

LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT NEW
LONGTON VILLAGE HALL ON 3RD FEBRUARY 2009**

PRESENT:

Councillors Gooch (Chairman) Artis, Underwood, Cunningham, McLoughlin, Crighton, Kershaw and Wignall

2 member of the public were present.

11/09 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Rainsbury, Worthington & Fox

12/09 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 13th January 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

13/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

14/09 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

It was mentioned that there had recently been a number of power cuts in the Longton area. Enquiries had been made by the Clerk and it has been established that these were due to faults associated with the high voltage switch gear in Penwortham. Repairs had been tried however equipment replacement is necessary. It had been indicated that when this was done re-routing would take place so that the Longton area would not be affected. Note was made that a further cut had taken place on the evening of this meeting. The Clerk is to try to establish why this further break in service has occurred.

It was noted that pot holes in Marsh Lane which had been mentioned in the past had now been repaired.

The meeting was then re-convened.

15/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2008/0900 – Erection of free standing canopy to provide a smoking shelter @ New Longton Bowling Club PR4 4JL

2008/0903 – Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension @ 5 Royalty Avenue New Longton PR4 4JN

2008/ 0911 – Single storey extension to side and first floor extension to rear & extension to front of existing garage @ 222 Chapel Lane Longton PR4 4AE

2008/0922 – Single storey extension to side and rear @ 9 The Coppice Longton PR4 5HQ

2009/0006 – Prior notification of a 12 metre high telegraph pole style communication installation with 3 antennae and ancillary equipment @ BT Telephone Exchange Liverpool Rd Longton PR4 5AU (Plans will be at the meeting and a letter from the developer in response to the initial observations of this Council is enclosed)

2009/0024 – Single storey extension to replace existing conservatory @ 28 Hugh Barn Lane New Longton PR4 4XA

2009/0028 – Single storey extension to front side and rear together with erection of car port to side @ 26 Sheephill Lane New Longton PR4 4ZN

It was resolved that no representation should be made with regard to the above applications.

16/09 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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000992	W V McWhittle	Salary and Expenses January 2009	494.00
000993	Andrew Worthington	Sponsorship of Longton on Line	95.00
000994	SLCC	Practitioners Conference 2009	218.50
000995	Longton Fete Committee	Donation to Costs LGA 1972 S137	500.00
LENGTHSMAN PAYMENTS			
000153	P Heise	Lengthsman wks 43-45	828.00

It was resolved that the above payments should be approved.

17/09 ON DEMAND TAXI SERVICE TO CHORLEY HOSPITAL

Members had been asked to consider whether this Council should make any representation concerning the potential withdrawal of the on demand taxi service to Chorley hospital which having been advised is likely to be withdrawn due to the lack of usage and hence excessive cost.

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

18/09 FLOODING IN THE WESTERN PARISHES

It was resolved that the report which had previously been circulated following a presentation at the last Western Parishes Area Committee concerning flooding in the area should be noted.

19/09 WEB SITE

Members had been asked to consider a report which had previously been circulated concerning the potential to establish an individual Longton Parish Council web site linked through the community web facilities provided by Preston City Council. Members also took into account references in the report to the Hutton Parish Council site which had been set up at an initial cost of £500.00 and considered the implications of setting up a similar site

It was resolved that this Council should:

- **Set up a site in the same way that Hutton had done accepting an initial set up cost of approx £500.00 or thereabouts**
- **Purchase the domain name 'longtonparishcouncil.org' as its first choice or 'longtonparishcouncil.co.uk' if the first choice was unavailable**
- **Increase the Clerk's working hours from 13 to 14 per week to cover the initial population and ongoing maintenance of the site**

20/09 LENGTHSMAN'S CONTRACT

It was resolved that the lengthsman's contract for 2009/10 should be approved on the same basis as last year apart from the hourly rate of pay which would be increased to £12.00 per hour (last year £11.50) and that the Chairman and Clerk should sign the said contract on behalf of this Council.