

Longworth Parish Council

**MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at Longworth School,
Longworth 7:45pm Friday November 4th 2011**

PRESENT: Chairman Mrs Boyce, Mr Auckland, Mrs Broad, Mr Hodgkins, Mr Longstaff, Ms Sabathy, Mr Pearce, Mr Boyce (Clerk), and one member of the public

91/11 OPEN SESSION

There were no issues raised.

92/11 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

There were no changes notified.

93/11 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

94/11 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as correct and are to be signed accordingly.

95/11 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

96/11 PINE WOODS/HANSON PLANNING APPLICATION

The Clerk reported that three members of the Land not Sand group had met at their request with five OCC officers that afternoon, to be informed of progress with the Hanson application. The OCC stated that there had been two recent meetings with Hanson at which the county advised H. of their dissatisfaction with aspects of the application as submitted, and asked H. to respond. Responses from H. are promised by 18 November, at which point the OCC will review them and likely call a further public consultation.

97/11 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

Mr Hodgkins had completed the previous inspection, and also trimmed the hedges. Mr Auckland to carry out the next. The Clerk reported that replacement seats for the junior swings had been ordered from Wicksteed (*who have since supplied and fitted them*).

98/11 GATES - ALLOTMENT and CHURCH

The council received a report from the Allotments Manager, which noted that new gates had been fitted, two plots had been re-allocated with the re-allocation of another two in process. A further two remain under review, awaiting responses. A request for £50 to defray the costs of repairs to the church gate had been received from the churchwarden and was unanimously approved.

99/11 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The council approved payment for a wreath (£18) plus a donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion. Ms Sabathy to perform the laying ceremony.

100/11 DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The possibility of a merged celebration in conjunction with the Big Lunch coordinators was discussed; Mr Longstaff indicated that this would be welcomed by them. There was also discussion on mugs and who might be given these; councillors were asked to give thought to this and its implications, but generally the meeting was unenthusiastic about mugs. The Clerk suggested that the council might not wish to budget additional monies next year to cover this.

101/11 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts	Interest September/October	16.96
	Churchyard	150.00
Payments	Road sweeping September	99.68
	Clerk's salary (gross) & expenses Sept & Oct	337.16
	Grass cutting churchyard	250.00
	Thames Water (allotments)	58.27
	Allotment gate incl. fixing less VAT refund	291.42
	Longworth Hist. Soc. Donation	50.00
	M.McLintock (traffic report part reimbursement)	250.00

102/11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None of import.

103/11 COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS

Mr Hodgkins thought that the road outside the village hall was poorly lit at night, and might be conducive to accidents. He volunteered to investigate the street lighting at this point further. Mrs Broad followed this up with a suggestion that the bottom end of Bow Bank was similarly deprived; the Clerk to pursue. Mr Longstaff had attended a Vale presentation on planning, and had found it useful. Mr Auckland advised that there was an impending change of village bus service provider; a new flier is to be done informing users of this. He also noted with some sadness that the change of service provider means that we lose Brian, our driver for many years.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm. Date of next meeting – 16 December 2011, at the school. Members voiced their appreciation of the warmth and comfort of this venue, and its conduciveness to discussion.

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