

## **Longhorsley Parish Council Meeting – 10.04.19 – The Church Room – 7.00pm**

**Present** Cllrs: I Elliott (Chairman)  
P Brannan  
P Ford  
K Foreman  
D Pringle  
V Pagan

Clerk G Turner

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr. T Lowrie, County Cllr G Sanderson and PC Teasdale.
2. **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 (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 the 8<sup>th</sup> May for the Annual Parish Council meeting and 15<sup>th</sup> May for the Annual Assembly of the Parish meeting.

### 5. **County Matters**

Councillor Sanderson was not in attendance, however, Cllr Pringle raised the issue of a problem log situated in the ditch along the Smallburn Road. The log is in the stream, where the ford is, next to the drainage pipes, at the bottom of the Smallburn Road. The Clerk was asked to inform M King at NCC of its location.

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

In PC Teasdale's absence, the Clerk read out an email containing an update:

- Some charity bags, containing clothing and goods, which had been left outside properties for collection have been taken by unknown persons to the allotment area and opened. The unwanted items were then strewn all over the allotments. As a result, residents are asked to donate goods directly to a shop.
- Other issues have been reported in the allotment area and she suggested putting up CCTV cameras as a deterrent. Cllr Elliott agreed to speak to a local resident who deals with CCTV equipment to ask for advice. The CCTV system could also be used to survey the MUGA facility and Cllr Sanderson has already offered some additional funding for the MUGA area.
- Problems associated with poaching continue and the police hope to have a rural crime team in operation on a trial basis to look at this issue.
- Several cars have been reported going off the road due to the poor road conditions with sleet and ice and poor driving.

## **7. Finance**

**7.1 Authorisation of Payments** – Members considered and approved the Authorisation of Payments list to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019, totalling £6,659.07.

**7.2 Full Accounts 2018/19** – Members received and considered the Accounts and Transactions file to the end of the financial year, including petty cash and bank reconciliation documents to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019. The Clerk informed the meeting that all final account documents and transactions had been given to the Internal Auditor in readiness for the year-end audit of accounts.

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

**8.1a) Review of Planning Applications:** - 19/00703/FUL Construction of parking area to front of property including access off main road (A697) at Lyndhurst, South Road. Members made objections to the application based on design of footpath causing pedestrian associated issues. LPC believes that the views of NCC Highways as to the safety of the access, is key in making a decision on this application.

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

**c) Robson's Field Site** – members agreed to endorse the Clerks letter to the site owner.

## **8.2 Moor Management Scheme**

Cllr Pringle provided a verbal report which highlighted the following:

- i. There is still a surplus of wood available on site.
- ii. The ponies have escaped onto the larger area of the Moor. Arrangements have been put in place to padlock the area.
- iii. A recent heather burn has taken place with members of the Fire Rescue service and 2 tenders in attendance.
- iv. On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, the Airfield Memorial on the Moor was unveiled by the Mayor of Morpeth and 5 veteran aeroplanes undertook a fly-past in formation. 1,000 copies of the Moor Trail have been printed which include the siting of the new plaque.

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

Cllr Ford provided a verbal report which highlighted the following:

- i. 3 community tree planting events have been completed with 100 new trees being planted together with associated tree guards. 23 local school children also attended the wood to plant trees in a separate event. The students also made bug-hotels from the brash which had been removed to allow the planting to take place. It is anticipated that there will be a continuing core-group of volunteers of 7/8 people.
- ii. As the circumference of the site is 1 kilometre it has been suggested that a path, together with markers, could be introduced for fun/practice runs. Cllr Ford will look at the costs for outdoor trim trails and other equipment.

**8.4 Village Play Areas** – the Clerk informed members that she met with the representative from Wicksteed to discuss the refurbishment project. The works are due to commence on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April and the site will be closed for approximately 2 weeks. The court markings will include football, basketball, tennis and netball lines. Discussions will need to take place regarding the

management/letting of the site. It was agreed that CCTV would be a valuable deterrent at the site. Cllr Sanderson has indicated that he has some funding which he would like to give to the MUGA project and the CCTV installation could possibly be a sub-project. Cllr Elliott agreed to speak to a local resident for advice and also to see if this could be linked to cover the allotment area as mentioned in Minute 6 above.

**8.5 Allotments** – nothing to report.

**8.6 Plants & Flowers** – The Clerk confirmed that the 3 new planters will be delivered to Cllr Lowrie's premises at the beginning of May.

### **8.7 Village Maintenance Issues**

- a) The Chairman informed the meeting that he had confirmed that the picnic tables in Adamson Park were indeed self-weathering.
- b) It was also confirmed that the large tree in Adamson Park will undergo some maintenance in the next couple of weeks to include a crown clean and a re-balance.
- c) Cllr Ford informed the meeting that she had contacted the NCC footpaths officer about the Lonnen and who is responsible for the maintenance of the trees – awaiting his reply.
- d) The Clerk read an email she had received from a local resident complaining about the signage which has been recently placed around the Village. It was agreed that the following actions be undertaken:
  - i. The Clerk to email Forget-me-Not caravan park to ask them to remove their signs
  - ii. The Clerk to ask Mr Gunn to remove all signage except the local shop
  - iii. The Clerk to ascertain from NCC the legality of the yellow advertising signs directing people to the new housing estates (which are not in Longhorsley).

The Clerk was asked to put an article into the next edition of the tree advising prospective advertisers to make use of the Tree, Village Hall and local notice boards.

### **8.8 LPC Website**

Nothing to add at this time.

**8.9 Longhorsley Tree** – the Clerk was asked to write articles covering the Annual Assembly of the Parish, signage, the Community Award and the School Artwork project.

**8.10 Donation Requests** – Members agreed a grant of £100 to the NTC Touring Theatre Company.

## **9 Items Carried Forward**

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

- a) Reivers Gate/Wilding Place – Members agreed to the modified plans for the transfer of open space land from Cussins
- b) South Road Development – LPC had submitted its response within the extended response period. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Fire Rescue Service had objected to the application on the basis of the turning circles for fire vehicles not adhering to approved space guidelines. The Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group also highlighted capacity pressures on local GP surgeries and said that new infrastructure was required - £39,600 was sought as a S106 Agreement to provide additional medical equipment at local health centres.
- c) East Road Development – nothing to report.
- d) Kirkups Corner – nothing to report.
- e) Stephenson's Garage Planning Enforcement query – ongoing.

## **9.2 Neighbourhood Planning**

Cllr Brannan informed the meeting that he still had not had a response from NCC re the Conservation Area definition and associated resources. The Transport Flyer had been issued with the April edition of the Tree. The next Walking Group session will consider Public Rights of Way.

As this was Cllr Brannan's last meeting, all members present extended their thanks for his commitment and determination in getting the LNP to fruition and also for all of the hard work he had put into recent planning and other issues.

## **9.3 Village Green Issues – ongoing.**

## **9.4 Welcome Letters – letters were requested for numbers 11, 15 and 18 Reivers Gate.**

## **10. Other Agenda Items**

- 10.1 The Clerk informed members of the slow progress being made in getting a “.gov.uk domain”.
- 10.2 Members considered the nominations for the Longhorsley Community Award – 17 nominations had been received and the result will be announced at the Annual Assembly of the Parish meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- 10.3 Litter Bins School Artwork Project – members assessed the student's artwork and chose 3 images to go onto litter bins – the winners being announced at the Annual Assembly of the Parish on 15<sup>th</sup> May. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Gunn to assess the current bin numbers around the Village.
- 10.4 Bus Stop A1 – request from NCC for information. Members agreed that those comments submitted to the Clerk should be forwarded on to NCC.

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

- 11.1 The Clerk informed the meeting that the “No Parking” sign had been ordered from Spotty Dog Signage for the Old Churchyard.
- 11.2 The Clerk referred to recent correspondence from NCC re Event Recovery Charges – and all concluded that this did not affect LPC.

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

None

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.