

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
LONGWICK-CUM-ILMER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2009 AT 8.00 PM
IN LONGWICK VILLAGE HALL**

1/ PRESENT

Cllr G Harper (Chairman)
Cllrs I Walker, Mrs J Rogers and Mrs V McPherson Cllr Mrs D Brock, Mrs. P Priestley and
Mrs S Griffiths (Clerk)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr G O'Neill.

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 Planning Applications.

Cllr G Harper declared an interest in the Planning Application 09/06858/FUL: Orchard Cottage Thame Road Longwick

4/ MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

- Cllr I Walker reported two wasp nests in the Playing Field at the last meeting. The Clerk arranged for the nests to be destroyed through WDC reference number 81936. Cllr V McPherson **agreed** to check that the wasp nests have now been removed. **VM**
- The land behind the Village Hall has become overgrown. Cllr G Harper has obtained a quotation to cut back the hedge and the overgrowth for £240.00. **All present agreed** to this quotation. Cllr G Harper agreed to contact the contractor to start the work as soon as possible. **GH**
- The lamp outside the shop on the telegraph pole still needs to be repaired. This has been reported to the Bucks C. C. under ref number 256142. The Clerk is requested to contact the BCC for a progress report. **SG**
- Cllr G Harper was pleased to inform the members that he has been advised by the resident who agreed to do the work for the Walnut Tree Lane footpath extension that this has now been done and there is just some scalping to be placed on the surface outstanding. The Clerk has sent a letter of thanks to the resident as instructed by the Parish Council.
- The Scout path is overgrown again. The Clerk was requested to arrange a meeting with Sarah Guppy the Local Area Technician. The Clerk informed the members that she has been unable to contact the technician but had a meeting planned with her for next week where she would be able to make the necessary arrangements. **SG**

5/ FINANCE

Accounts for Payment

VAT

333	Manor Estates - Grass cutting Oct 2009	331.14	49.67	£380.81
334	Whiteleaf Printers – printing of newsletter	395.00		£395.00
335	Land Registry	30.00		£30.00

Income received - None.

Bank Balance £ 16978.66 (allowing for the above entries)

The income 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

The Clerk confirmed that there were no issues highlighted in the Risk Inspection report.

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B. Children's Play Area

The Clerk confirmed that there were no issues highlighted in the Risk Inspection report.

7/ ROADS, VERGES AND RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr J Rogers was pleased to inform the members that the style on footpath 18 had been replaced and that the Rights of Way team had made significant improvements to Bridle path 7 between Ilmer and Longwick.

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

SG

A deep pothole by the T junction of Stockwell Road and Owlswick Rd on the Owlswick side.

The Clerk is requested to obtain a progress report on the initial audit for the pedestrian refuge planned for the Thame end of Longwick that was due to take place in June.

SG

8/ CORRESPONDENCE:

To be discussed

A letter of complaint concerning a tree in the playing field.

The Clerk has received a complaint about an ash tree in the park causing damage to a resident's property.

The Clerk has spoken to the Parish Council insurers and been advised to leave the matter with them as they will contact the resident direct.

Cllr I Walker raised the point that the land where the ash tree stands is outside of the boundary of the park as it is on the far side of the ditch and therefore does not believe that it is the Parish Council's responsibility.

All present agreed to request the Clerk to raise this point with the insurers.

SG

Items of general interest on table.

9/ REPORTS

School Governors

Cllr G O'Neill will report on the recent OFSTED inspection at the next meeting.

Cllr G O'Neill has arranged for the children to place a wreath on the war memorial on Wednesday 11th Nov. They will recite Binyon's poem and there will be a minute's silence at 11.00.

All present agreed to attend the minute's silence, work commitments allowing, to support the children.

ALL

Local Community Partnership

Cllr Mrs P Priestley informed the members that at the meeting held on Wednesday 21 September a decision was taken to change its name to NW Chilterns Area Forum.

Four key objectives had been identified by the Forum.

1. Rural Public Transport
2. Affordable Housing for Local people.
3. Road and Pavement maintenance
4. Crime and Anti-social behaviour.

Cllr P Priestley will update the members on the progress of tackling the above objectives after the next NW Chilterns Area Forum meeting.

WDALC

Nothing to report. The next meeting is on the 17th December 2009

Neighbourhood Action Group

The Community Speedwatch Programme had carried out more speed checks in the village.

A consultation showed that the priorities of the local residents are speeding, burglaries, inconsiderate parking and anti-social behaviour.

Newsletter

Cllr Mrs V McPherson informed the members that she had found it very difficult to collect the items for this edition and would appreciate items for the next newsletter being sent to her on time without having to be chased.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Mrs V McPherson for her hard work and that the amount of time that she spent editing the newsletter was much appreciated.

10/ PREFERRED PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE WEBSITE

Following a suggestion by the webmaster that a photograph of the playing field and play area would be a desirable addition to the website, Cllr Mrs V McPherson had taken four photographs for the member's consideration. The Clerk is requested to ascertain if all four of the photographs could be used. If not it was **agreed by all present** to use the photograph of the play area.

SG

The Clerk is further requested to obtain a quotation for "Live News" and if the parish newsletter could be added to the website.

SG
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11/ BOUNDARIES FOR DELIVERING THE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.

After a short discussion, it was **agreed by all present**, to include the properties just outside of Ilmer on the Aston Sandford boundary.

GH

12/ HIGHWAYS/TRANSPORT SCHEMES TO SUBMIT BIDS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FROM ITS DELEGATED BUDGET 2010/2011

All Local Area Forum members are encouraged to start developing ideas for local highways/transport related schemes (for implementation in 2010/11).

The delegated budget for highways/transport projects in the Princes Risborough Local Community Partnership area for 2010/11 will be £31,554.

Participatory Budgeting will be included as part of the process

Bids should be submitted to Si Khan, Transport Localities Team Leader, Wycombe Area Office by the 30 November 2009.

The Clerk is requested to obtain the cost of a permanent flashing 30MPH sign for the entry to the village from Thame. **All present agreed** to submit a bid for funding for this sign to reduce speeding in the village. The contribution towards the project from the Parish Council will be agreed at the next meeting, when a cost of the project has been obtained.

SG

13/ WORKING GROUP TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT TREES FOR THE TREES THAT HAVE DIED IN THE PLAYING FIELD AND THE REMOVAL OF THE PROTECTIVE WIRES AROUND THE TREES THAT HAVE OUTGROWN THEIR PROTECTION.

Cllrs G Harper, I Walker and Mrs D Brock agreed to form a working group to purchase replacement trees for the trees that have died in the playing field and remove the protective wires around the trees that have outgrown their protection. **All present agreed** a budget of up to £50 for the cost of the new trees.

GH/IW/DB

14 WHETHER TO ADOPT A COMMUNITY SELF HELP PLAN FOR THE PARISH

It was acknowledged that the Neighbourhood Watch Group and the various churches all had plans in place for emergencies in the villages and that they were considered to be satisfactory for the Parish.

All present agreed not to attempt to produce a Parish Council Community Self Help Plan due to the limitations of the Parish Council financially and the lack of resources to accurately record the vulnerable members of the Parish.

15/ QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE EXTENSION TO THE SKATE PARK

Three quotations had been received for the extension to the Skate Park as requested by residents at the Parish Council meeting in July. The prices ranged from £15,000.00 to £25,000.00.

All present agreed that the Parish Council cannot justify spending this amount of money on one item for the playing field in this economic climate.

The Clerk is requested to notify the residents of the Parish Council's decision.

SG

16/ AUDIT OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE WYCOMBE DISTRICT

Following the audit of community facilities last year and the production of the Community Facilities Strategy, Community Services are now doing some follow-up work to identify potential projects which could benefit from Section 106 funding.

A letter has been sent out to all owners/managers of community facilities in the district identified in the Community Facilities Strategy and copied to the members of WDC.

The information they get back will help to identify schemes which could potentially be funded through Section 106 contributions we may receive from developments in particular areas.

All present agreed for the Clerk to respond advising of the project for the new play equipment to be installed in the Spring/ Summer 2010 to satisfy the lack of equipment for the older children.

SG

Cllr Mrs P Priestley left the meeting.

17/ PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A/ Progress on applications already considered:

09/06518/FUL: Decision: **Application Permitted**

Address: Land Off Stockwell Lane Little Meadle. Proposal: Creation of new access and erection of 6 bar metal field gate & post and rail fencing

09/06341/FUL: Decision: **Application Permitted**

Address: 8 Dorrells Road Longwick. Proposal: Householder application for conversion of garage to habitable room and erection of Boundary fence

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B/ New Applications to be considered

09/06708/FUL: Hill View Longwick Road Longwick Buckinghamshire HP27 9RX

Proposed: Householder application for the construction of a two storey side and rear extension **The Parish Council has no objections.**

09/06903/TPO: 1 Innkeepers Court, Longwick. APPLICATION FOR: Reduce branch from over verge by 3.5m, side lateral reduction from over garden and garage by 3.5m, crown thin a portion of the crown by 30% to the section of crown that overhangs the garden to 1 Ash tree **The Parish Council has no objections.**

Cllr G Harper declared an interest in this application and did not take part in the discussion or decision.

09/06858/FUL: Orchard Cottage Thame Road Longwick. Householder application for construction of side extensions to property. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

18/ AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

To discuss and decide on meeting dates for 2010.

To discuss and decide on the evidence to submit with the bid for funding for a Vehicle Activated Sign to reduce speeding in the village and the contribution to the project by the Parish Council.

19/ The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 17th November 2009 in Longwick Village Hall at 7.30pm

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

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