

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
LONGWICK-CUM-ILMER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 16th AUGUST 2011 AT 8.00 PM
IN LONGWICK VILLAGE HALL**

1/ PRESENT

Cllr G Harper (Chairman)
Cllrs G Walters, Mrs J Rogers, I Walker, G O'Neill and Mrs V McPherson
Mrs S Griffiths (Clerk)
Wycombe District Councillor S Lacey
1 Member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2/ MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council on the 19TH July 2011, having been circulated were approved by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

3/ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

None were declared.

4/ MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

Longwick Parish Map Board

Cllr J Rogers confirmed that she has annotated the new map with the field names as requested. Cllr G Walters confirmed that he is now able to proceed in producing a copy for the Parish Map Board. **GW**

Diverting Footpaths 3 and 4

Cllr J Rogers has spoken to the landowner and confirmed that he is happy with the suggestions for footpaths provided that he does not incur any cost and if any extra stiles are needed, would like someone else to provide them. **All present agreed** for Cllr G Walters to submit a proposal for B.C.C.'s consideration to fund and accept the application to divert the footpaths as agreed. **GW**

5. Finance

A/ Accounts for Payment

VAT

S/O	Clerks Fees	S Griffiths -August Salary	£341.27		£ 341.27
440	Risk Assessment	WDC - Rospa report	£ 64.00	£ 12.80	£ 76.80
441	Grass Cutting	Manor Estates - Grass cutting July 2011	£358.32	£ 71.66	£ 429.98
442	Admin	Mazars - External Audit Fee	£285.00	£ 57.00	£ 342.00

B/ Income received

Bank interest £0.81

C/ Bank Balance £6,107.98(allowing for the above cheques)

6. CAPITAL ITEMS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

A. Playing Field

Cllr G Harper reported that the skate park had suffered from graffiti during the month. The Clerk arranged for it to be cleaned off. **All present agreed** for the Clerk to report this incident to the anti-social behaviour unit at WDC. **SG**

Cllr I Walker reported that there has not been monthly strimming of the scout footpath as per the contract. The Clerk is requested to contact Manor Estates. **SG**

B. Children's Play Area

The Clerk has received a report from a member of the public that there is a loose bolt on the swings.

Cllr G Harper presented the RoSPA report to the members. The equipment was checked by RoSPA and found to be satisfactory, with a few low/medium risk issues. The Clerk is requested to arrange for works to be undertaken on the areas highlighted as a medium risk and the loose bolt on the swings. **SG**

7. ROADS, VERGES AND RIGHTS OF WAY.

The Clerk is requested to raise the following concerns with the relevant local authority: -

SG

- The 50mph sign at the Kimble side of the Longwick roundabout of the B4009 has been knocked down. Reported previously in July.
- Bridle path 14 (Green Lane end) There are overhanging trees blocking the path for horse riders and generally needs trimming back.
- The reflective black and white posts have been demolished and need replacing in Stockwell Lane, Owlswick.

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

External Auditors Certificate and Opinion on the audit of the annual return year ended 31st March 2011

On the basis of the auditors review, in their opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. **Noted.**

Invitation to a Workshop on Day Care Opportunities in Buckinghamshire

B.C.C. is holding a Workshop about the Transformation of Day Care Opportunities in Buckinghamshire on the 1st September 2011 to hear about the future vision for Day Opportunities in Buckinghamshire, and opportunities to provide services and support. **Cllr I Walker agreed to attend.** IW

A cross-party review of Buckinghamshire County Council's preparations for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The public are being encouraged to participate in a cross-party review of Buckinghamshire County Council's preparations for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The scrutiny review will take place over two days (5-6 September), during which members of the task and finish group will examine in detail BCC's plans for 2012. The review is an opportunity to ensure BCC is preparing effectively.

People are invited to submit questions on any area of the review, which will look at the County Council's plans in areas such as transport, emergency planning, and how communities will celebrate the Games. The review will explore these key areas and make timely recommendations to help the County rise to the challenge during the Games. To submit a question to be asked as part of the review process, call the scrutiny team on 01296 382140, or visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/scrutiny by Thursday 25 August.

Relevant questions will be put forward in the appropriate evidence session - and the member of the public is welcome to attend to ask the question directly, or have the question asked on their behalf if they cannot attend. For further information about the review call the scrutiny team on 01296 382140 or visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/scrutiny. **Noted**

Letter from WDC to invite the Parish council to take part in an up-coming public consultation on plans for the future of the district.

In September WDC will be consulting on a document called the Delivery & Site Allocations document (also referred to as the DSA. This will be the final consultation before WDC send this plan to the government for official approval. The DSA sets out plans for regenerating key development sites within the district, supporting and managing the town and districts centres and puts in place vital policies to manage future development across the district. The main proposals the document contains are:

- High Wycombe town centre, including the town centre masterplan
- Marlow & Princes Risborough town centres
- Other district centres
- Planning policies for ensuring sustainable development.

The consultation will start on Friday 2nd September 2011 and finish on Friday 14th October 2011. From Friday 12th August the main consultation document will be on-line at www.wycombe.gov.uk/planningconsultations. In addition, during the consultation period the document will also be available to view as follows:

- Via WDC website at www.wycombe.gov.uk/planningconsultations
- At WDC offices on Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe
- At WDC Information Centres in Princes Risborough and Marlow
- At libraries throughout the district.

All present agreed for Cllr G Walters to talk with the relevant officer to decide if it would be beneficial for the council to receive a short presentation from WDC on this consultation at the next Parish Council meeting. GW

9. REPORTS

A. School Governors – Nothing to report

B. NW Chilterns Local Area Forum – Nothing to report

C. WDALC – Cllr I Walker presented a report on the meeting he attended in June which included the following: -

Rural Forum – WDC was the first and may still be the only District Council to run this Forum. It meets quarterly and also has one farm walk per year. It exists to give farmers the opportunity to explain how they function, how food is

produced and to highlight the very different needs of a rural community. 90% of Buckinghamshire is rural but many people have no idea what rural and agricultural life is really like. The farm walk is held in June and the next meeting will be in October. This is held in the WDC Council Chamber from 5pm until 7pm. It is one of the most interesting meetings because of its relevance to the majority of Parish Councils.

Standards Committee – The committee is made up from Parish and District Councillors and independent lay members and given guidance by the WDC Monitoring Officer. There is a sequence of events before a full hearing is called and at each stage a different set of three members considers the evidence of complaints presented before deciding whether it will proceed to the next stage. All meetings are chaired by an independent member. If the committee feel that there is a case to answer an independent firm of solicitors will be instructed. All committee members have to receive Standards Training. The Standards Board is to be abolished in early 2012. The cost of every hearing has to be borne by WDC which in turn means the Council Tax payer is bearing the cost. review.

Financial Matters - It was agreed to increase the subscriptions from April 2012 to
£10 with an Electoral Roll of below 2000 (2 representatives);
£15 with an Electoral Roll of between 2000 – 3000 (3 representatives);
£20 with an Electoral Roll of 3000 and above (4 representatives).

D. N.A.G – Cllr V McPherson presented a report from the Princes Risborough Rural Neighbourhood Team on the following concerns: -

Speeding: A speed enforcement operation was organised and run by the Risborough Neighbourhood Policing team at different locations across the area. In Thame Road, Longwick 20 speeding motorists were dealt with and the fastest recorded speed was at 46mph.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB): There have been some complaints of fly-tipping in the area; the police ask that all residents keep an eye out for this sort of incident as it costs tax payers a considerable amount of money clearly up this rubbish. If anyone observes the offender dumping items, the police ask to try and obtain index plates from the vehicle and report this to the Police Enquiry Centre on the number. 08458 505 505. A number of noisy parties have been reported in the following areas: Longwick, Bledlow Ridge and Marsh. Officers attended and assessed the noise levels.

Offenders brought to justice: There have been 2 fixed penalty notices issued to local men for being in possession of a controlled substance. Three local men were each given cautions for causing criminal damage, being in possession of a controlled substance and theft.

Future meetings: The next Neighbourhood Action Group meeting is Wednesday 14th September at Longwick CofE School, the meeting will start at 7.30pm.

E. Newsletter – Cllr V McPherson requested all articles for the next issue to be submitted by the 12th September.

10. CHILDREN’S PICNIC TABLE FOR THE PLAY AREA. All present agreed to defer this item until the Estimates meeting in November when, if agreed, the cost can be included in the budget for 2012/2013. The members are requested to look at the various websites suggested by the clerk to enable them to make an informed decision on the style and cost of the various picnic tables available. **ALL**

11. THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

Cllr G O’Neill proposed that the Parish Council part fund an event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. All present agreed to include an article in the next newsletter requesting volunteers to come forward to organise a community event with an amount of money from the Parish Council. Cllr G O’Neill agreed to write the article. **GON**

12. Planning Applications

A/ Progress on applications already considered:

11/05751/CLP

Decision: **Grant Certificate of Proposed Use**

Address:

Old Oaks Thame Road Longwick Buckinghamshire HP27 9SW

Proposal: The internal conversion of the existing outbuilding shown edged red on the attached plan from a residential ancillary use as a snooker room with an office desk and chair (C3) to use as ancillary residential accommodation to be occupied as a single planning unit consisting of a living room, a kitchenette and a bedroom with ensuite bathroom for a relative of the family occupying the main dwelling house Old Oaks (shown edged in green) who also has a direct connection, purpose or role linked to the main dwelling house Old Oaks (C3).

B/ New Applications to be considered

11/06700/TPO: 5 Woodbine Close Longwick Buckinghamshire HP27 9ES

Proposed: Crown raise, thin and reduction of one Ash Tree (T2). **The Parish Council has no objections.**

11/06723/FUL: 7 Bell Crescent Longwick Buckinghamshire HP27 9SE

Proposed: Householder application for the construction of a rear conservatory. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

11/06393/FUL: Old School House Thame Road Longwick Buckinghamshire HP27 9SF

Proposed: Minor amendment to the plans for the demolition of existing conservatory and construction of part two storey, part first floor side and rear extension to care home. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

13/ AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

To discuss and decide on a response to the consultation on Wycombe District Council's Delivery & Site Allocations document.

14/ NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 20th September 2011 in Longwick Village Hall at 8.00pm

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 10.05 p m

Chairman..... Date.....