

Longworth Parish Council

**MINUTES of PARISH MEETING held at Longworth School at 7:00 pm
8th November 2013**

PRESENT: Chairman Mrs Boyce, Mr Hodgkins, Mr Longstaff, Ms Sabathy, Mrs Tilley (County Councillor), Mr Boyce (Clerk), Mrs Carlisle (Clerk-in-Waiting) and 2 members of the public.

86/13 OPEN SESSION

There were no matters raised..

87/13 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

There were no changes in relevant personal circumstances reported.

88/13 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mr Auckland, Mrs Broad and Mr Pearce.

89/13 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as correct.

90/13 MATTERS ARISING

There were none not included in Agenda.

91/13 APPOINTMENT of new CLERK

The Chairman introduced Mrs Gill Carlisle as newly-appointed parish clerk, in succession to Alan Boyce, who has retired. Mr Boyce officially handed over the Key to the Parish Notice Board to Mrs Carlisle.

At this point Mrs Tilley asked to be allowed to give her report:

She reported on three topics:

The County's consultation on free school transport was now posted on the CC website.

It was likely that some childrens' centres might have to close.

Hinton Waldrist had asked if Longworth would contribute to tarmac cover for the linking footpath.

She also noted that she had some small funds available for deserving village causes.

Mrs Tilley then left the meeting.

92/13 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

Mr Auckland had carried out the September inspection, although his inspection form was not yet to hand. Mr Hodgkins to carry out the next inspection.

93/13 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The retiring clerk reported that progress on the Plan was in abeyance awaiting comments from the Vale on the draft questionnaire.

94/13 ALLOTMENTS

Mesdames Woodford and Felton gave details of three quotes received for strimming and clearing unused allotments; these varied considerably in cost. Their preferred quote was for £2500 from Chris Smith of Bampton.

Mr Longstaff declared himself unhappy with the direction being proposed by the Allotment Committee, and stated that he would liked to resign from his post as AC-PC liasion, he noted that the Council had not yet approved the allotment rules nor the draft tenancy agreement. It was agreed that the expenditure of £2500 be approved subject to the circulation to and approval by the Council of these. Mrs Sabathy suggested requesting funding from Mrs Tilley. Agreed by Parish council.

Mr Longstaff reminded the committee that he had put in a matched funding Grant application for equipment – rotavators, etc... Mrs Boyce liked the idea of having equipement for allotment holders – but expressed concern about potential thefts, concern was also expressed about potential accidents from faulty equipment. Mrs Woodford is to look into the legal and security aspects of this.

The Chairman noted her disapproval of the up-front deposit of £40 proposed.

The proposal to acquire tools for tenants use was discussed;

95/13 REMEMBRANCE WREATH and DONATION

Mr Hodgkins had agreed to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council due to the incapacity of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman. He was thanked for accepting the role.

The Chairman proposed a donation of £100, in addition to the cost of the wreath. This was approved.

96/13 RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS

Not to hand

97/13 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Poster to advertise meetings regarding home-to-school transport consultation.

Correspondence from Lloyds bank re hand-over of account management to new clerk.

Note of an Appeal Decision, dismissing an appeal for permission to build two houses on land south of Orchard Cottage in Cow Lane.

98/13 COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS

Ms Sabathy noted she will be on holiday from 13 to 27 November.

Mr Longstaff reported increased roadside parking along the Appleton Road, causing traffic hazard.

Mr Hodgkins asked why the A415 was to be closed for some periods in the near future the Clerk to investigate and advise all councillors.

The meeting ended at 7:42pm.

Next meeting 7 pm. Friday 20th December. Location TBA.

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