

# Longworth Parish Council

## **MINUTES of PARISH MEETING.**

Held at Longworth Village Hall at 8:00pm 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015

**PRESENT:** Mr Auckland, Mr Hodgkins, Mr Longstaff, Mr Pearce, Mrs Carlisle (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

### **30/15 OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was Chaired by Mr. Pearce (Vice Chair) as the Chairman was indisposed. Mrs. Auckland, representing the flower arrangers at the church asked if the Parish Council would grant £100 for Shrubs, to get a small plot up and running at the allotments, this could be a village amenity, to provide greenery for flower arrangements not only for the church but for other village events. Councillors voted unanimously to fund this, and Wendy Woodford agreed to help keep the plot in good order, the Parish Council also agreed to waive the £2.50 annual rent and £20 deposit.

### **31/15 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST**

There were no changes reported.

### **32/15 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from the Chairman Mrs Boyce, Mr Hayward (DC), Ms Sabathy and Councillor Tilley

### **33/15 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> March meeting were put before the Councillors and accepted as being correct and duly signed.

### **34/15 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising apart from items included on the main agenda

### **35/15 PLAYGROUND: INSPECTION**

Ms Sabathy completed the March inspection, with no major issues, Mr Boyce completed the April Inspection for The Chairman who is still indisposed. Mr Auckland reported that there is a lot of Bird poo, which needs to be washed at least weekly, Clerk to contact The Playground committee. Michael Pearce will do May inspection, and will try and co-ordinate this with Wendy Woodford, who will be a Parish Councillor in May. Clerk reported that a quote has been received from Sovereign Design play systems Ltd for replacement of activity trail, which is showing a considerable amount of wear and tear, the quote is valid until July and will be discussed at a future meeting when funding options have been investigated.

### **36/15 ALLOTMENTS UPDATE AND ISSUES WENDY WOODFORD**

The only issue has been an increase in dog poo, People are increasingly walking through the allotments with dogs, rather than round the marked footpath around the edge. One more plot has been let, rents currently being collected, just 3 people left to pay. Rent increases have been accepted mostly very well, resulting in an increase of about 20%. Wendy agreed to pay the money over at the next meeting when all rents are in.

### **37/15 ELECTIONS UPDATE**

Seven people filled in nomination papers for the 7 seats. These Nomination papers were taken into Old Abbey House on April 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>, and a discussion was held with Steven Corrigan from Democratic services as there was some confusion over the boundaries (West Longworth and East Longworth). Because of the splitting of the village into two wards and unclear instructions we were advised to take 2 papers away and try and get new proposers/seconders or to co-opt these two people after the election providing that there

were still spaces. The following Councillors have been confirmed from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015: Mr Michael Hodgkins, Mr Robert Longstaff, Mr Michael Pearce, Ms Sandra Sabathy and Mrs Wendy Woodford. Mrs Lesley Kinch and Mr Nigel Shaw who also completed nomination forms will be co-opted at the May meeting to complete the Parish council. Clerk to investigate getting the boundary removed once the elections are all over in May.

**38/15 PLANNING ISSUES/NEWS**

As agreed at the March Meeting, Mr. Nick Frost was invited to come and talk to the Parish Council about the building plans on the Frilford Farm land. Mr Frost was unable to attend and has been invited to the May meeting. Clerk has also invited Rectory Homes on behalf of Mr & Mrs Eastwood of Vrendental House, School Close, who have confirmed that they will attend a future Parish council meeting when feasibility study is drawn up, either 20<sup>th</sup> May or more likely 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**39/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE – ALAN BOYCE**

Alan Announced resignation as chairman of NP committee, after 2 years. Alan was thanked by the Vice Chairman for his sterling efforts. As there was no-one on the committee willing or able to take on the role of chairman It was agreed that someone new should be recruited, rather than attempting to carry on without leadership or walking away and scrapping the plan. The committee is meeting tomorrow. Mr Auckland asked if there would be any Financial implications of not continuing it was confirmed that there are none. An update will be brought to the May meeting.

**40/15 FINANCE**

<b>RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>Receipts for March/April 2015 were as follows:</b>	
Interest on NSI 6.71 7.43	14.14
Rent – Pointon	148.50
VOWH Precept	4300.00
Parish CTRS Grant from VOWH	189.00
	4651.64
<b>Payments March/April 2015 :</b>	
Clerks Salary March	199.49
Stationery	48.21
Playground repairs (swing seats and zip wire steps)	321.78
OALC subscriptions	133.07
	702.55

Audit papers have been received. Longworth Parish council has been randomly selected as part of this years 5% of local councils for intermediate review, and will be required to provide more information this year. Accounts to be complete and available by 29<sup>th</sup> June and submitted to BDO by 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**41/15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

There was no correspondence that needed to be discussed at the meeting, Clerk dealing with a few issues, including election data, Neighbourhood action group, audit queries, pot holes and complaints about rubbish.

**42/15 COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS**

Mr Longstaff reported that the grass in the Churchyard has been cut, and a lot of dead grass left behind. Clerk to contact BGG about this as it is unsightly. Mr. Hodgkins reported lots of dog mess at the bottom of Harris' Lane and requested a rubbish or poo bin down there. Clerk

to contact the waste team to request this, and also to issue laminated signs to display in the area. Mr. Hodgkins also queried the Neighbourhood action group dates, clerk to follow up on this and advise. Mr Auckland who is currently the transport rep is retiring from Parish Council in May and a replacement is needed, Mr Auckland was thanked for his contribution to the Parish council. It was agreed to acknowledge the Charimans service to the Parish over the last 20+ years with gift of a hamper to the value of £100.

Outstanding from March to be brought to a subsequent meeting:

Current graveyard fees for discussion, Parish Clerks salary, Financial advice on investments.

Clerk to gather information and add to a subsequent agenda.

The meeting ended at 8.28pm

Annual Parish Meeting 7pm 20<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall followed by Parish Council meeting at approx 8pm.

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