

LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LONGTON
LIBRARY ON 3RD MARCH 2009**

PRESENT:

Councillors Artis, Underwood, Welch, McLoughlin, Kershaw and Wignall were present at the start of the meeting. Cllrs Gooch (Chairman) Crighton and Worthington arrived after the meeting had commenced.

1 member of the public was present.

At the commencement of the meeting Cllr Artis was elected to take the Chair due to the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman

21/09 APOLOGIES

Cllr Cunningham.

22/09 MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on the 3rd February 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman elected at the commencement of the meeting as a correct record following the deletion of Cllr Welch from the list of those present.

23/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

24/09 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion.

A question was asked concerning the adoption of Back Lane and confirmation given that the whole of Back Lane was adopted.

It was mentioned that the power cut in parts of the area during the last meeting was not related to previous power cuts which were attributable to issues with the switching gear in Penwortham and that it was a separate and one off incident which had now been corrected.

Mention was made of the Coastal Access Bill currently going through Parliament

Concern was raised that both LCC and SRBC were increasing Council Tax charges.

Mention was made that both LCC and SRBC had funds which were currently frozen in Iceland.

The meeting was then re-convened.

At this point Cllr Gooch took the Chair and then declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application 07/09/0074 since he was a Governor of the school who were submitting the application. He left the room during the debate and voting on this particular item during which time Cllr Artis once again took the Chair.

25/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2008/0920 – First floor extension to side over existing garage @ 18 Old School Drive Longton PR4 5YU

2008/0921 – Two storey extension to side @ 42 Bank Croft Longton PR4 5AN

LCC App 07/09/0074 – Enclosure of part of existing playground with 3m high ball stop fence to provide enclosed court area @ Longton School, School Lane Longton (plans will be available at the meeting)

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

26/09 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

PARISH COUNCIL			
000996	W V McWhittle	Salary and Expenses February 2009	522.33
000997	G Gooch	Chairman's Allowance	40.00
000998	Lancashire Playing Fields Assoc	Annual Subscription	17.00
LENGTHSMAN PAYMENTS			
000154	P Heise	Lengthsman wks 46 – 52 (plus materials)	1895.06

It was resolved that the above payments should be approved.

27/09 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

It was resolved that this Council should once again enter both Longton and New Longton in the above competition and that this should include the Merit Class nominations as per last year together with additional nominations as follows:

**Longton Methodist Church MARSH Lane Longton
Blundells Hardware Shop
Sports and Social Club Longton
Ravenscroft Residential Home Longton
Boundary Close Sheltered Housing Development New Longton
The Brambles Residential Home Park Avenue New Longton
Ashwood Court Sheltered Housing School Lane Longton**

28/09 RISK MANAGEMENT / ASSET REGISTER / EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT AND CONTROL

It was resolved that the under mentioned documents which had been previously circulated should be approved

- **The Councils Risk Management Policy Statement 2009**
- **The Councils Risk Management Register 2009**
- **The Councils Asset Register 2009**
- **The Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control 2009**

29/09 WASTE CARRIER LICENCE

It was resolved that this Council should contribute a 1/3 rd share to the cost of the Lengthsman's Waste Carrier Licence which we had been informed is required to allow him to remove litter and other waste and transport same to the recycling centre at a cost £150.00 for a 3 year period and which is expected to be shared with Hutton PC and Farrington PC.