

Longworth Parish Council

MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Held at Longworth Village Hall at 7 pm on 3rd August 2016

PRESENT: Mrs Carlisle (Clerk), , Mr Hodgkins, Mr Longstaff, Mr Pearce6 (Chairman), Ms Sabathy, Mr Shaw, and 31 members of the public

93/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Kinch and Mrs Woodford and Councillor Hayward and Councillor Tilley

94/16 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

There were no changes reported.

95/16 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the 22nd June meeting were put before the Councillors and accepted as being correct and duly signed

96/16 THAMES WATER PRESENTATION

Mark Mathews & Alex Nickson from Thames Water attended the meeting and gave a presentation re land safeguarding and Water resources.

Presentation to be sent to Parish Council for loading onto the village website. Detailed assessment documents will be on Thames water website in September 2016, followed by public consultation in January 2018

Thames Water are in the process of considering many options to increase the availability of water to the Southeast of the UK including reservoirs, viaducts/pipes and waste water reuse. Their intention is to safeguard 3 locations for possible reservoir development (Abingdon, Chinnor and Longworth); Longworth is the smallest of the 3 sites

Questions were invited from the village including:

- The village understands the need, question raised about the possibility of providing, flood protection further down the Thames? Response: Will work with environment agency re opportunities re flood prevention.
- Previous applications have been turned down why is this being raised again?, No this safeguarding not an application at this time. Water resources management plan highlighted preferred option as Abingdon, 15 years ago, and at that time there was no need. Then waste water reuse preferred option, now drafting up next plan, clear now that need to look beyond 25 year period, factoring in concerns re if there was a 3 year drought rather than 2 year drought. Moving away from cheapest to most resilient i.e. best value rather than lowest cost

- Recycling, what % is recyclable and what % is treated and what technology, haven't done a calculation, it is a smaller %, a third of the size of Abingdon which is the largest site of the 3; sizes are approximately: Abingdon 1000 hectares 150mill cubic m, Chinnor 75 mill cubic m, Longworth 400 hectares 50 mill cubic m
- Should new houses be forced to include water efficiency in their development? Yes, we're trying to encourage water efficiency on new builds

Other points made by TW:

- Adaptive pathways – range of options, how long to deliver an option can move from one option to another
- Stage 3 review – link to website likely to be published in Sept, but decision will not be made until 2018
- Not looking for softest option, looking at cost benefit analysis, Longworth smaller, advantages and disadvantages of each option
- Compulsory purchase how many houses affected in Longworth assessed as less than 10
- TW will put comparison of Farmoor and Longworth onto the site

Mr Pearce asked villagers to send further questions to the PC who will liaise with TW to obtain answers.

97/16 OPEN SESSION

There were no items for the open session

98/16 MELINDA TILLEY

Sent her apologies, received during the meeting

99/16 MATTERS ARISING

The public gate next to Longworth House and adjacent to the allotments needs repairing, clerk to organise.

100/16 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for July 2016

Income from NSI Investments	16.03
Allotment Rents	262.00
Total Receipts	278.03
Expenditure	
Clerks Salary July	418.04
2016/17 meeting room hire	120.00
Grass cutting	125.00
Footpath Clearance	375.00
Queens 90 th Birthday expenses	120.76
NP printing costs	99.00
VAT	25.00
Total Expenditure	1282.80

The Annual accounts have been submitted to BDO and so far all queries have been answered. In line with procedures, the year 2016/17 has been reforecast and issued to councillors, the main changes relate to the receipt of £12k grant from Tesco, £4k additional expenditure at the playground and £8k consultancy fees to Neil Homer at rcoh for assistance with the planning inquiry to be held in December 2016

101/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Update for informational purposes only, as the PC is not able to influence the public in providing support for or against the vote taking place at the coming referendum.

Poll cards should now have been received by all households in Longworth. The referendum will take place from 7am-10pm on 18th August, with the count immediately after. Permission to mail drop sought and was agreed on unanimously

Volunteers requested for mail drop Sarah Martin, Nigel Shaw, Mike Emanuel and Clerk volunteered. Clerk to produce flyers and postal list to check off applicable addresses.

There have been 2 changes to the plan since the Submission version used for the Vale public consultation and the Examination by the Vale Examiner:

- 1) Policy 2 changes suggested by the Examiner. The NP committee and PC voted to approve the change and that it was inconsequential and didn't need village consultation.
- 2) Vale Planning rep Ronan Leydon suggested the removal of a small paragraph that referenced the document as being the submission version as this was now the Referendum version.

No other changes have been made to the Referendum version.

102/16 PLANNING MATTERS/APPLICATIONS

Before discussion ensued it was stated that given the emergence of the Neighbourhood Plan its existence in its current form needs to be considered when formulating views on village planning applications. Mr Longstaff asked if we are judging against the emerging NP does this show bias, Mr Pearce stated that there were two separate issues firstly that categorically stated in minute 101/16 which states that we as a PC can only encourage residents to vote and not advise which way and quite separately whilst conducting our normal business we cannot ignore that as it stands at present the Village have instructed the PC to progress a NP. Its existence in its current form therefore cannot be ignored. The Secretary of State has also indicated that it is relevant.

P16/V1585/FUL Mill Barn, Cow Lane

Does not meet the requirements, is not compliant with NP or Vale plan or NPPF, also Vale say this is not an infill site. It is also not sustainable development. PC agree to object to this application, Objection because it is not infill and not compliant with emerging NP

P16/V1774/HH Princes Farm Tucks Lane

Pc Support this application

P16/V1575/FUL Warren Cottage, Hinton Road

This application is not within built up area, is not infill, adjoins open land

Parish Council object to this application

P16/V1923/O Culver Barn, Longworth

PC support this application as limited infill in the built up area of the village

P16/V0304/FUL Squirrel Cottage application (10 dwellings)

This application was being reviewed at the planning meeting tonight, it was thought that the planning department would recommend approval, not yet confirmed.

Post Meeting Note:- This application was refused at Committee.

P15/V2863/O Potting Shed nurseries application Update

The inquiry date is set for 7th and 8th December. We have a Surveyor in the village who will supply us with a "postbox", to enable securing legal help. The statement will be submitted imminently, there is no guarantee that this will work, but our consultant Neil Homer and the Barrister think we have a good case

103/16 PLAYGROUND

- Vote re transfer(or not) of Land ownership. Voted not to take ownership from Vale
- June inspection was carried out by Mr Shaw, July to be done asap by Mr Hodgkins belatedly, August to be done by Mrs Woodford, and September Mr Pearce
- Rospa report postponed until completion of the playground project

104/16 CHURCHYARD AND BURIAL GROUND – ROBERT LONGSTAFF

Complaints received from parishioner re the state of the Churchyard, Clerk to check with BGG why the grass was not cut also to find quote for grave repair or chase if not received.

Risk assessment to be carried out before working party at graveyard now scheduled for Autumn.

105/16 ALLOTMENT UPDATE – WENDY WOODFORD

Mrs Woodford sent her apologies and requested that we ask for a dog waste bin to be situated outside the allotments close to the entrance to the public footpath. Clerk to request Fallen tree work adjoining the Pointon's land planned for the beginning of September Allotment holders with ragwort on their plots have been asked to remove this carefully as soon as possible.

Northern allotment field, advice sought from Julian Sayers re the rental value, Councillors voted to accept a joint tenancy with Mr Richard Spencer and Mrs Pippa French, details still to be discussed. A member of the public asked how long the tenancy would be for, it was thought it would be a rolling annual contract.

106/16 SPEEDWATCH INITIATIVE – WENDY WOODFORD

Our next session is in August. The speed restriction signs on posts need to have the vegetation cut back so they can be seen this could be used as an excuse by motorists making it difficult for the police to enforce limits. The painted 30 road sign has been recently repainted along with the give way lines at junctions clerk has reported the overgrown signs

107/16 BUS UPDATE

A member of the public enquired whether the 15 (Abingdon – Witney service) could start to come through Longworth. Mrs Kinch to investigate.

There has been a meeting of Transport Reps for Hinton, Fyfield and Appleton, a proposal is being investigated to use the 'Comet' Bus for 1 trip per week into Oxford leaving Hinton at approx. 10.15 am and returning at approx. 1.30pm from Oxford, following the old 63 route (missing out Southmoor and Fyfield) The proposed days are Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. The bus driver is not allowed to charge passengers, and It is anticipated that this would cost the Parish Council between £13 and £25 per week. However it is thought that a small charge could be made on a monthly basis for all those who would hope to use the bus hopefully, this would cover most of the cost (suggestion £5)...

Notice to go in Seven Voices on behalf of Longworth and Hinton asking people to let Lesley Kinch (Longworth) or Peter Evans (Hinton) know if they are interested in using the Bus. Appleton and Fyfield will also see how much interest there is. The Rep from Appleton is getting further information from the County Council regarding the 'Comet Bus'. We do know that the first couple of journeys are free as a trial

108/16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A villager has advised that the telephone box is impossible to use as it has so much vegetation both inside and around the outside, Clerk to report via fix my street.

A villager has asked if we can get the overhanging trees and shrubs in Bowbank and School close cut back as this is dangerous for children and parents as they step into the road to avoid being soaked in bad weather, on further investigation these are privately owned trees and shrubs in gardens to be report via fix my street.

109/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

110/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

14th September in the Village Hall at 7pm

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

Signed.....

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