

# Longworth Parish Council

**MINUTES of PARISH MEETING held at Longworth School at 7:00 pm 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Mrs Boyce, Mrs Broad, Mr Hodgkins, Mr Pearce, Mrs Carlisle (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

## **99/13 OPEN SESSION**

There were no matters raised.

## **100/13 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST**

There were no changes in relevant personal circumstances reported.

## **101/13 APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Mr Hayward, Mrs Tilley, Ms Sabathy and Mr Longstaff

## **102/13 MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as correct.

## **103/13 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none not included in Agenda.

## **104/13 PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT (Justine Cardy & Rita Halfhead)**

5 members of the public Set up "Longworth Park improvement project" group 2 years ago with the intention of improving the play park and increasing usage. Following a consultation in Jan 2012, and a survey of households in Hinton & Longworth (re: usage and thoughts of park activity) equipment was selected. Please see detailed document attached.

Total project cost is £40,390.70 (including third party contribution of £3,158.60)

Funding of £38,840.61 has been secured, and the current shortfall on the project is £1550.09 – being underwritten by Justines company to get the funding through, Justine hopes to do more fundraising to cover this.

The parish council were shown plans of the new layout and equipment which is being sourced from 2 companies - Playdale and Home front.

Comments raised by parish council were as follows:

- Mr. Pearce – should we talk to ROSPA prior to installation just to check that they are happy for the equipment to be fitted and inspected prior to annual ROSPA inspection. There was a discussion about a handover document to ensure equipment tested and deemed safe  
Action Gill Carlisle / Justine Cardy
- Mr. Richard Frost (member of the public) suggested that there is a project in Kingston Bagpuize where section 106 money is available.  
Gill Carlisle to speak to Melinda Tilley about this to see if Longworth can access some of the money.
- Justine Cardy to come back to Parish council regarding sealing the site off whilst work is being undertaken
- Parish Clerk to send the catalogues round in the blue bag to Parish councillors
- There is a Sovereign vale fund of circa £40k – Justine to investigate whether we can secure any of this funding.

The Parish Council enthusiastically endorsed their thanks and appreciation of all the hard work put in by Justine Cardy and her team.

**105/13 VILLAGE BEACON – (Quote Mark Herbert)**

Quote received from Mark Herbert to refurbish the village beacon, £100.  
Parish council approved the expenditure.  
Mr. Hodgkins, and Mr. Pearce suggest investigating a solar light in there.

**106/13 ALLOTMENTS**

Allotment committee member Wendy Woodford attended on behalf of the committee. There was long and exhaustive discussion around the rules and issues of the allotments. The culmination of which was that allotment committee to slightly amend the wording of the rules to make them less pompous / dogmatic  
The Parish Clerk read out an email from Mr Longstaff as he was unable to attend the meeting. The Parish council agrees that allotment holders should own their own tools and were not in favour of shared tools due to potential problems with maintenance / potential injury.  
Allotment committee would like to purchase a back pack weed sprayer, a quantity of plastic sheeting to cover unused plots and a large battery operated mower. Wendy Woodford to go away and research cost of this equipment.  
Richard Frost knows a Company who have old carpets, however it was agreed that they would be bulky and cumbersome and there would be future problems of disposal so this was discounted.  
Parish Council supported changing deposit up front to £20 – for new plot holders  
Draft Rules and Tenancy agreement agreed in principle

**107/13 PLANNING ISSUES**

Little Orchard – to be circulated in blue bag tomorrow.  
Mr. Pearce suggested that we should review procedure in respect of how the PC captures Councillors comments on planning applications and subsequently compiles these comments into the PC’s formal response to the Vale

**108/13 BUDGET 2014-15**

The Parish council approved the draft Budget.

**109/13 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION**

Mr Auckland’s October inspection received. Mr Hodgkins Inspection done in December received. The next inspection to be carried out in January by Mrs Broad.

<b>110/13 RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>	
Interest November	7.43
Interest December	7.19
<b>Payments</b>	
Clerk’s salary (net) & expenses Nov	280.38
Allotment water rates and rubbish clearance	163.17
Grass cutting Church	132.00
Donation to British legion Poppy appeal and wreath	117.00
Courses Getting to grips with local finance and roles and responsibilities for new Clerks	150.00
New swing seat – Playground	163.20

## **111/13 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Quote from Mark Herbert re village beacon

Correspondence from Lloyds bank re hand-over of account management to new clerk, although security device still outstanding.

Revised Planning application for Manor lodge  
Planning application for Little Orchard, Appleton Road

Budget & Precept letter from Vale – to be returned by 10<sup>th</sup> January

Letter from NHS Thames valley primary care re:determination of ruraliry of Carterton and surrounding villages. To be sent round in the blue bag

Letter from Longworth school regarding Dog fouling – discussion about getting a bigger poster – Chairman to speak to dog warden.

OALC courses – roles and responsibilities & getting to grips with council finance

The Chairman left the meeting at this point and the Vice Chairman took over.

## **112/13 COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS**

The Vice Chairman raised the idea of giving Alan Boyce a £75 book token to acknowledge his years of work for the Council. The Council discussed and approved this gift.

Stanford waste disposal to be sent round to village email list  
Planning to be raised at next council – re consensus to submit to Vale planning.

The meeting ended at 8:56

Next meeting 7 pm. 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014, confirmed. Location TBA.

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