

## Longhorsley Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

**Present** Cllrs: P Boyle  
N Douglas (Chairman)  
A Peat  
T Potts

County Cllr Sanderson (7.05pm to 7.30pm)

Clerk S Doyle

1 member of Northumbria Police was in attendance – Sgt Les Robson (7.00 to 7.11pm)

**CO8/1** **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr S Alcock, Cllr K Bell, Cllr J Parker and K Woods.

**CO8/2** **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 (which had been previously circulated) were approved, and duly signed.

**CO8/3** **Declaration of Interests for items on the Agenda**  
None tendered.

**CO8/4** **Date of Next Meeting(s)** – It was agreed that the dates of the next Parish Council meetings will be 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

The agenda items swapped for the next 2 reports as Sgt Robson was in attendance at the meeting before County Cllr Sanderson.

**CO8/6** **Update on behalf of Northumbria Police** – Members received and noted the Police Report dated 2<sup>nd</sup> January and Sgt Les Robson gave a synopsis of the report in person;

- i. As per the report, the Village and locality has been quiet in terms of incidents.
- ii. Members wanted to know why items had not been appearing on the reports when they had knowledge of incidents taking place, Sgt Robson explained that the officers that had been writing the reports at the time were mindful of any GDPR breaches and rather than have any breaches they omitted the incidents from the report.
- iii. Cllr. Peat asked about the Village Hall break in in particular and asked for an update on the incident. Sgt Robson told members he would find out what he could on his return to work and share with the Clerk for circulation to members.
- iv. Discussions around the Speed Camera van took place and Sgt Robson confirmed to members that the vans are deployed all over the area and can't stay in 1 location for a whole day.
- v. Sgt Robson confirmed he would look at the meeting dates and send the Clerk an email to advise members if an officer can be present at any future meetings.

Sgt. Robson left the meeting at this point – 7.11pm.

**CO8/5****County Matters** – County Cllr Sanderson gave the following updates;

- i. The Traffic Speed Van had been in the Village and it was hoped that it was successful in its purpose.
- ii. Government funding has been reduced overall.
- iii. The local Snow & Ice teams have been very busy during the cold weather spell, they have managed to keep all roads open.
- iv. Cllr Sanderson asked the Clerk to check the situation regarding correspondence to Gary Mills and the junction works at the Cemetery entrance.
- v. Members asked Cllr Sanderson the status of the proposed development at South Road. He will speak with the developer and suggest they come to the next Parish Council Meeting. The Clerk was asked to email the next 2 meeting dates to Cllr Sanderson.
- vi. Cllr Peat brought the issue of the Village Hall roof to the attention of Cllr Sanderson. Unfortunately County Council cannot assist with a roof repair, however, there may be some financial assistance available that can be put towards the cost of a full structural survey of the building to assist in long term planning and decision making for major work to the building. The Chair of the Village Hall Committee will source quotes for this.
- vii. Further to communications regarding Fieldhead and the speed of vehicles on the road, Cllr Sanderson confirmed discussions had taken place but no details could be given to the Parish Council at the moment.

Cllr Sanderson left the meeting at this point – 7.30pm.

**CO8/7****Finance**

- 7.1 **Authorisation of Payments** – Members considered and approved the Authorisation of Payments list for January 2025, totalling £7,952.75.
- 7.2 **Budget Monitoring** - Members approved the monitoring statements to the end of December, together with the account transactions for the year, petty cash documents and bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.
- 7.3 **CCTV Upgrade.**  
Cllr Boyle informed members that the work will commence in the Spring time.
- 7.4 **Budget 2025/26**  
Members considered the 2025/26 budget papers. It was unanimously agreed to set an expenditure budget of £51,860 and a precept of £34,950. This represents a 3% increase in precept over the previous year or £2.22 per annum per Band D property.

**CO8/8****Routine Items for Review**

- 8.1a) **Review of Planning Decisions** – None

### 8.1b) **Review of Planning Applications –**

- Ref. No: 24/04222/FUL - Removal of late 20th century flat roof conversion and replacement with 4 new smaller dormers, with 3 facing North and 1 facing South within new roof structure and existing footprint. Removal of old coal store and old tank from East side. New ground floor extension addition to living room incorporating new orangery and increased living room space. New and replacement windows and doors throughout at The Moorings Longhorsley Morpeth Northumberland NE65 8UX – LPC had no objections
- Ref. No: 24/04229/NONMAT - Non-material Amendment pursuant to planning permission 19/00790/REM to allow for alterations to the approved layout, housetypes and materials at Land South East Of The Shoulder Of Mutton South Road Longhorsley Northumberland – LPC had no objections
- Ref. No: 24/02293/FUL - Change of use of land for proposed access plus two parking bays for existing dwelling at The Croft Linden Hill Head Farm Longhorsley Morpeth Northumberland NE65 8RB – LPC had no objections

8.1c) The following applications are to be kept on the Agenda in order to ensure that they are not forgotten - **None at this time.**

### 8.2 **Moor Management Committee –** Cllr Pott's gave the following update:

- i. George Dodds has confirmed some day time Thursday dates for the meeting with NE, the Clerk to contact NE to see if the dates are suitable.
- ii. The Livestock were counted and reported as 27 sheep plus 1 sheep from another farm and all 5 ponies, looking healthy visible on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.
- iii. At the next Moor Committee, the discussion around contractors will be on the agenda following the sad passing of Tim Voyce.
- iv. Dates for Moor Committee meetings are:
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - August 6<sup>th</sup>
  - October 1<sup>st</sup>

### 8.3 **The Old Church Wood – report by Cllr Alcock**

- i. There is no further information on the proposal to form a “Friends” group, ongoing.
- ii. A volunteer working group will be arranged to check the hedges around the perimeter towards the end of January. Further details will follow.

### 8.4 **Play Areas**

- i. Members considered and noted the report supplied by Mr Paterson

- ii. The Clerk will contact Town & Country to arrange a meeting with Cllr Boyle to view and assess overhanging trees at the Muga and the fallen tree at Archies Pond.

#### 8.5 **Allotments**

- i. Nothing to report at this time.

#### 8.6 **Village Maintenance Issues**

- i. The Clerk to submit an application to the Windfarm to ask for funding for matting on Village Green for car parking. If no funding available then then this project will be deferred until funding is available.
- ii. Mr Woods was not in attendance to talk about taking over duties re grounds maintenance but Cllr. Boyle will speak with him. Before the next meeting the Clerk will do some research for local contractors and prices for Ad-hoc work.
- iii. See item 8.4 ii with regards to the fallen tree at Archies Pond.

8.7 **Website** – The Clerk to amend the contact details on the website.

#### 8.8 **Longhorsley Tree**

The Clerk was asked to write articles covering the cancellation of the New Year Beacon event due to bad weather but making parishioners aware of the upcoming VE day beacon lighting. The recent email regarding cycling to be sent to Jan and Sheena and also a find farewell to Gillian and a welcome to the new Parish Clerk. The final article to report on the speed van in the village and the hope of a regular van to reduce frequent speeding.

8.9 **Donation Requests:** - none received.

#### 8.10 **Village Hall Committee – report by Cllr Peat**

- There has not been a committee meeting held since the last one on 3<sup>rd</sup> December
- The Secretary and the Chair of the Village Hall committee are aware of the response from Karbon Homes with Lease details and the confirmed lease expiry date.
- The events during 2024 have taken an increased amount of monies compared to those held in 2023.

#### **CO8/9 Items Carried Forward**

##### 9.1 **Housing Developments and Planning Matters in the Village**

- a) South Road Development – nothing to report at this time.

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

9.3 **Village Green** – on-going.

9.4 **Welcome Letters** - the Clerk issued a letter to 44 Church View and was asked to issue a letter to No. 4. South Lonning Head, South Road.

**CO8/10 Other Agenda Items**

10.1 **The Common – Longhorsley Football Club**, there is a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 to discuss the MoU.

**CO8/11 Other Items for Information** – nothing to report at this time.

**CO8/12 Any Other Business (arising too late for inclusion on the agenda) –**

12.1 Cllr Boyle to arrange with Hilltop Farm the disposal of the Christmas Tree, the tree is down and chopped to manageable sections to ease disposal.

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm