

LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th January 2017

A meeting of **LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL** was held on Monday 9th January 2017.

PRESENT:

Cllr. Godwin (RG)
Cllr. Russell (AR)
Cllr. Wingrove (GW)
Cllr. Harvie (JH)
Cllr. Christian (BC)
Clerk Nikki Leach (NL)
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APOLOGIES:

PCSO Michael Trebble
District Cllr (Dave Mossman)
County Cllr (Tony Blackburn)

DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA: As with the previous meeting, Cllr. Wingrove declared an interest in agenda items 12 and 16 due to his position as a School Governor. Cllr. Wingrove will not gain financial benefit from the discussion so it was deemed acceptable for him to remain present during the agenda item.

THE MINUTES of the meeting of Monday 21st November 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

POLICE REPORT: PCSO Michael Trebble has agreed to attend the next meeting in March. The Councillors expressed their concern that we are not provided an update in writing if we do not have presence at the meeting.

Action: Clerk to email PCSO Trebble and ask again for a written update in advance of the meeting.

PLANNING:

New applications at Waterend Farm. Part 3 has been submitted. The planning committee will comment on this.

Complaints had been received from a number of parishioners about several potential planning breaches in the parish. These were discussed. Concerns were expressed. It was agreed that further advice be sought from the planning officer.

Cllr. Wingrove and Cllr. Harvie will be meeting again with John Longmuire regarding this.

Action: Cllr. Godwin to respond to the application at Waterend Farm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Longney telephone box – the Parish Council have agreed to adopt the telephone kiosk by the Post Office. Clerk to contact SDC and make this arrangement. This will then be discussed with the parish to see what the plans are regarding its future use.

Marathon – Cllr. Godwin has discussed this matter with the police and now has an opportunity to discuss the logistics of the marathon with the police and the organisers. Cllr. Wingrove has agreed to attend the meeting with Cllr. Godwin.

Road closure at Castle Lane – a week before a notification will be sent out using the email list.

Action: None

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Report from Cllr. Blackburn:

Roads – Severn Voice have written to GCC explaining that they are dissatisfied with the service provided by Amey. A meeting has been arranged at Whitminster Village Hall for the 23rd January to discuss any issues currently experienced in the parish. All Councillors were asked to email Cllr. Godwin a list of all issues within the parish prior to this meeting so that they can be raised and discussed.

Action: All Councillors to email Cllr. Godwin with comments on areas of concern within the Parish

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: No report available this month.

Stroud District Tourism are having a red carpet event to launch a film that they have created regarding tourism in the district at the Sub rooms on Tuesday 7th February

Action: None

VILLAGE PLAN:

- Garden Group/Equipment: An update will be sent on this when the next newsletter goes out
- Website: No updates
- Newsletter: Items for the newsletter will be sent to Cllr. Christian.

Action: None

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE: Castle Lane will be closed for 2 weeks in February 2017. An email notification will be sent around the village distribution list a week before to remind parishioners.

Action: Email to be sent in the first week of February.

AREA OF PRIME RESPONSIBILITY (APR): No updates this month.

FOOTPATHS: The Cotswold ramblers association are planning to come and walk the local footpaths.

Action: None

FIBRE OPTIC BROADBAND UPDATE: GW reported that although most of Longney now benefits from being able to receive superfast broadband, it appears that Epney does not, irrespective whether properties are fed off the Hardwicke or Saul exchanges. It is understood that the Fastershire Project will consider providing this under Phase II of the Project.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Current budget circulated for review.

The Councillors have agreed to update the Clerk's salary in line with the recent salary grade.

Action: None

PRECEPT 2017 – 2018: The figures from the 2016-2017 precept were discussed. The amount has been agreed to be kept the same for 2017-2018. A precept request of £3,950 will be submitted.

Action: Clerk to submit the precept request before 1st February 2017.

SCHOOL UPDATE:

The school car park is in a disgraceful state with litter. It is thought that this is due to people using the car park in the evenings as cars park behind the hedge. The Councillors discussed reducing the height

of the hedge so that it deters people parking up. Cllr. Godwin will investigate how to do this. Cllr. Wingrove will advise the school that this has been discussed as an option. The option of having it laid was also discussed.

The school have also had issues recently with driving on the maze.

There are two governor vacancies at the moment, these will be advertised on the website and in the newsletter.

SEVERNSIDE PARISHES AMEY CONTRACT: Cllr. Godwin is awaiting an email from each Councillor expressing their views.

VERGE CUTTING: Cllr. Godwin stated that there have been several parishes that raised concerns regarding the village verge cutting contract. These concerns have now been alleviated. Whitminster are not going to join the scheme but all other parishes will.

VILLAGE TELEPHONE KIOSK: It has been agreed that this will be adopted.

VILLAGE WALK / PARTY: Ideally this would be a family event. It was suggested that this could be the day after the beer festival as there are many facilities already in place. A sub committee meeting will be held in the next 2 weeks to discuss this further.

Action: Parish Council to invite Cathy Beloe to attend a meeting.

Action: RG to confirm whether parish funds can be used to support such a social gathering of residents.

LITTER PICK: There is a need for another litter pick within the parish. It was planned that this would take place at the end of February before the grass starts to grow too much. The 26th February was suggested as a date.

There are also increasing concerns regarding the dog fouling in the parish which is getting out of hand again. It was suggested that a trial of spray painting could be started to see if this deters people.

Action: GW to contact Dog Warden regarding dog fouling.

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION: The Parish Council were asked about a grit box.

THE CHAIRMAN thanked all Councillors and residents for attending the meeting. The meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Longney and Epney Parish Council will take place at Longney Primary School on Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.30pm.