

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
LONGWICK-CUM-ILMER PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30 PM
IN LONGWICK VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Cllr G Harper (Chairman)

Cllrs I Walker, Mrs J Rogers, Mrs. P Priestley, Mrs V McPherson and G O'Neill

Mrs S Griffiths (Clerk)

1/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs. D Brock

2/ MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meetings of the Parish Council, 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.

Cllrs Mrs P Priestley declared an interest in item 13, Planning Applications.

4/ MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

• Pruning of the trees and hedge in the Playing Field

The Clerk has not had a reply to the letter sent to the Nursing Home concerning the pruning of the trees and hedge in the Playing Field abutting their property. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the decision whether to prune the trees and hedge will be deferred until the spring.

5/ FINANCE

A/ Accounts for Payment

Cheque number 292	K Dobson – Risk Assessment Duties (December)	£13.80
Cheque number 293	S Griffiths - Clerk's fees and Exps (December)	£400.73
Cheque number 294	Longwick Stores – Refreshments for Carol Concert	£41.92
Cheque number 292	Buckinghamshire Community Action – Annual Subscription	£30.00
C/ Bank Balance £10,648.83 (allowing for the above entries)		

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

6/ CAPITAL ITEMS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

A/ Playing Field – Cllr G Harper reported on the meeting that he had with Briant's concerning the erection of the fence on Parish Council land behind Briants of Risborough. **All present agreed** that the Clerk is requested to write to Briants of Risborough formally noting the erection of the fence on Parish Council land and advising that any future work is to be agreed by the Parish Council first.**SG**

Cllr Mrs V McPherson requested that the ditch in the playing field is cleared out. After a short discussion it was **agreed by all present** that as there is no problem with flooding and it has not been precepted for in the budget, the decision to clear the ditch could be delayed.

B/ Children's Play Area –Cllr G Harper confirmed that he has removed the damaged tree that had branches protruding into the slide area.

7/ ROADS, VERGES AND RIGHTS OF WAY

The Clerk is requested to contact B.C.C. to receive an update on the installation of the white gates and the relocation of the 30MPH sign at the entrance to the village from the Thame direction. Notice had been given by the B.C.C. that the gates were to be installed 18 months ago. **SG**

The Clerk is requested to raise the following concerns with the relevant local authority. SG

Footpath 20-20A is overgrown and there are no Way Markings.

Litter in the hedgerows – particularly bad in Bar Lane, Owlswick Lane (B4009 to Stockwell Lane)

Litter in the ditches alongside the Thame Road and in Ilmer.

Overgrown hedge obstructing the footpath coming into Longwick, opposite the Total garage.

It was agreed by all present that litter is becoming a problem and that an article highlighting the problem should be included in the next newsletter. **VM**

Cllrs G Harper and Mrs P Priestley had been approached by a resident suggesting that parking for the post office should be provided away from the main road. After a long discussion, it was **agreed** by all present that the provision of such a car park was not feasible. The Clerk is requested to advise the resident accordingly. **SG**

8/ CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence: Items of general interest on the table.

Correspondence to be discussed:

A consultation on the code of recommended practice on local authority publicity

Noted

A consultation on the Buckinghamshire Joint Commissioning Strategy for Physical & Sensory Disability. Noted.

Risk Assessment Report

The Chairman confirmed that the high risk issue concerning the tree had been dealt with.

The Clerk is requested to arrange for a quotation to repair the missing rung on the log frame and investigate the cause of the frame being wobbly. If the quotation is or below £200.00, the Clerk is requested to issue a work order for the repair work to be done. **SG**

9/ THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP OF A WORKING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DESIGN FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.

Cllrs Mrs V McPherson and Mrs J Rogers agreed to form a working party to decide on the layout and design of the website and report to the next council meeting their recommendations. **All present agreed.** **VM/JR**

10/ THE BUDGETS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/2010 AND THE SETTING OF THE PRECEPT.

In recognition of the economic climate, the councillors were mindful to reduce the precept from its current level. The meeting recommended that the Council continued to hold sufficient reserves to cover unexpected expenditure and Cllr G Harper proposed the precept for 2009/2010 should be £16,500.00 Seconded by Cllr G O'Neill. **All present agreed and a resolution was passed.**

11/ THE EXPENDITURE ALLOWED UNDER L.G.A. 1972 SECTION 137.

Cllr G Harper advised the members that included in the budget for 2009/2010 is a sum of £20.00 to be charged against expenditure allowed under Section 137 as listed in the attached report. He proposed that this be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Mrs J Rogers. **All present agreed and a resolution was passed agreeing this expenditure.**

12/ REPORTS

A School Governors: Cllr G O'Neill advised the members that the school needed a Community Governor

B Local Community Partnership: Nothing to report. The next meeting is on the 18th February at the Hughenden Village Hall.

D. WDALC: Nothing to report. The next meeting is on the 19th March.

E Neighbourhood Action Group. Cllr Mrs V McPherson has volunteered for Speedwatch Training. The next meeting is on the 21st January.

F. Newsletter. Cllr Mrs V McPherson advised the members that the material for the next meeting is required by the 18th March. It was agreed that in one of the future editions, the Silver Jubilee Celebrations in Longwick cum Ilmer Paris would be featured.

Cllr Mrs P Priestley left the meeting.

13/ PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A/ Progress on applications a ready considered:

08/07382/FUL: Toppers, Thame Road, Longwick. **Application for:** Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of one pair semi detached 2 x 3 bed chalet bungalows with associated car parking. **Permitted.**

B/ New Applications to be considered

08/07790/FUL: The Cart Shed, Rose Farm, Thame Road, Longwick. **Application for:** Conversion of existing outbuilding to 1 x 3 bed dwelling with associated bin storage and parking area. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

08/07786/FUL: Horsenden Manor, Horsenden Lane, Princes Risborough. **Application for:** Erection of a detached four bay garage with separate room above. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

09/05045/FUL: The Old Forge, Thame Road, Longwick. **Application for** construction of first floor extension and detached double garage. **The Parish Council have the following concerns: - The proposed construction, by reason of its height and design would be out of character with and detrimental to the street scene and area in general. Furthermore the extension would have an overbearing and dominating impact on the outlook from the neighbours and the number of windows on the south elevation would be detrimental to the residents of the neighbouring property.**

14/ AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Report from the Website Working Group (Cllr Mrs V McPherson)

15/ DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 17th February 2009 in Longwick Village Hall at 7.30pm. There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman..... Date