

LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LONGTON LIBRARY ON 1ST DECEMBER 2009

PRESENT:

Councillors Gooch (Chairman), Artis, Fox, McLoughlin, Cunningham, Holmes, Welch, Underwood, Crighton, Kershaw & Worthington

3 members of the public were present.

106/09 APOLOGIES

Cllr Wignall

107/09 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 3rd November 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

108/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Holmes declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning applications 2009/0614 & 2009/0626 since he owned the property referred to in application 0614 and was on the Committee of Longton Community Church who owned the property referred to in application 0626. He left the room during the discussion of these items and did not take part in the debate or voting thereon.

109/09 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

It was announced that a community governor position was vacant at Longton Primary School. Applications from members or the public should be sent direct to the school.

2 residents made representation concerning planning application 2009/0661. They explained that the property referred to had already been converted without the need for planning permission to a multi occupancy use by creating 6 residential units. The present application was for a change of use to allow conversion of the private garage into a further 2 living units. They felt that development of this nature was inappropriate to the area causing adverse affects to the amenity of existing residents due to the multi occupancy nature of one building and set a dangerous precedent for potential future development of this nature. It was also suggested that a licence was required in view of the overall number of units which might become available should planning permission be granted.

Mention was made of outstanding highway items in Longton village centre relating to the rationalisation of waiting restrictions and yellow lining. LCC are now looking at these and other local issues and intend to come to the Parish Council with proposals next year.

Pot holes, dirty and damaged traffic signs, damaged street furniture etc are an ongoing issues generally. It has been intimated that whilst initial reports must be sent to LCC Highways Dept for action any complaints regarding the lack of action will in future need to be directed through the Area Committee.

Some work has commenced on the Longton pedestrian crossing which was originally intended to have been completed before the year end.

It was mentioned that 106 monies were available from both The Maltings Longton and Hugh Barn Lane New Longton developments. SRBC have stated that the Area Committee will deal with the funds and allocation of works. Members were asked to consider and advise the clerk of suggestions for the use of these monies in this area so that they might be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting and forwarded to the Area Committee for consideration.

The meeting was then re-convened.

110/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2009/0614 – 2 storey extension to side @ 9 Eastfield Drive Longton

2009/0622 – 1st floor extension to rear and single storey extension to rear together with dormer to front of existing garage @ 42 Station Rd New Longton

2009/0625 – Conservatory to side @ Rosedale Gill Lane Longton

2009/0626 – Dormers to front and rear @ 36 Landsmoor Drive Longton

2009/0631 – Barn extension to accommodate residential barn conversion with agricultural/packing space and a domestic double garage with study @ Willow Farm Sod Hall Lane New Longton

2009/0630 – Discharge of conditions 1 to 11 of permission 2008/0148 @ 117 Liverpool Rd Longton

2009/0633 – Single storey extension to rear following demolition of the existing conservatory, first floor extension to the rear, formation of a balcony to rear and erection of porch to front @ Allendale Six Acre Lane Longton.

2009/0621 – Single storey extension to western elevation @ New Longton Village Hall New Longton

2009/0661 – Change of use from existing detached garage to form two separate living accommodations @ 201 Chapel Lane Longton

It was resolved that representation should be made as follows:

2009/0661 – That this Council support resident concerns with regard to this development on the grounds that the proposals in conjunction with previous works is creating a multi occupancy situation which adversely affects local amenity and would if granted set an inappropriate precedent for future development. It was further resolved that the issue of an appropriate licence for multi occupancy should be mentioned.

2009/0621 – That this Council object to the proposed development since permission has not been obtained from the Parish Council as landowners and that the applicant should be requested to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the proposals before any further progress is made with the application.

111/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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001030	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses November 2009	534.75
001031	Graham Gooch	Chairman's Allowance	40.00
LENGTHSMAN PAYMENTS			
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It was resolved that the above payments should be approved.

112/09 WITHDRAWAL OF BUS SERVICE 2A BY STAGECOACH

Members received an update concerning the withdrawal of bus service 2A by Stagecoach and the results of a meeting held between the Parish Council, LCC and SRBC & a representative from Davis Borrow MP's office which had resulted in an extension to the replacement 3B service so that a link between New Longton and Longton could be re-instated on an hourly basis.

It was resolved that this Council welcome the proposals for the re-instatement of the bus link between Longton and New Longton all be it with some reservations concerning the bus timetable and that this Council would monitor from resident feedback over the coming months the effects of the new route.

113/09 SLCC

Members had been asked to consider and approve payments to SLCC in respect of the Clerk's annual subscription and attendance at the Practitioner's Conference and Regional Conference at an estimated cost of £150.00 being a third share of the total cost divided amongst the three Councils for whom he works.

It was resolved that the payments detailed above should be approved.

114/09 BOUNDARY CLOSE WAITING RESTRICTION PROPOSAL

Members had been asked to consider a proposal to introduce waiting restrictions on one side of Boundary Close as detailed on the notice which had been circulated with the agenda.

It was resolved that this Council were in favour of the proposals however it also felt that the waiting restrictions should be extended to the junction with Chapel Lane rather than finishing 20 yards there from.

Chairman