

Longhorsley Parish Council Meeting 9th April, 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present Cllrs: P Boyle
N Douglas (Chairman)
A Peat
K Bell
J Parker
S Alcock

Clerk S Doyle

CO11/1 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr T Potts and K Woods.

CO11/2 **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th March, 2025 (which had been previously circulated) were approved, and duly signed.

CO11/3 **Declaration of Interests for items on the Agenda**
None tendered.

CO11/4 **Date of Next Meeting(s)** – It was agreed that the dates of the next Parish Council meetings will be 14th May followed by the Annual Parish Assembly on 28th May 2025 and 11th June.

CO11/5 **County Matters** – County Cllr Sanderson was not in attendance.

CO11/6 **Update on behalf of Northumbria Police** – Members received and noted the Police Report dated 1st April.

CO11/7 **Finance**

7.1 **Authorisation of Payments** – Members considered and approved the Authorisation of Payments list for March 2025, totalling £1,905.93.

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, 2025.

7.3 **CCTV Upgrade.**

Cllr Boyle informed members that a quote has been requested for galvanised posts and an update will be presented at the next meeting.

7.4 **Final Accounts 2024/2025** - Members considered and approved the following documents for the 24/25 financial year

i. Asset Register.

The internal auditor has confirmed that there is no depreciation of the assets.

CO11/8 Routine Items for Review

8.1a) **Review of Planning Decisions –**

- **Non-material amendment pursuant to planning permission 19/00790/REM to allow for the provision of visitor parking bays within the development**
Land South East Of The Shoulder Of Mutton South Road Longhorsley
Northumberland
Ref. No: 25/00644/NONMAT | Received: Fri 21 Feb 2025 | Validated: Fri 21 Feb 2025 | **Status: Permitted**
- **Discharge of Conditions 3 (Historic Building Record), 4 (Partial Demolition Works), 5 (Remedial Works) and 6 (Ecology) pursuant to planning permission 24/01164/LBC**
Linden Hall Linden Hall Lodge Drive Longhorsley Northumberland NE65 8XF
Ref. No: 25/00274/DISCON | Received: Fri 24 Jan 2025 | Validated: Fri 24 Jan 2025 | **Status: Permitted**
- **Change of use of land for proposed access plus two parking bays for existing dwelling**
The Croft Linden Hill Head Farm Longhorsley Morpeth Northumberland NE65 8RB
Ref. No: 24/02293/FUL | Received: Thu 04 Jul 2024 | Validated: Wed 11 Dec 2024 | **Status: Refused**
- **25/00484/DISCON|Discharge of Conditions 8a (Contamination of Land), 9 (Verification Report), 10 (Method Statement) and 11 (Landscaping) on approved application 24/01080/FUL|Land South West Of Field Head House Longhorsley Northumberland**
Partial Consent/Partial Refusal

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

- Ref. No: **25/01163/FUL|Construction of new dormer windows to front of dwelling|Lyndhurst South Road Longhorsley Northumberland NE65 8UW –**
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**

- i. The draft Minutes of the site visit held on 2nd April were noted and received.
- ii. On 8th April 26 sheep plus the interloper sheep were counted along with 5 ponies. All looking healthy.
- iii. Fencing quotes to be sought for the test areas
- iv. Clerk to contact NCC with regard to financial assistance for the kissing gates.
- v. Clerk to contact Land Agents for quotations for Ad-Hoc services.

8.3 The Old Church Wood – report by Cllr Alcock

- i. The first meeting took place for the Friends of Longhorsley Green Spaces, draft minutes were noted and received.
- ii. Clerk to check the insurance policy for volunteer work.
- iii. Draft constitution to be passed to the Parish Council once completed.

8.4 Play Areas

- i. Members considered and noted the report supplied by Mr Paterson
- ii. A quote has been sought at a value of £7,987 for replacement fencing all round the Adamson Park play area. This is for a 4ft fence and includes a gate. Clerk to write to trustees of the land around the park to establish if they are current trustees and to seek confirmation of installing the new fence which is urgent due to its current condition.

8.5 Allotments

- i. 1 allotment holder is yet to pay. Clerk has emailed the allotment holder. Cllr Boyle will liaise with the holder and report back to the next meeting.

8.6 Village Maintenance Issues

- i. The application to the Windfarm to ask for funding for matting on Village Green for car parking will be submitted during May. Cllr. Boyle will source another quotation for comparisons and ask the current quote to requote with up to date prices. If no funding available then then this project will be deferred until funding is available.
- ii. The land ownership of the pot hole area needs to be ascertained, the Clerk will send Cllr. Boyle the Land Registry title plan that the Parish has and Cllr Boyle will seek to ascertain the correct ownership of the land.
- iii. Shrubbery clearance has been completed at the side of the path from Church View to the Village Hall. Mr Woods will do the East side of the allotments but in the interim a list of works will be compiled and given to Kevin Hardy who has agreed to step in for the short term with village maintenance. Members accepted the quote for the interim grass cutting and Cllr Boyle will liaise with Mr Hardy so that work can commence.
- iv. The Speed sign at north end of the village remains out of action, clerk to investigate who supplied the battery last time and reorder.

8.7 Website – nothing new to add at this time.

8.8 Longhorsley Tree

The Clerk was asked to write articles covering The VE Day arrangements, the Friends of Longhorsley Green Spaces first meeting and a reminder for the Parish Assembly in May.

8.9 Donation Requests: - none received.

8.10 **Village Hall Committee** – Cllr Peat gave the following update from the last Committee meeting held on 2nd April 2025:

- Ownership of the Village Hall, AP informed the committee that the Parish Council will contact Karbon Homes to ask about purchasing the freehold or extending the lease.
- The Village Hall roof, 2 quotes have been received to strengthen the roof. Both builders had been recommended by Simon Brent. Fiona Knox has been informed there will be a temporary hold on the PV Project. The Structural Survey of the Village Hall has highlighted along with the weak roof there were other issues possible woodworm, inadequate wall ties. The chair is to meet with Simon Brent to discuss the reports conclusions.
- It was agreed an extraordinary meeting would be arranged between members of the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee to discuss the outcomes of structural survey and the way forward.
- The social events reported; the Flower Arranging Demonstration had 42 booked, the money raised would go into the general fund it would not be ring fenced. A Bingo event has been arranged for 22 April.
- Information regarding the money raised so far for the boiler has been reported in The Tree.
- The Treasurer reported the current balance is £22,589 this includes £2,491 in restricted funds for the boiler. The recent outgoings included £1,169 for the insurance and £658 for the oil. We are paying£120 every 2 months for Pest Control, it was agreed this is expensive and the service would be terminated. We had received 2 £100 donations from parishioners.
- All policies on the Website will be reviewed.

CO11/9 Items Carried Forward

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

South Road Development – Chair and Vice Chair are due to meet a representative of Ascent homes on site early May. A request for a public meeting will be made at that meeting.

9.2 **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr. Parker is making good progress with work on-going and hopes to share with the Council in due course.

9.3 **Village Green** – on-going.

9.4 **Welcome Letters** – none at this time.

CO11/10 Other Agenda Items

10.1 **The Common – Longhorsley Football Club**, nothing to report at this time.

10.2 **Revised dated for MP to meet Parish Council**, we are still waiting for a response back from the MP with confirmation that he can attend the Parish Council Meeting on 10th September 25 whilst Parliament are in the recess period.

- 10.3 **VE day 80th anniversary**, the new VE Day Flag will be raised at 9am and the Beacon will be lit at 9.15pm.
- 10.4 **Old Church Junction**, No response has been received from the email regarding the road number error. Clerk will resend the email.
- 10.5 **Community Awards 2024** – Members considered the nominations. It was agreed that there is 1 winner this year and the Clerk will invite the winner to the Annual Assembly.

CO11/11 Other Items for Information –

- 11.1 None at this time

CO11/12 Any Other Business (arising too late for inclusion on the agenda) –

- 12.1 PCC are discussing purchasing some of the land to the South Side the Cemetery. The Clerk will write to land agents to ask for quotations for ad hoc services as this will be required to price the land.
- 12.2 The junction of East Road mirror has been removed and parishioners have made requests to have this back. The Clerk will email Highways and request a placement.
- 12.3 A Thank You card has been received from the school where one of our parishioners works, the school were given lengths of ash trunk to use in the school's outdoor learning area

The meeting closed at 10.10pm