

LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LONGTON LIBRARY ON 6TH OCTOBER 2009

PRESENT:

Councillors Gooch (Chairman), Artis, Fox, McLoughlin, Cunningham, Wignall, Worthington, Underwood & Crighton.

15 members of the public were present.

80/09 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Kershaw, Holmes and Welch

81/09 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 1st September 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

82/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Fox declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following planning applications and did not take part in the debate or voting thereon however she elected to make representation during public participation under the Code of Conduct Para 12(2)

2009/0521 – On the basis that she had predetermined her position as an objector to this development

2009/0542 – On the basis of her living in close proximity to the development

83/09 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

A representative from Villages in Partnership gave a short presentation concerning their organisation and particularly the help that was available from them with regard to the Digital Switchover Help Scheme. Leaflets were handed to members for their further information.

It was mentioned that the local arrangements had seemingly been breached with regard to the felling and cutting back of some trees covered by TPO's. The Clerk had already written to SRBC asking why felling and pruning took place without reference to the Parish Council as locally agreed. It is understood that a failure in communication took place within SRBC in that new members of staff had not been made aware of the local arrangement.

Several residents raised objections/concerns with regard to planning application 2009/0521 and requested that the Parish Council make representation against the development concerning:

- Road Safety issues particularly for vulnerable road users as a result of increased traffic on an already congested road since it would increase the potential for accidents particularly at the access to the proposed development which is located on a bend and which it was suggested should be considered as part of a full transport assessment survey prior to determination.
- The design being out of keeping with the area allied to the location of the proposed development which would adversely affect neighbourhood amenity due to its size and dominant position and the potential for increased flooding as a result of further extending the built up area.
- The lack of the identification of resident bats in the dwelling proposed for demolition which should now be investigated prior to determination
- That the tree felling program should be independently verified prior to determination.
- That the pressure on locals utilities should be investigated and the capacity confirmed prior to determination
- That conditions should be applied with regard to access times for contractors vehicles should permission be forthcoming

The meeting was then re-convened.

84/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2009/0473 – Formation of sloping roof over existing flat roof dormer to front @ 13 Hollings New Longton PR4 4XS
 2009/0476 – Formation of sloping roof over existing flat roof dormer to front @ 11 Hollings New Longton PR4 4XS
 2009/0503 – Formation of sloping roof over existing flat roof dormer to front @ 9 Hollings New Longton PR4 4XS
 2009/0462 – Formation of sloping roof over existing flat roof dormer to front @ 17 Hollings New Longton PR4 4XS
 2009/0495 - Formation of sloping roof over existing flat roof dormer to front @ 10 Hollings New Longton PR4 4XS
 2009/0515 – Formation of sloping roof over existing flat roof dormer to front @ 19 Hollings new Longton PR4 4XS
 2009/0553 – Formation of sloping roof over existing flat roof dormer to front @ 20 Hollings New Longton PR4 4XS

2009/0462 – Renewal of planning permission 2006/0909 for the conversion of vehicle repair workshop to detached dwelling @ Burnside Drumacre Lane East Longton PR4 4SD
 2009/0485 – Single storey ext to front and conservatory to rear @ Birch Tree House Shirley Lane Longton PR4 5PH
 2009/0551 – Extension to existing front dormer @ 4 Landsmoor Drive Longton PR4 5PE
 2009/0558 – Erection of 1 no dwelling with associated car parking (renewal of previous planning approval 2006/0904) @ site adjacent to 35 Sheephill Lane New Longton PR4 4YN
 2009/0517 – Two storey ext to side, single ext to rear @ 32 Marsh Lane Longton PR4 5ZJ (Plans will be at meeting)
 2009/0521 – Erection of 7 no 2 storey dwellings and 1 no bungalow with associated access following demolition of no 50 Marsh Lane @ Land to rear of 24-50 Marsh Lane Longton PR4 5ZJ (Plans will be at meeting)
 2009/0542 – Extension to side @ 37 Dale Ave Longton PR4 5YJ (Plans will be at meeting)
 2009/0522 – Single storey extension to side and rear and dormer to front @ 5 Latimer Drive New Longton PR4 4ZL
 2009/0536 – Erection of 3 no timber stables, kit store and food store, formation of sand paddock with 1.5 metre high post and rail fence and manure storage midden @ 5 Royalty Ave New Longton PR4 4JN

It was resolved that representation should be made with regard to application 2009/0521 in support of residents as outlined in the representations made during public participation.

85/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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001024	W V McEnnerney-Whittle	Salary & Expenses September 2009	611.39
001025	Inland Revenue	2 nd Qtr 2009	505.34
001026	Peter Heise	Materials	43.30
LENGTHSMAN PAYMENTS			
000160	P Heise	Lengthsman	1440.00

It was resolved that the above payments should be approved.

86/09 NEED FOR MINOR ACCIDENT/DAY TREATMENT HOSPITAL

Members had been asked to consider in response to an enquiry from the WP Area Committee whether this Council considered that there was a need for a minor accident/day treatment hospital in the Western Parishes area.

It was resolved that the WP Area Committee should be informed that this Council did feel that there was a need for a minor accident/day treatment hospital in the Western Parishes

87/09 LOCATION OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Members had been asked to consider in response to an enquiry from WP Area Committee whether this Council was content with the present venue for the meetings or whether we felt that they should go on circuit.

It was resolved that the WP Area Committee should be informed that this Council felt that the present arrangements for their meetings was considered satisfactory.

88/09 SPEEDING ON MARSH LANE

Members had been asked to consider whether this Council should request LCC to implement one of the following measures to mitigate speeding and protect vulnerable road users (cyclists, equestrians, walkers & mobility and visually impaired individuals) on Marsh Lane:

- A narrowing of the road at the beginning of the unrestricted zone to ensure that only one vehicle can pass at a time
- Road humps at appropriate places adjacent to that vicinity.

A discussion took place concerning the relative value/safety of the proposed considerations and the lack of evidence as to the accuracy of claims of speeding in both the 60 mph zone and 30mph built up area. Spid figures were produced for the 30mph built up area indicating that whilst there were recordings of vehicles exceeding the speed limit these were of fairly low percentage. There were instances of cars leaving the road in some areas within the 60mph country road areas however it was suggested that this was caused by poor driving on bending country lanes rather than necessarily excessive speed. It was considered that thought might be given to improved road signage at various points and this will be investigated by the clerk.

It was resolved that this Council should not request LCC to implement either of the options described above.

89/09 ARMISTICE DAY

It was resolved that 2 wreaths and 35 crosses should be purchased from the Royal British Legion for the forthcoming Armistice Day at a donation cost of £100.00 under LGA 1972 s137

90/09 DONATION NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL

It was resolved that a donation of £100 should be made to New Longton Village Hall towards the cost of developing / replanting the area around the brook immediately in front of the Village Hall.

91/09 LCC PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL CONFERENCE 2009

It was resolved that Cllr Underwood should attend the forthcoming LCC Parish & Town Council Conference to be held on Saturday 21st November 2009 at County Hall starting at 9.30am and finishing with lunch at 1.00pm.

92/09 PACT MEETINGS

It was resolved that Cllr Worthington should be appointed to attend PACT meetings on behalf of this Council

Chairman