

## Longhorsley Parish Council Meeting – 13.06.18 – The Church Room – 7.00pm

**Present** Cllrs: T Lowrie (Vice - Chairman)  
P Ford  
K Foreman

County Councillor G Sanderson

Clerk G Turner

The Editorial Board of the Tree (A and S Etchells)  
Mr Gunn  
Mr Stephenson  
2 Parishioners (7.55 pm to 8:20 pm)

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs I Elliott (Chairman), P Brannan, V Pagan and D Pringle. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chair, Cllr Lowrie took the Chairman's position for the meeting.  
PC Teasdale.
2. **Minutes** of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (which had been previously circulated) were approved, and duly signed.
3. **Declaration of Interests** – None.
4. **Date of Next Meeting(s)** – It was agreed that the dates of the next meetings would be 18<sup>th</sup> July and 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
5. **County Matters**

Cllr Sanderson gave the following update:

- He confirmed that there was no funding to carry out planing works on the East Road and repairs to the kerb at the entrance to the Village Hall Car Park. All monies are currently being diverted to tackle the ongoing road and pothole repairs. The highways works regarding reactive repairs is almost finalised and £1m has been taken from the LTP budget to fund the next stage.
- NCC is currently looking into installing passing places on the Fieldhead Road and flooding issues at Linden Acres.
- He has had meetings with Highways England about the A1 repair project and confirmed that other options are being looked at including weekend only closures but using the same diversion routes. Further consultation with the public is required including what will happen to the A697. The project has been deferred until March 2019 to allow for consultation events.
- He confirmed that the extension of the 30 mph zone further to the North of the Village will be included within the LTP together with the feasibility study for an additional pedestrian crossing. The Clerk thanked Cllr Sanderson for the feedback system introduced to inform parishes and towns why or why not proposed schemes had been included. She was asked to pass on her comments to the Highways Manager.
- A statue of Emily Wilding Davison is to be erected in Carlisle Park with a Civic opening on 22<sup>nd</sup> July and a Community opening on 11 September. Cllr Sanderson confirmed

that Longhorsley will be acknowledged within the tribute and will receive an invite to the Civic event. It was agreed that Cllr Ford represent the council and also the Longhorsley History Society.

Cllr Sanderson left the meeting at this point at 7:20 pm.

## **6. Update from PC Andrea Teasdale**

Due to PC Teasdale's absence the chairman read out an email received:

- Things have been relatively quiet of late.
- She is aware of parking problems on the West Road whereby drivers are once again parking on pavements causing pedestrians to walk onto the road.
- She is also aware of speeding issues in the Village and has requested the Community Speedwatch group to attend to carry out some checks.
- A dog has been seen on the A697 beside Fenrother and she has been trying to track down the owner in order for the dog to be secured.
- A report of damage to a tree on private land near Whitegates has been received. This appears to have been a mistake as opposed to a crime and the issue has now been resolved.

## **7. Finance**

**7.1 Authorisation of Payments** – Members considered and approved the Authorisation of Payments list to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018, totalling £4,112.88.

**7.2 Budget Monitoring Statements to 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Members considered and approved the documents.

## **8. Routine Items for Review**

### **8.1a) Review of Planning Applications:**

17/04301/FUL re Construction of dwelling house at Kirkups Corner – Members had 7 objections to this application and several comments.

18/01666/FUL re Demolition of dilapidated dwelling and construction of a 4-bedroom dwelling – Members did not object to this application but asked that 2 conditions be considered.

**b) Planning Decisions:** - 18/00401/OUT re Mixed use building at Land NW of Cross Cottage – NCC REFUSED this application.

### **8.2 Moor Management Scheme**

Cllr Pringle provided a written report which Cllr Ford Presented:

- i. The Soay sheep seem to have settled well and can often be found near their home field. Cllrs Ford and Pringle are sharing sheep watch and will check each week and keep giving them some food.
- ii. Cllr Pringle has put closing straps on the kissing gates on the A697 with notices requesting visitors keep the gates securely shut, to prevent the sheep escaping.

- iii. Cllr Ford has placed signs on all access gates requesting visitors keep dogs on leads as it is a SSSI and has stock grazing.
- iv. The ponies seem well.

### **8.3 The Old Church Wood (Barbara's Wood)**

Cllr Ford provided a written report which was duly circulated:

- i. The wood name sign is ready and a quote has been received for delivery and installation.
- ii. James Chisholm has mowed the perimeter paths and should be completing mowing between the rows by the end of June.
- iii. The area around the benches and picnic tables has been strimmed.
- iv. Two new volunteers have come forward to assist the subcommittee and take part in tree care.
- v. We will be photographing the older tree plantations to enable us to receive the first larger payment from the EWGS.
- vi. Four dates have been set for July for tree care and will be advertised around the village; Weds 11<sup>th</sup>, Sat 14<sup>th</sup>, Weds 18<sup>th</sup> – all 10 to 12 and Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 14:30 to 1600
- vii. Suggestion for community involvement – ‘picnic in the wood’
- viii. **Cost for delivery & installation of the sign** - the price for fitting this sign would be £165 + VAT and delivery would be £70 + VAT. It was agreed that Cllr Lowrie would collect the sign and Mr Gunn and others would erect the sign in situ.

### **8.4 Village Play Areas –**

Mr Gunn reported that he had sprayed the weeds in Church Walk playarea. He also reported that the MUGA surfacing was beginning to peel back in certain places. The Clerk was asked to contact T Fish to find out his contact for the surfacing and arrange an annual maintenance schedule. The Clerk was also asked to contact CAN to see if they could recommend any funding in order to replace the surface.

Mr Gunn had removed a damaged bench in the Village Hall car park. Some fly tipping was also apparent near the recycling bins and the Clerk was asked to inform PC Teasdale as this is happening more frequently.

**8.5 Allotments** – The Clerk had prepared privacy documents for all allotment tenants to sign – Cllr Ford agreed to drop off the forms at Mr Woods for him to distribute.

**8.6 Plants & Flowers** – nothing to report.

### **8.7 Village Maintenance Issues**

- i. Mr Gunn had cleared the vegetation overhanging onto public land at the Old Forge.
- ii. Archies Pond – Mr Stephenson had investigated and repaired the dam at the pond and members extended their appreciation and thanks for his work. The damaged decking boards have been repaired. Cllr Pringle obtained a quotation for the dredging of the pond which came back as £2,300. As there was no budget for this work in the current financial year, the Clerk was asked to establish a budget for this work to be carried out in 2019/20.

### **8.8 New Website**

No additional items were requested at this time.

**8.9 Longhorsley Tree** – The Clerk to write articles donations received from the Church View Street Party and Longhorsley Ball. Mr Etchells informed the meeting that the next edition would

also include a supplement for Village Day and the NCC Local Plan. The Clerk was asked to obtain a hard-copy of the plan from NCC.

**8.10 Donation Requests** – It was unanimously agreed to give a grant of £250 to the Longhorsley Village Day Committee.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8.00 pm to allow parishioners to speak.**

2 local residents addressed the meeting about their dissatisfaction regarding the relocation of the recently installed litter bin in Reivers Gate and their request to have the bin removed and sited at an alternative location. Members agreed to hold a site visit to review the situation.

**No other issues were raised and the meeting recommenced at 8.12 pm**

## **9 Items Carried Forward**

### **9.1 Housing Developments in the Village**

- a) Reivers Gate/Wilding Place – ongoing.
- b) South Road Development – ongoing.
- c) East Road Development – ongoing.

### **9.2 Neighbourhood Planning**

Cllr Brannan had provided members with a written report which highlighted the following.

- i. The revised NP is due to be published by NCC on or before 6<sup>th</sup> June.
- ii. He, Cllr Elliott and Mr Etchells had met with NCC officer and her team on 29<sup>th</sup> May to clarify a number of points relating to the Local Plan and its impact of the LNP.
  - The Local Plan will be available for review on line from 1<sup>st</sup> June
  - The Local Plan will have changes to areas other than the Housing and Employment changes – it will therefore require a complete review as if it were a new document.
  - The SHLAA and 5 Year supply reports will not be published at the same time, the errors highlighted by the parish will be corrected.
  - The 5 Year Plan will be “front loaded” and will predict a much slower rate of delivery of housing in the last 10 years of the planning period.
  - The inset boundary and the settlement boundary for Longhorsley have been aligned as closely as possible. However, some minor differences do exist. It will not be possible to correct these until the Local Plan has been made and the LNP is revisited to align the two.
  - The Chair and Cllr Brannan had met with local residents to walk them through the proposed inset boundary and agree the exact path that it takes through their land.
- iii. The new NPPF is due to be released before the summer recess of Parliament, i.e. before the Local Plan has been completed.

**9.3 Village Green Issues** – ongoing. The Clerk and Chairman have just received an invitation to have a meeting with NCC to discuss this issue.

**9.4 Welcome Letters** – Three letters have been issued to Cedarwood in Church View, 46 Church View and Badgers Ford House.

## **10. Other Agenda Items**

- 10.1 Members received the notes from the recently held Town and Parish Liaison Working Group.
- 10.2 Members considered the consultation of Newcastle International Airport Masterplan 2035 and had no comments to make.
- 10.3 Members welcomed the donation from the Longhorsley Ball Committee of £50 and asked the Clerk to issue a thank-you letter.
- 10.4 Members considered the feedback form from NCC re the Local Transport Plan priorities 2018/19. This feedback was welcomed as reasons were given why schemes were/were not included. The Chairman had submitted comments about new schemes for the next round – i.e. Old Church junction from A697 – signage and road marking improvements including the possible extension of the 30 mph zone southwards.

## **11. Other Items for Information.**

- 11.1 The Clerk had received the latest edition of the Northumberland & Newcastle Society booklet and it was available on the night.

## **12. Any Other Business (arising too late for inclusion on the Agenda)**

- 12.1 The Clerk had received an email requesting permission to use either the common or MUGA during the summer months for a resident who is setting up a sports coaching business. The Clerk was asked to contact NALC for advice as this is part Village Green land.
- 12.2 The Clerk received details about an NCC funding event to be held in Prudhoe on 17<sup>th</sup> July. It was agreed that Cllr Ford and the Clerk attend in order to discuss possible funding for projects at Archies Pond, MUGA and Old Church Junction.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

**Items for the next agenda to the Clerk by COB Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2018**