vice Chair), R Green, M Huttunen, F Regan and B Eddolls.
Also present: District Cllr D Cunningham & Clerk to the Council, Jenny Walsh. There were 2 members of the public present.

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Chairman Tim Howse. In his absence, Cllr Driver took the Chair.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations made.
- 3. Public Participation** The meeting was suspended to hear the following comments:
 - A resident spoke about his planning application for a storage container at Frogmore Farm. The Council thanked the owner for attending the meeting and assured him that the information he had provided would be taken into consideration in any comments the Council may make as Consultees.

The meeting then resumed.

- 4. Approval of minutes** - Minutes of the meeting held 13th November 2023 were approved unanimously and signed by Cllr Driver as Acting Chair.
- 5. Matters arising from the meeting held on the above date.**
 - i. Consideration of a new noticeboard outside the village school**- Quotations were being prepared based on a smaller version of the board located outside the village hall and this matter would be discussed at a future meeting.
 - ii. Re-seeding of grass on the village green** -Charges for the re-seeding that was carried out last year had been removed by the grounds contractors and the site would be reviewed in Spring and a decision taken if necessary, for the work to be carried out again.
- 6. County Councillor's Report** - Cllr Stowe was unable to attend.
- 7. Ward Councillor's Report** - Cllr Cunningham reported on the following:
 - The CDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee had met and were considering extending the Local Plan. Included in the Plan was a proposal for 1500 new homes in Moreton-in- Marsh. A working group was to be established and particular attention would be paid to flood risk and infrastructure in the proposed areas for the homes.
- 8. Correspondence**
 - i.** A resident had written to the Chairman expressing concern about vehicles parked on or near to the junction of The Folly and Charlesway. Cllr Driver reported that this matter had now been resolved.
- 9. Finance**
 - i. Budget monitoring and bank reconciliation reports for November and December 2023** – The reports had been previously circulated and duly noted.
 - ii. Approval of payments for December 2023 and January 2024**
The following payments were approved unanimously:

December

- Mrs J Walsh- Salary and expenses – (DP)
- HMRC- PAYE- (DP)
- MDH Forestry- Village Xmas tree- £120
- CT Landscapes- final payment for grounds maintenance 2023- £550
- Post Office- postage- £6.50
- Village Hall- rent- £20

January 2024

- Mrs J Walsh – Salary and expenses – (DP)
- HMRC- PAYE- (DP)
- Netwise- annual website hosting and support- £396

10. Planning/Licensing

i. Planning/Licensing Applications received:

- **23/02486/FUL-site of Luckley Farm Bungalow** – erection of single storey dwelling with basement. **No comments from the Parish Council.**
- **23/23/03756/FUL – Milverton, Old Rectory Gardens**-creation of single detached garage and 2 gable windows. **Council had requested more information regarding off-road space in front of the garage before any comments could be made.** The Clerk reported that she had received acknowledgment from the CDC Case Officer that our comments would be considered.

ii. Planning Decisions – None recorded.

- iii. **21/02068/FUL-New dwellings at Upper Town House** – Cllr Cunningham reported that following concerns expressed by some residents to the Enforcement Team regarding commencement of groundworks, the response had been that a light touch review would be made. Cllr Driver added that as agreed at the last LPC meeting, a liaison meeting had been proposed but this had been postponed due to ill-health of the developer's representative. A new date would be set as soon as possible.

11. Highways

- Update on Speedwatch project** - Cllr Driver reported that The Chairman was still awaiting a response from Cllr Stowe to his proposed site meeting regarding the status of the Speedwatch funding for Longborough. The Speedwatch team of volunteers in the meantime continued to carry out regular monitoring of vehicles travelling through the restricted speed areas of the village.
- Roadworks Update**– Cllr Driver reported that potholes at The Folly were scheduled for repairs. Confirmation on re-instatement of white lines around the village was still pending from GCC Highways and this would be pursued again. Pavement damage on High Street had been reported and a quotation for the work had been provided to GCC from a local contractor. However, following further discussion, Highways had confirmed that they would carry out the repairs on an urgent basis.

12. Repairs and Maintenance

- Open space at Waterstyles**– See Item 13 below.

13. Update on Community Working Party for village enhancements and improvements (Community Infrastructure Funding CIL)

Cllr Driver reported that progress was being made with the establishment of a community working party to consider ideas for local use of the CIL funding that had been allocated to the Parish Council. A quotation for a play facility for older children had been obtained by Cllr Driver that would be presented to the working group when it assembled.

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

There were no requests made.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 11th March 2024