

# Longworth Parish Council

## **MINUTES of PARISH MEETING AGM.**

Held at Longworth Village Hall at 8:30 pm 21<sup>th</sup> May 2014

**PRESENT:** Chairman Mrs Boyce , Mr Hodgkins, Mr Longstaff, Ms Sabathy, Mrs Carlisle (Clerk) and 11 members of the public.

### **40/14 OPEN SESSION**

Martin Eagle asked if there was any update on planning application for the nurseries. The chairman replied that as yet we had heard nothing.

### **41/14 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST**

There were no changes in relevant personal circumstances reported.

### **42/14 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Mr Auckland , Mrs Broad, Mr Hayward (D.C.), Mr Pearce and Mrs Tilley(OCC).

### **43/14 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the previous Meeting (25<sup>th</sup> April 2014) were accepted as correct.

### **44/14 MATTERS ARISING**

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

### **45/14 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr Hodgkins nominated Mrs Boyce as Chairman and Ms Sabathy seconded.

### **46/14 FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Ms. Sabathy felt that meeting dates should be democratically agreed. The Chairman suggested that more people can make Fridays. It was agreed that future meeting dates would be discussed and the date which satisfies most people would be chosen. Absent Councillors Views will also be taken on board.

### **47/14 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION**

Mr Pearce carried out the April inspection at the beginning of May (in conjunction with the Parish Clerk who passed on ROSPAs guidance re what to check on the new equipment). Mr Auckland is down for the May inspection which will be done at the end of May. Parish Clerk to issue checklist paperwork on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and walk Mr Auckland through Rospa's new instructions.

### **48/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN & STEERING GROUP**

Mr Boyce requested formal approval for permission to spend up to £4,000 from the Parish funds to complete funding for the neighbourhood plan. He confirmed 21 people attended the meeting earlier in the month and voted in support of continuing. Unanimous support from Parish Council.

#### **49/14 ALLOTMENTS**

Money banked, 2 more plots taken. 7 plots available, 2 enquiries from Southmoor from September. Footpath now cleared. Still problem with dog walkers, confrontation from member of the public, who “might forget where the public footpath is” Vegetables are being stolen. 2 vacant plots taken under control. Plastic was discussed at a cost of £740. 5 new plot holders since advert, 7 plots let in total. Improvement of car parking area, on hold until birds have fledged. Work party established for pruning damson trees and small shrubbery and brambles. When new rents collected, everyone signed tenancy rules and happy to follow rules.

#### **50/14 2013/14 ACCOUNTS**

Accounts accepted, and agreed to revisit risk statement

#### **51/14 REVISED 2014/15 BUDGET**

The Revised budget was accepted.

<b>52/14</b>	<b>RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS</b>	
	<b>Receipts</b>	
	Interest on NSI	7.19
	Grave Headstone Fee	300.00
	<b>Payments</b>	
	Clerk's salary May	225.00
	Churchyard Grass Cutting	264.00
	Footpath clearing	540.00

#### **53/14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Response from Peter Dela (Vale of White Horse District council) – referring parish Clerk back to the Highways Enquiry Team, who have been contacted. The Highways Enquiry Team responded requesting specific details of the locations and Nature of the issues then reports can be raised to have the sites inspected by the Highways representative for the area. Julia Burden has contacted them about the Pinewoods road issue as she has most knowledge, and Parish Clerk to go back to them with the Appleton Road issue, after confirming specifics with Richard Frost.

Emails re A420/Pinewoods from Melinda Tilley and Peter Evans (Hinton Parish Chairman). Melinda Tilley has met with Ed Vaizey to discuss the issues. Ms Sabathy suggested that we need to be careful what we do with the junction, re Hanson getting trucks in and out. Feeling is that the M.P. will get no help from Highways Agency.

#### **54/14 COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS**

Mr Longstaff commented that the grass cutters at the Church have left a large amount of surface grass, noted by a couple of people, there is now a lot of dead grass. Mr Longstaff has been contacted by Bob Plumtre and by community woodland, historical info passed over. He suggested that he would like hold a general working party to cut brambles, however it was felt

that the density of brambles was far too great to be tackled by a working party. The Chariman agreed to talk to David and Bernie at the manor about the brambles. This maintenance was originally planned to be co-ordinated by LEN (LEN seems to have disappeared from the village) Paperwork has now gone missing. Maintaining is purely voluntary. To be discussed at next meeting in July. Parish Clerk agreed to contact Cynthia Napper to see if any funding is available for this type of work.

Mr Hodgkins attended a Longworth History Society talk, re Longworth and Hinton Church Bells, and asked if the Parish Council could offer support to the project. It was agreed to invite Valia Battat to address Parish Council at its next meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:10pm

Next meeting. 7 pm Wednesday 2nd July 2014 at Longworth School.

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