

Longhorsley Parish Council Meeting – 10.10.18 – The Church Room – 7.00pm

Present Cllrs: I Elliott (Chairman)
P Brannan
P Ford
K Foreman
T Lowrie (Vice - Chairman)
D Pringle

Clerk G Turner

PC Teasdale

2 Parishioners

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Councillor V Pagan, County Cllr G Sanderson, W Gunn (Village Maintenance).
2. **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th September, 2018 (which had been previously circulated) were approved, and duly signed.
3. **Declaration of Interests** – Cllr Ford re Member of Local History Society.
4. **Date of Next Meeting(s)** – It was agreed that the dates of the next meetings would be 14th November and 12th December, 2018.
5. **County Matters**

County Councillor G Sanderson was not in attendance.
6. **Update from PC Andrea Teasdale**

PC Teasdale gave the following update:
 - There have not been any reports in our area although reports of poaching continue to be a problem. Some gates have been left open allowing animals to get onto main roads such as the A697. Police operations are in progress.
 - Elsewhere, there have been several cars broken into and the public are reminded to always secure and lock vehicles.
 - Northumbria Police have stopped taking in lost property – except for high value items.
7. **Finance**
 - 7.1 **Authorisation of Payments** – Members considered and approved the Authorisation of Payments list to 10th October, 2018, totalling £1,323.15.

7.2 Budget 2019/20 – Members received a copy of the standstill budget statements. The Clerk will bring version 2 to the November meeting. Hopefully, by this time NCC will have issued the revised tax-base in order to determine precept levels. Members also considered the list of new projects and asked that Archies Pond refurbishment and Old Church junction be added.

8. Routine Items for Review

8.1a) Review of Planning Applications:

18/03037/FUL re Erection of timber garage and adjoining log store at Cote Nook East Wing – Members had no objections to this application.

b) Planning Decisions:-

18/01165/FUL re building of American style timber barn, stables, riding arena and 3-bedroom static caravan – An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of NCC which refused this application.

c) St Helen's First School Building Works – members were given a copy of a letter issued to local residents by the contractor which explained the project.

8.2 Moor Management Scheme

Cllr Pringle provided a verbal report which highlighted the following:

- i. The piri-piri has been sprayed together with problem briar.
- ii. The log contractor has been contacted regarding financial contribution towards timber.
- iii. A padlock is required for the top-gate and J Thompson has been informed.
- iv. J Foggon has also felled more timber and it was agreed that it should be sold at a cost of 50p per piece to local residents. The Clerk to write an article for the next edition of the Tree informing residents that timber will be available from November. Any donations are to be given to one of the local councillors.
- v. Permission to site a commemorative plaque/plinth on the Moor, depicting the old Beaconhill Airfield, which was in operation during WW2, was sought by the Local History Society. Members agreed to this request*

**Cllr Ford declared a personal interest in this matter - member of the Local History Society.*

8.3 The Old Church Wood (Barbara's Wood)

Cllr Ford provided a written report covering:

- i. The footpaths have been mown and there is evidence of good usage of the paths.
- ii. The strimmer is to be collected shortly
- iii. Two tree care events have been arranged for 20th and 21st October in order to place guards and stakes on the eastern section of oak trees.
- iv. A meeting has taken place at St Helen's School – the Head Teacher is keen for the school to be involved with the Community Wood.

8.4 Village Play Areas –

- i. Two quotes have been received and she awaiting a third for MUGA refurbishment. Sport England has confirmed that a grant in excess of £20,000 will be awarded. They have

asked LPC to be a pilot for a Crowdfunding project, whereby SpE will pay the fees and match pound for pound any monies raised. All agreed that LPC should be a pilot for this project.

- ii. The maintenance works at the MUGA have been carried out.
- iii. The Clerk has contacted Playdale regarding the repairs needed at Church View.
- iv. A report of a problem with Ivy on the corner fence in Adamson Park has been received, with concerns that the fence could come down with the weight. It was agreed that the Clerk contact J P Garden Services to have it removed.

8.5 Allotments – K Woods had reported that 2 allotments had become vacant and as there was no-one on the waiting list, 2 residents who had been helping on other sites had taken over the plots.

8.6 Plants & Flowers – nothing to report.

8.7 Village Maintenance Issues

- i. Members had monitored the litter bin outside of the Village Shop – it was agreed to see what happens over the winter months. However, LPC does not have the power to install waste bins for commercial reasons as the responsibility lies with owners.
- ii. Members noted the reports of damage to various trees during the recent stormy weather. It was agreed to ask Town & Country Tree Surgeons to update the Tree Survey which was commissioned last year. In particular, the tree (No. 46) opposite the Whitegates entrance needs some maintenance – the Chairman agreed to speak to the tree surgeons.
- iii. The Clerk has been contacted by Johnnie Johnson housing regarding damage to a fence at 83 Drummonds Close. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Gunn in the first instance and Northumbria Fencing if needed.
- iv. Members considered an email received from a resident from Smallburn Road. A damaged tree was reported on the eastern side of the road and that an area of rough grass requires trimming. Members agreed to take a look at the tree when out in the area, as they believed that this tree was not on our land – maybe NCC/Prescott land.
- v. Members were asked to consider any potholes in the parish which need attention. The Chairman will ask TUC plant to look at the track along Back Lane as some potholes will need planings rather than tarmac.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.05 pm to allow parishioners to speak.

The meeting was informed that the contractors from St Helen's First School have requested to use the Village Hall car park to park-up vehicles.

Several posters which have been put up around the Village (e.g. NCC Local Plan consultation and holiday home advertisements) are now in need of being removed – the Clerk to ask Mr Gunn to remove.

No other issues were raised and the meeting recommenced at 8.10 pm

8.8 New Website

Nothing to add at this time.

8.9 Longhorsley Tree – The Clerk to write articles covering the availability of wood/logs on the Moor and to promote the allotments. Cllr Ford to write an article thanking the volunteers at the tree care events,

8.10 Donation Requests – None received.

9 Items Carried Forward

9.1 Housing Developments in the Village

- a) Reivers Gate/Wilding Place – the Chairman agreed to chase up the solicitors dealing with the “green-space” piece of land.
- b) South Road Development –The Chairman and Vice-Chair had attended a meeting with solicitors to discuss the design code element of the legal agreements as LPC had concerns that the current wording was not clear/specific enough. The architect gave examples of current designs. The wording to be included was agreed as “*generally, materially and substantially in compliance with the design code*”.
- c) East Road Development – ongoing.
- d) Kirkups Corner – progressing and the land has been advertised for sale including the relevant payment to PLC.

9.2 Neighbourhood Planning

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

- i. The LNP went to the relevant NCC committee for endorsement on 9th October, 2018.
- ii. Cllr Brannan has updated the Community Action Proposals and will circulate the document to members.

9.3 Village Green Issues – nothing to report.

9.4 Welcome Letters – Members noted that one letter had been issued to West Farm Cottage.

10. Other Agenda Items

10.1 Members considered the Clerk’s report updating the rebranding of the Community Award scheme. Several amendments were made and the Clerk agreed to bring the revised document to the November meeting for approval.

10.2 Members considered the proposal from Images-By-Hand to create a Parish Map - declined the offer.

11. Other Items for Information.

11.1 The Clerk had received a letter from CAN thanking members for the £20 donation. Members had also been issued with an invitation to attend the AGM.

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

12.1 Cllr Pringle highlighted the problem of the footpath off Smallburn Road to Muckley being completely overgrown – Cllr Ford agreed to contact the NCC Footpath officer.

12.2 Mole hills have been seen on the common land in front of Rest Harrow on the East Road – the Clerk was asked to contact Mr Smith.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Items for the next agenda to the Clerk by COB Sunday 4th November, 2018