

Longhorsley Parish Council Meeting – 16.01.19 – The Church Room – 7.00pm

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

County Cllr G Sanderson

Clerk G Turner

PC Teasdale

1 Parishioner

1. **Apologies for Absence** – W Gunn

2. **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th December, 2018 (which had been previously circulated) were approved, and duly signed.

3. **Declaration of Interests** – Cllr Ford - member of the Local History Society.

4. **Date of Next Meeting(s)** – It was agreed that the dates of the next meetings would be 20th February and 13th March, 2019.

5. **County Matters**

County Councillor G Sanderson gave the following update:

- NCC is now in the final stages of determining the 2019/20 budget and he believes that there will not be any impingement upon those front-line services under his control.
- A project of £9m has been established to provide new car parking spaces. Charges will be introduced in some tourist car parks to help fund the provision of new car parks/spaces.
- A new “Waste Strategy” hopes to re-introduce kerbside glass collection/recycling. A new food waste initiative is also a work-in-progress.
- The new “anti-littering” campaign has begun, with logo’s being placed on local petrol pumps.
- Funding from the Government has now been received in order to tackle road and bridge repairs, including road resurfacing projects and replacing cattle grids.
- The Local Transport Programme will be announced shortly, which will include more funding for local safety and road marking schemes. It is also hoped that the LTP will include new signage at the Old Church entrance, East Road surface dressing and a solution for pedestrians at Reivers Gate. Due to the narrowness of the A697, a pedestrian crossing/refuge area may not be possible therefore alternative initiatives are

to be looked at including dropped kerbs road markings. This together with the extension of the 30 mph zone northwards, should help to alleviate safety concerns.

- Advance Northumberland has now been established to replace ARCH.
- He will also look into repairing the potholes in the track behind Adamson Park.

Cllr Sanderson left the meeting at this point at 7.20 pm

6. Update from PC Andrea Teasdale

- Extra police patrols have taken place in order to deter poachers in the area.
- Scam telephone calls are still being reported – members of the public are urged not to respond or give out banking details.
- Several properties have had eggs thrown at them and details of any other such incidents should be reported.
- A meeting with Karbon Homes has taken place to discuss local issues and problem tenants.

PC Teasdale left the meeting at this point at 7.10 pm

7. Finance

7.1 Authorisation of Payments – Members considered and approved the Authorisation of Payments list to 16th January, 2019, totalling £940.64.

7.2 Budget 2019/20 – Members considered the 2019/20 budget papers. It was unanimously agreed to set an expenditure budget of £38,145 and a precept of £21,120. This represents a 3.4% increase in precept over the previous year. However, due to the increased tax-base for those new properties in the parish, residents will see only a 2.5% increase in the parish council tax payable.

8. Routine Items for Review

8.1a) Review of Planning Applications: - no applications have been considered since the last meeting.

b) Planning Decisions:- no decisions had been received since the last meeting.

c) Notice of the appeal re 18/00401 Cross Cottage was received. Cllr Brannan agreed to respond to NCC updating LPC's comments, including the letter sent to the applicant setting out the council's consistent approach to planning applications.

8.2 Moor Management Scheme

Cllr Pringle provided a verbal report which highlighted the following:

- i. Quite a lot of logs are still available at the trackside – the Clerk was asked to include an article in the next edition of the Tree.
- ii. The sheep are thriving on the Moor.

- iii. The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been issued to the owner of High Barns Farm re track issues.
- iv. * Cllr Ford informed members that the airfield plaque and plinth have now been installed with the unveiling ceremony planned for Tuesday 9th April, 2019 at 2pm.

**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 verbal report which highlighted the following:

- i. 200 new trees will be ordered in February for planting in March – as per the management agreement.
- ii. There are still reports of dog fouling in the woodland area.
- iii. The Chairman informed the meeting that the works to the overhanging trees, off the A697, will be carried out on 6th and 7th February by Town & Country Tree Surgeons and that NCC will carry out maintenance works to their tree at the junction entrance at the same time. Traffic Management solutions i.e. traffic lights will be operational on the A697 for 3 days with NCC agreeing to pay for the third day.

8.4 Village Play Areas – nothing to report.

8.5 Allotments – nothing to report.

8.6 Plants & Flowers – nothing to report.

8.7 Village Maintenance Issues

- a) The Clerk was asked to arrange for the dredging works at Archies Pond to be carried out during this financial year.
- b) The Clerk was asked to place tree maintenance works to the Sycamore tree in Adamson Park, which needs crowning and balancing, onto the list of future works to be undertaken.

8.8 New Website

Nothing to add at this time.

8.9 Longhorsley Tree – the Clerk was asked to write articles covering the traffic management controls on A697 whilst tree works were undertaken, logs available on the Moor, the promotion of the new Community Award, and MUGA funding.

8.10 Donation Requests – None received.

9 Items Carried Forward

9.1 Housing Developments in the Village

- a) Reivers Gate/Wilding Place – residents have reported problems with the Wilding Place sign – this should be reported to Cussins.
- b) South Road Development – members were informed that a sewer connection would be required at this area.
- c) East Road Development – ongoing.
- d) Kirkups Corner – ongoing.

9.2 Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Brannan informed the meeting that he is awaiting responses from organisations and the public resulting from recent articles he has written for the Tree. He is currently working on the Transport audit report.

9.3 Village Green Issues – ongoing.

9.4 **Welcome Letters** – a letter has been issued to the residents of West Moor Farm. A letter was requested to be sent out to the new residents of 31 Church View.

10. Other Agenda Items

10.1 Members considered the list of emails requirements, once the “.gov.uk” domain is in operation. Members supplied the Clerk with their personal email addresses so that all could be linked/redirected.

10.2 Members considered correspondence from NALC re the 2019 Royal Garden Party – no nominations were forthcoming.

10.3 Members considered correspondence from NALC re the Local Council of the Year Awards – members agreed that the Clerk submit entries based on MUGA funding initiatives and Environmental initiatives re using sheep on the Moor.

11. Other Items for Information.

The Clerk informed members that she had received the latest edition of the CPRE newsletter.

12. **Any Other Business (arising too late for inclusion on the Agenda) –** nothing received

13. **Exclusion of Press and Public 8.05 pm until 8.25 pm**

At this point of the meeting members passed the following Resolution:

“That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the agenda as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the schedule 12A in the 1972 Act as indicated below.”

- **Information relating to financial or business affairs – consideration of quotations from companies for the proposed MUGA Refurbishment.**

The Clerk had issued members with a spreadsheet containing the quotations which she had received from 6 companies, the summary of which is as follows:

Company	A	B	C	D	E	F
Quotation	No quote	£62,246.00	£56,505.60	£46,489.68	No quote	£35,727.40

After discussion, members unanimously agreed to select company F (Wicksteed) as their preferred contractor, adding £10k as a contingency re unidentified underground conditions.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.