

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
LONGWICK-CUM-ILMER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2011 AT 8.00 PM
IN LONGWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr G Harper (Chairman)
Cllrs G Walters, Mrs J Rogers, I Walker and Mrs V McPherson
Susanne Griffiths (Clerk)
Members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from G O'Neill.

2/ MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council on the 20th September 2011, having been circulated were amended and 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

The Clerk is requested to seek confirmation from the applicants to ascertain if they are still interested in becoming a councillor after receiving the information sent to them concerning the role. **SG**

All present agreed to invite Mr W Croake to lay the wreath on behalf of Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council at the War Memorial on Remembrance Day. **GH**

All present agreed to purchase 80 mince pies for distribution at the Carol Service on the 13th December. Cllr J Rogers agreed to organise the purchase. **JR**

5. Finance

A/ Accounts for Payment

VAT

S/o	Clerks Fees	S Griffiths – Oct Salary	£ 341.27		£ 341.27
447	Dog waste and litter bins	TBS Hygiene - collection of dog waste and bins June - August 2011	£ 182.00	£ 36.40	£ 218.40
448	Car Park lights & bulbs	Lamps - Bulbs for Car Park	£ 10.08	£ 2.02	£ 12.10
449	Election costs	WDC - Elections 05/05/2011 uncontested	£ 60.52		£ 60.52
450	Play Area	M Rixon - work order to repair as highlighted on the risk inspection report	£ 110.00		£ 110.00
451	Admin	C Page - Relief cover for Clerk whilst on holiday	£ 27.60		£ 27.60
452	Grass Cutting	Manor Estates - Grass cutting September 2011	£ 358.32	£ 71.66	£ 429.98
453	Grants	RBL -Wreath for Remembrance Day	£20.00		£20.00

B/ Income received

Bank interest £0.46

Precept £8,250.00

C/ Bank Balance £12,079.27 (allowing for the above cheques)

The income for September and expenditure for October was examined by the Council. **All present agreed** that the necessary cheques be signed.

6. CAPITAL ITEMS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

A. Playing Field

Cllr I Walker was pleased to inform the councillors that the Playing Field is in excellent condition.

All present agreed to purchase 6 deciduous trees to replace the trees that had been lost in the Playing Field in the previous year. Cllr J Rogers agreed to seek advice as to the most suitable type of tree for this area. **All present agreed** that the purchase of trees was not to exceed £200.00.

JR

B. Children's Play Area

Cllr G Harper confirmed that all the issues in the last Risk Inspection report have now been actioned.

7. ROADS, VERGES AND RIGHTS OF WAY.

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

SG

The finger post at the Stockwell Lane T junction on the road through Owlswick is lying in the verge.

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

Public footpath 3 parish of Longwick cum Ilmer

Further to the Parish Council's recent report regarding the above Public Footpath, the Rights of Way department sent an email informing the Parish Council of the action taken. An inspection of the site found an electric fence with the third strand of wire not insulated and at such a height, making it near impossible for people to safely step-over. Therefore, they have written to the landowner requesting a gap is created in the electric fence and if necessary, hook and handles to be installed.

An invitation to a Focus Group to consider the future design of the local Health Watch from the B.C.C.

Noted.

9. REPORTS

A. School Governors – Nothing to report

B. NW Chilterns Local Area Forum – Cllr G Walters informed the members that the County Council agreed that the Princes Risborough Day Care building could be taken over by a Social Enterprise company who will run services from the building for the whole community. The Council will lease the building for a very low rent to the Social Enterprise Company for up to two years so that the company has time to raise the funds to purchase it.

C. WDALC - Cllr I Walker reported that Bucks County Council is part of 51M a group of local authorities most, but not all of whom will be affected by the HS2 proposals. Currently the local authorities who have put money into investigating the HS2 proposal are being investigated, via complaint from an MP stating that they are not using their money wisely in a time of austerity. The bigger councils who are directly affected by the proposals are being called NIMBY's by some politicians. The authorities have done their homework as there has been a lack of information and detail; no clear statement on the environmental impact on communities e.g. noise and would appear to be worse carbon emissions; there would appear to be no business case once the £5 billion taken from existing services to support HS2 has been taken into consideration. They feel that the project is going nowhere and there have been 50,000 responses to the consultation. Councils have put £1.1 million into the fighting fund (to date £400,000 spent) against of a fund of £800 million to support the case. BCC will put in £1/2million over three years, if it is needed. 51M is trying to encourage people to write to their MPs and to ensure that the project is more widely advertised to raise public awareness. It was not a National consultation only with those areas that would be directly affected. 51M hope to form an all-party group to increase levels of understanding which are currently poor. Some authorities have been told that if they support the scheme they will get benefits for their communities in return.

It is planned to combine a training session on the Localism Bill when Charles Meakings and Ian Manktelow attend the 15th December meeting. This will be held after the AGM and be open to all Parish Councillors. Details and timings to be confirmed.

D. N.A.G –Cllr V McPherson advised that the NAG priorities will remain as last year except that Anti-Social Behaviour is to be replaced by Car Theft; Speeding Traffic, Burglary and Inconsiderate Parking being retained.

E. Newsletter –Cllr V McPherson apologised for the delay in the delivery of the latest newsletter which was due to a delay in the printing stage.

10. APPROVAL OF THE LATEST VERSION OF THE PARISH MAP FOR NOTICE BOARD

Cllr G Walters presented the latest version of the Parish Map for the Notice Board to the members for approval. Minor amendments were suggested and Cllr J Rogers agreed to check the accuracy of the information against the existing map. Cllr G Harper thanked Cllr G Walters for his hard work producing an updated version of the map himself thus saving the Parish Council a significant amount of money.

JR

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A/ / New Applications to be considered

11/07219/MINA: Old Orchard Ilmer Lane Ilmer Buckinghamshire HP27 9RA

Proposal: Proposed non-material amendment to permission for construction of single/two storey side & rear extensions, single storey front extension, alteration to roof to form 2 x dormer windows in rear elevation and erection of attached double garage, garden store and carport and swimming pool enclosure (alternative scheme to p/p 10/06541/FUL & 10/07519/FUL) granted under householder planning ref: 11/05184/FUL. **The Parish Council has no comments.**

11/06535/FUL: Apple Tree Cottage Thame Road Longwick Buckinghamshire HP27 9SF

Proposal: Application for access change to that previously approved under planning permission 08/06150/FUL from one access to two individual access points. **The Parish Council has no objections but believes that this work has already been done and therefore in effect, is a retrospective application.**

11/07156/CTREE: Cozens Holdings Owlswick Buckinghamshire HP27 9RH

Proposal: Reduce crown height and spread by 45cm to more compact dome shape to one Yew Tree (T1), reduce height by 50% to one Leyland Cypress (T2) and reduce height by 50% to one Leyland Cypress (T3). **The Parish Council has no objections.**

11/07113/FUL: Hill View Longwick Road Longwick Buckinghamshire HP27 9RX

Proposal: Householder application for construction of two storey rear extension and veranda on south west elevation and alterations. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

B Progress on applications already considered:

None

12/ AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

To decide on the priorities to be recommended to the Local Area Forum (G Walters)

13/ NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 15th November 2011 in Longwick Village Hall at 7.30pm. The informal meeting to discuss the precept for approval by the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1st December 2011 at 8pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.55 p m

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