

Longworth Parish Council

**MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at Village Hall, Longworth
7:45pm Friday April 18th 2008**

PRESENT: Chairman Mrs Boyce, Mr Auckland, Mr McConnell, Dr G. Morgan, Mr Pearce, County Councillor Mrs Tilley, Mr Boyce (Clerk), and four members of the public.

25/08 OPEN SESSION

Mr Broad asked if allotment holders could be asked to pay rents to him during a specific weekend only; the Chairman suggested that a letter to this effect should be sent out in advance next year. (*Agreed with Mr Broad – weekend to be 28/29 March 2009*)

Mrs Houlton reported that the new footpath sign had been broken; Dr Morgan agreed to provide another from his diminishing stock, and the Clerk undertook to engineer a stouter fastening. She also reported that the new churchyard path had been damaged by a vehicle; she had erected posts on either side to inhibit this in future, but requested agreement to a sign's being erected saying 'no vehicles beyond this point.' The PC approved this, but was unable to offer a monetary contribution. She also reminded the Council of a meeting on the following day on the funding of church maintenance.

26/08 APOLOGIES

An apology had been received from Mrs Broad, Mrs Walton and Anna Kennedy (who was going to address the meeting)

27/08 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as correct.

28/08 MATTERS ARISING

Dr Morgan reported that contractors had fixed the water leak at Little London, but he believed that rainwater overflow remained a problem there. He also noted that litter clearance along the old A420 was ineffective (the Clerk to raise the matter with the sweeper). There had been no apparent action in regard to the waste site – the Chairman to chase the Vale.

Mr McConnell reported that the potholes in The Paddock had been filled.

29/08 PRESENTATION BY ANNA KENNEDY

This was cancelled at the last minute as a consequence of the speaker's father's sudden illness.

30/08 PLAYGROUND

The latest inspection had been carried out by Mr Pearce. His Report was received. Mr McConnell to carry out the next inspection.

31/08 PINWOODS/HANSONS

The Clerk reported that the OCC Planning Committee meeting had been postponed once again, this time till June. It is believed that detailed representations on traffic by a resident were the principal cause of this.

32/08 ACCOUNTS

The unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 March had been circulated. Mr Pearce asked whether allotment receipts and expenditure should be more nearly in balance; there was some discussion on this, with the Chairman pointing out that this was not current parish policy. *(The Clerk is sending round a more detailed note on this issue)* The Accounts as presented were approved.

33/08 PLANNING MATTERS

Four Planning Applications had been received:

1. LWO/18809/5 Blue Boar – Erection of new store
2. LWO/12157/6 – Yew Tree Cottage
3. LWO/13682/5 – Wayside House Conservatory
4. LWO/5062/3 & 4-CA – The House on the Square

There were no objections to Nos. 1, 2 and 3; but strong neighbour objections to 1 were noted and recorded. Mr Auckland had declared an interest in No. 4, as it related to his neighbouring property and he therefore could not comment; the views of the other councillors on this were mainly opposed. The Vale DC has been notified accordingly.

Mr Auckland requested that in future the comments of all Members on Planning Applications and the Clerk's summary thereof as forwarded to the Vale be circulated. This was agreed.

34/08 RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS

Receipts	Interest February	136.95
	Interest March	127.73
	Burial ground (Mr Swabey plaque)	180.00
	Rent (allotment land)	148.00
Payments	Robert Squires - street cleaning Feb/March	209.52
	R. Berry - " " Feb/March	117.50
	A.F.Boyce – salary Feb/March	319.60
	expenses Feb/March	31.50

35/08 CORRESPONDENCE

An email from the Clerk of KBS PC asked for this Council's opinion on the operation of the kebab van at the Charney roundabout. Mrs Tilley noted that the licence can be withdrawn, but she was reluctant to take away a livelihood. The Council lacked sympathy with this view, and requested her to take steps to withdraw the licence; she agreed to do this.

Other items to be circulated.

36/08 COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS

Mrs Tilley reported that the imposition of 20mph speed limits was imminent within the city, and there was an opportunity for this to be extended elsewhere if towns and villages wished. After some discussion, the Council undertook to consider this and respond. She also undertook (as DC for south Longworth) to pursue the clearance of rubbish at the 'chicken farm' site on the old A420. Mrs Tilley also reported on the problems encountered with combining the administrations of two DC's.

Mr Auckland raised the matter of rubbish accumulating in the field adjacent to Green Lane, and Dr Morgan the recent reoccurrence of flooding at Duck Cottage. Mr Frost (from the floor) explained the reasons underlying this (blockage of a ditch resultant from house-building). Mr McConnell reported that the two bus shelter standing areas on the old A420 had been concreted. Payment of the invoice for £290 was approved.

The Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Next meeting: Friday **30 May**, 2008.
This to be preceded by the AGM

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