

Longworth Parish Council

**MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at Longworth School,
Longworth 7:45pm Friday September 23rd 2011**

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

79/11 OPEN SESSION

There were no issues raised.

80/11 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

There were no changes notified.

81/11 APOLOGIES

An apology had been received from Mr Longstaff.

82/11 MINUTES

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

83/11 MATTERS ARISING

A comment on the pro-forma questionnaire for parishioners on the needs for affordable housing, that residents should be told the possible location of such housing, had been passed on to Sovereign housing. Their reply was that such surveys should be demand-led, which precluded prior disclosure of a location.

84/11 PINE WOODS/HANSON PLANNING APPLICATION

The Clerk reported that the Land not Sand group, responding to general unhappiness that Hanson appeared to have changed their view on the A420 junction, and now deemed it safe, had commissioned an engineering consultants' report on the issue. This report (*circulated*) indicated shortcomings in Hanson's data and assessments. A meeting of LnS members with OCC Highways Department on 19 September had resulted in the OCC's proposing to commission their own report, and to submit a list of queries to Hanson. Further developments are awaited.

The Clerk suggested that a contribution to the cost of the report (approx. £2000, currently borne by one resident) be made; a donation of £250 to this end was approved.

85/11 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

Mrs Broad had completed the previous inspection; Mr Hodgkins to carry out the next. The Clerk had received RoSPA's annual report (*circulated*) on the playground, which suggested a number of non-urgent improvements. The Clerk will call for volunteers from among the councillors to carry out these.

86/11 ALLOTMENT GATES' RENEWAL

A quotation from an allotment holder amounting to £294.98 for removal and replacement of the gates and posts had been received. This expenditure was approved.

87/11 SCHOOL DONATION

The Chairman suggested that the current use of the school staff room for parish council meetings should be recognised by a donation at the end of the financial year. This was agreed.

88/11 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts	Interest August	9.43
Payments	Road sweeping August	124.60
	Clerk’s salary August	168.58
	Grass cutting churchyard	250.00
	Grave reservation refund	130.00
	Thames Water (allotments)	23.28
	Website annual rent	60.00
	V of W H uncontested election services	90.00
	Playsafety Ltd (playground inspection for RoSPA)	69.00

89/11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A request from Longworth History Society to extend their Probate Records project to include Longworth; for a donation up to £450. The council approved £50, plus a letter of support.

A request via a councillor for £60 to provide a new urn for use at the annual church fete was received and rejected, the feeling being that the fete generates sufficient funds to finance its own urn.

90/11 COUNCILLORS’ CONCERNS

Ms Sabathy deplored the condition of the Hinton Road, especially between Rectory Lane and the A415, and wondered whose responsibility this gritting of this section was. The Clerk to investigate.

Mrs Broad deplored the failure of the county to refund damage caused by potholes in Bow Bank.

Mr Hoskyns noted the inappropriateness of the village name’s still appearing on KBS bus shelters; the Chairman undertook to contact Mr B. Forster on this. He also reported that the manager of the Hinton Road plant nursery had been until recently unaware of any moves by the landowner to sell off part for housing (*see above*).

Both he and Mr Pearce asked for more news about the future of the HW day-care centre; to date there had been no feedback from the county on next year’s funding.

The Clerk made another plea for all potholes and other road problems to be notified to him promptly.

The Meeting closed at 8:43pm Date of next meeting – 4 November 2011, at the school.

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