

LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LONGTON

LIBRARY ON 7TH JULY 2009

PRESENT:

Councillors Gooch (Chairman), Artis, Underwood, Fox, McLoughlin, Wignall, Cunningham, Kershaw & Welch. Cllr Crighton arrived after the meeting had commenced

14 members of the public were present.

61/09 APOLOGIES

Cllr Worthington

62/09 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 2nd June 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

63/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Gooch declared a personal and prejudicial interest relating to planning application 2009/0300 relating to alterations at Longton County Junior School since he is a Governor of the school. He left the room during the debate and vote on this item. Cllr Artis as Vice Chairman presided during Council discussion on this item.

Cllr Fox declared a personal and prejudicial interest relating to planning applications 2009/0079 and 2009/0328 since both applications related to developments within close proximity to her own property. She left the room during the debate and vote on these items however she did elect to make representation to the Council under paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct during public participation.

64/09 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

Several residents expressed concern with regard to the area of Liverpool Rd in the proximity of Blackhurst Court where it was suggested that action needed to be taken with regard to speeding traffic by introducing 'rumble strips' as a traffic calming measure. Concern was expressed that a 'dropped kerb' on one side of the road did not have the equivalent on the other side (Chris Hodgson @ LCC Environment Directorate had been to look but nothing had been done). Concern was also expressed at the level of overgrown vegetation which was obstructing the pavement. It was also suggested that the area around the library should be tidied, vegetation cut back and the area generally made more attractive perhaps with the introduction of seating and additional attractive planting. The Clerk is to contact the appropriate authorities to bring these matters of concern to their attention advising County Councillor Young at the same time.

A general enquiry concerning the use of the Children's Centre proposed at Longton Primary School was responded to by the Chairman who is a governor of the school and mention was made that whilst pot holes on the road generally get repaired the surface dressing on many roads is considered inadequate where it has worn away and whilst not necessarily dangerous to cars cycle riders can have problems. Overgrown hedges are prevalent in some other areas besides Liverpool Rd. The landowner of the adjacent land is responsible for the maintenance of hedges however issues should be brought to the attention of LCC Highways for action where vegetation is obstructing the pavement since LCC are the enforcement authority.

The meeting was then re-convened.

65/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2009/0079 – Erection of 7 detached dwelling houses at 36 The Maltings Longton PR4 5ZS. (Amended plans had been submitted – these included an ecological survey requested by this Council at a previous meeting and the extension of a garden on one of the plots – the existing comments/objections made by this Council had been carried forward to this amended application)

2009/0254 – Erection of stable, hay store, tack room and 2 stables @ Willow Barn Gill Lane Longton PR4 4ST.

2009/0297 – Change of use from stock paddock to sand paddock for domestic use @ land to rear of 3 Marsh Lane Longton PR4 5LALongton PR4 5YJ.

2009/0300 – Extension and alteration to primary school buildings to form new children’s centre including 6 additional car parking spaces @ Longton County Junior School Lane Longton PR4 5YA (LCC application)

2009/0303 – Formation of pitched roof to existing flat roof dormers to front and rear roof slopes @ 15 Hollings New Longton PR4 4XS

2009/0306 – Single storey extension (side & rear) St Oswald’s School Chapel Lane Longton PR4 5FB

2009/0313 – Entrance porch and bay window to front @ 9 Balmoral Road New Longton PR4 4JJ

2009/0328 – First floor extension to side and rear over existing @ 37 Dale Ave Longton PR4 5YJ

2009/0361 – Change of use of dwellings from residential to use as a day nursery and formation of 10 car parking spaces @ 252-254 Chapel Lane New Longton PR4 4AB

It was resolved that no representation should be made in respect of the above applications except for the following for which objections/observations should be submitted as follows:

2009/0079 – That this Council continues to object to this application as defined in its previous comments and wishes to add further their concern that the ecological survey now produced does not appear to deal with the issue of roosting bats at 36 The Maltings itself and states that the pond contains no fish which is considered to be incorrect.

2009/0328 – That this Council objects to this application due to the extreme size and height of the proposed extension which will cause overshadowing and loss of privacy to neighboring properties contrary to policy QD2 of the local plan.

66/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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001015	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses June 2009	536.19
001016	A McEnnerney - Whittle	Delivery of Newsletters	130.00
001017	L Crighton	Delivery of Newsletters	170.00
001018	Inland Revenue	Tax/NI 1 st Quarter	497.69
LENGTHSMAN PAYMENTS			
000157	P Heise	Lengthsman	1207.79

It was resolved that the above payments should be approved.

67/09 DAMAGE TO SCHOOL LANE PLAYGROUND

It was noted that the playground which had suffered damage through vandalism had now been repaired and that the Parish Council are fully supportive of police actions to apprehend the culprits and whilst no specific proposal was put forward the Council would always look to assist wherever possible. The Parish Council will send a letter to SRBC thanking them for undertaking the repairs so quickly.

68/09 LALC AGM 7TH NOVEMBER 2009

It was resolved that Cllrs Underwood and Artis would attend the above event as the ‘voting’ representatives for this Council. No formal resolutions were proposed.

Chairman