

Longhorsley Parish Council Meeting – 13th April, 2022 in the Village Hall, at 7pm

Present: Cllrs:

K Bell
N Douglas (Vice-Chair)
A Hedman
A Peat
D Pringle

Clerk G Turner

3 Parishioners

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs P Ford (Chairman) and P Boyle, County Cllr G Sanderson and Police Representative.
2. **Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th March, 2022 (previously circulated) were approved and duly signed.
3. **Declaration of Interests** – Cllr Bell declared a permanent disclosable pecuniary interest in the East Road Development – ownership of land.
4. **Date of Next Meeting(s)** – It was agreed that the dates of the next meetings would be the Annual Parish Assembly on 4th May, the Parish Council Annual meeting on 11th May, and the Parish Council Meeting on 8th June - all meetings being held in the Village Hall.
5. **County Matters** – Cllr Sanderson was not in attendance.
6. **Update by PC Andrea Teasdale / PCSO Coulson** – nothing to report at this time.
7. **Finance**
 - 7.1 **Authorisation of Payments** – Members considered and approved the Authorisation of Payments list to 31st March, 2022, totalling £15,050.08.
 - 7.2 **Budget Monitoring** – Members approved the monitoring statements to the end of March, together with the account transactions for the year, petty cash documents and bank reconciliation to 31st March, 2022.

8. Routine Items for Review

8.1a) **Planning Decisions:**

21/04044/RETRES Change of use from retail to residential re Belmont, East Road – application PERMITTED by NCC.

21/01300/CLEXIS Application for a lawful development certificate for an existing use of site as residential for a rural worker and single storey dwelling – application PERMITTED by NCC.

8.1b) **Review of Planning Applications:**

22/01182/MISC The intention to apply for an exemption to operate as a 5-van site at the Lakes, South Linden Farm – no objections.

22/00974/FUL Construction of new oak framed porch to front of house at 17 Wilding Place – no objections.

Cllr Peat declared a personal interest in this application

22/0900/OUT Outline planning application for residential development of up to 5 dwellings at Land South West of Field Head House – the Clerk has submitted the agreed objections in line with the previous application for this site.

22/00853/TREECA Fell one Goat Willow at Dawn Cottage – no objections.

22/00748/FUL Two storey side, front and rear extension and porch at Velkommen, East Road – no objections

8.1c) The Chairman asked the Clerk to keep the following applications on the Agenda in order to ensure that they were not forgotten:

20/01242/FUL Belmont – change of use approved by NCC

21/01300/VARY Caravan Low Southward Edge

21/01561/FUL Westridges

8.1d) 21/02183/FUL Conversion of self-contained house to create additional 2-bedroom dwelling - 1/2 South Road – members noted that this application, which NCC refused, has now gone to Appeal.

8.2 **Moor Management Committee** – members received the draft minutes from the meeting of the Committee held on site on 6th April. Cllr Pringle informed the meeting that he had made contact with Northumbria Fencing and that the representative has walked the NW perimeter, adjacent to Smallburn Farm. 20 replacement posts are required together with some tightening of the wires – this work has now been placed on their schedule.

8.3 **The Old Church Wood (Barbara's Wood) – Cllr Ford gave the following update:**

i. Another session is scheduled for 14th April for the volunteers to undertake more work inside the Church.

8.4 **Play Areas**

i. Members received and noted Mr Paterson's monthly report.

- ii. The new token box at the MUGA appears to be working well. Cllrs Douglas and Boyle are looking at fixing a new backing board and protection for the token box during the summer.
 - iii. The Clerk has contacted Mr Moore, a trustee of Adamsons Park, and confirmed that no works have been scheduled to the Park at this time.
- 8.5 **Allotments** – The Clerk reported that she has issued tenancy documents for the vacant plot number 8 and is awaiting their return.
- 8.6 **Village Maintenance Review**
- i. Car Parking on Common – members agreed to look into the issue of sourcing a self-locking mechanism for the gate as it is often being left open. It was thought that the bar is too low for the cleat on the roadside.
 - ii. Archies Pond Project Update – Mr Paterson gave a verbal report including: the surfacing of the footpaths is now in situ. It is still to settle in places and once it has, he will revisit the site to compact down the surface. The decking arrived at the site, but no official notice of delivery was received so it was returned to the depot. Mr Paterson is to contact Marmax to ask for the decking to be redelivered. Additional drainage piping has been fitted at the site.
 - iii. Ash Dieback – no response has been received from NCC as yet.
 - iv. Tree Issues – Cllr Boyle attended the site of the fallen trees at Harelaw, where he found that none were presenting any hazards to the public. The Clerk was asked to schedule a visit of the Tree Surgeon to the area to see if they are in agreement. Cllr Douglas informed the meeting that Northern Powergrid had been looking at the trees in the Village with regard to power lines.
 - v. Members considered a request for a larger litter bin to be installed on the Common. A problem could be in the emptying of the bin i.e., getting a vehicle to the area. One solution would be to ask football users to make provision for their own rubbish. The Clerk will ask NCC representatives if they have noticed any problems with litter in the area. Cllr Boyle was tasked with speaking to the football teams.
- 8.7 **LPC Website** – nothing to report.
- 8.8 **Longhorsley Tree** – The next edition to include the Queen’s Jubilee Event including the recipe for the Queen’s Quiche, Archies Pond and planting trees.
- 8.9 **Donation Requests** – none received this month.
- 8.10 **Village Hall Committee** – the minutes of the meeting held in April will be distributed to members when received.

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

- i. Mr Foster raised several issues including the need for edging to be more sustainable at Archies Pond and also that the coping stones on the feature wall need to be securely cemented back in place. He also raised the issue of increased litter and debris on the Common. He and members felt that the football organisers need to tidy-up the field

after matches. Members thought that once the storage units are in situ that the nets and other items will be stored away.

- ii. Mr Alcock raised the issue of speeding and dangerous driving on the A697 at Wilding Place. He has witnessed a lorry going on the wrong side of the bollard in order to pass a slow-moving tractor. He believes that as the new developments come on board, the new houses will mean an increased volume of traffic, which will add to the problems. The Clerk agreed to write to Cllr Sanderson on this matter.

No other issues were raised and the meeting recommenced at 8.25 pm

9. Items Carried Forward

9.1 Housing Developments in the Village

- a) **South Road Development** – nothing to report at this time.
- b) **East Road Development** – the Clerk informed the meeting that the draft documents had been sent to our solicitor who forwarded them onto the vendors Agent for comments – so far nothing has been received.
- c) **Kirkup's Corner** – Following the site visit with the Planning Inspector, a decision is still awaited.

9.2 **Neighbourhood Planning** – nothing to report at this time.

9.3 **Village Green Issues** – the Clerk will chase-up this item and escalate the issue to Cllr Sanderson.

9.4 **Welcome Letters** – none issued this month.

10. Other Agenda Items

10.1 Email from the Green Lane Association re “off-roading” – members noted their comments.

10.2 Community Award – members received the nominations and in line with current practice, the person/persons with the most nominations were endorsed as the winner. The award, certificate and bubbly, will be presented at the Annual Assembly on 4th May to Jan Chisholm and Tanya McCurly, jointly, for their outstanding work, helping and supporting the community during and following Storm Arwen.

10.3 Queen's Jubilee – the Clerk informed the meeting that there was still no news about the grant she had submitted for £500 funding to NCC. The lighting of the Beacon will take place at 9.45pm on Thursday 2nd of June. Cllr Pringle will investigate the use of a sound system for the event so that traditional music, such as the last night of the Proms, can be played.

11. Other Items for Information: none

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

- 12.1 The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received an email from a resident requesting that a footpath be created to link the Moor to the Village, using a gravel path along the Westbound verge of the A697. By moving the Northern footpath exit from the side of the Moor to the most Northern point, as opposed to straight out along the A697, would add the opportunity for walkers to visit the Moor without having to drive or park-up. This would also allow walkers to link in with the Bridle path running from Whemley Burn towards Fieldhead. Members agreed to revisit this proposal as and when funds become available.
- 12.2 An email has been received from a local resident complaining about cars parking on the pavement opposite the local shop. Members considered this issue in detail and agreed that the Clerk should contact our police representative so that she can make enquiries/follow-up.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm