

Longworth Parish Council

**MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at Village Hall, Longworth
7:45pm Friday February 22nd 2008**

PRESENT: Chairman Mrs Boyce, Mr Auckland, Mrs Broad, Mr McConnell, Dr G. Morgan, Mr Pearce, District Councillor Mr Hayward, Mr Boyce (Clerk), and two members of the public.

14/08 OPEN SESSION

Mr Broad noted that stone chippings laid at the front of the new bus shelter in South Longworth were being kicked up. This was also happening at the opposite shelter. The Clerk to investigate a remedy. He also reported that, whilst some potholes had been filled, others had not been; and there was rubbish at the roadside in Pine Woods Road.

Mr Auckland noted the grass verge between the Charney roundabout and the A420 had been wrecked by parked lorries. This was seen to be an inevitable consequence of the adjacent presence of the kebab van. The District Councillor undertook to look further into the legality of the van's positioning.

15/08 APOLOGIES

An apology had been received from Mrs Walton and the County Councillor, Mrs Tilley.

16/08 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as correct.

17/08 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

18/08 PLAYGROUND

The latest inspection was carried out by Mr McConnell, who reported the presence of numerous molehills. His Report was received. Mr Pearce to carry out the next inspection.

19/08 PINWOODS/HANSONS

The Clerk reported that the OCC Planning Committee meeting had been postponed once again, this time till 19th May.

20/08 PARISH INSURANCE

The Clerk reported that, despite a negotiated reduction of £100 in the annual insurance premium from Allianz Insurance, a cheaper quote had been received via a broker from Norwich Union. The Council voted (prop. PMcC sec. GM) to accept the NU quote.

21/08 PLANNING MATTERS

No Planning Applications had been received.

22/08 RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS

Receipts	Interest January	143.45
	VAT refund	900.41
Payments	Robert Squires - street cleaning Jan.	116.40
	R. Berry - " " Jan.	58.75
	A.F.Boyce – salary January	199.75
	Autocross Plastics (bus shelter) inc. VAT	4341.63
	P.Weaving – hedge trimming, etc.	367.50
	BGG Garden & Tree Care (ex B.Gristwood)	485.00
	Alphabet Graphics (bus shelter notice)	29.50

The Clerk requested the Council defer cost of a replacement modem for his computer; the expenditure of £66.76 for this was approved.

23/08 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reported receipt of a request from one Anna Kennedy of ORCC to address the Council on the issue of affordable housing within Longworth. After some discussion on the issue, it was agreed that she be invited to address the next meeting. This to be made the subject of a public notice.

None other of any note.

24/08 COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS

Mrs Broad reported that the grass verges on Bow Bank were being seriously damaged by the parking of cars. The Chairman undertook to contact the Vale Housing Association on this matter.

Mr Auckland reported a bus driver's complaint that cars parked outside the village hall had on occasion seriously impeded his progress through the village. The clerk undertook to write to the VH Committee on this.

Mr Pearce noted the faded condition of a footpath sign by the allotments; Dr Morgan to supply a replacement from his personal stock.

Mr McConnell reported the usual potholes in The Paddock (*The Clerk noted that the County Councillor had reported these*)

Dr Morgan reported water on the road at Little London, suggesting this might be due to a mains leak. The Clerk to follow up with Thames Water. He also asked for more frequent road rubbish clearance along the old A420; the Clerk to get the Second Street Cleaner to clear this stretch twice monthly, if the latter's schedule permits. He also reported activity on the 'Chicken Farm' site, with mounds of rubbish re-appearing. The Chairman to contact Mr Yaxley of the Vale on this.

The District Councillor notified a Vale Council Tax increase of 4.99% for 2008/9, and the impending imposition of a 7.5 tons weight limit for traffic within Brize Norton; this will add to local heavy transport chaos already imposed by bridge weight restriction.

The Meeting closed at 8:45pm

Next meeting: Friday **18 April**, 2008.

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