

LONGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2020



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

COUNCIL VACANCY



Following a recent resignation there is now a vacancy on Longton Parish Council, West Ward. The Parish Council is now able to co-opt a new member to fill that vacancy. If you would like to be involved in local affairs then this is your opportunity to put yourself forward without the need to go through a formal election process. All that is required is a letter to the Council outlining your personal details. This should ideally include your work experience, the length of time you have lived in or had connections with the area, any existing local memberships and a brief outline of any skills that you might be able to bring to the Council. Letters of request will be considered by the

Council at the next available meeting. If you are interested or want to know more please get in touch with the Clerk to the Council who will be more than happy to assist.

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HGVs THROUGH NEW LONGTON

Recent safety concerns with regard to HGVs going through New Longton, instead of using the new bypass, have been high on the agenda of the Parish Council with many residents attending a virtual Council meeting in July. Discussions with LCC (Highway Authority) and the involvement of our local MP led to a consultation amongst all NL residents who voiced many concerns. The results of the consultation is that new signage will be introduced on the appropriate roads directing HGVs away from the village and onto the new by pass. This strategy is the first stage of trying to remove these vehicles from our village. After a period of time, to give the signage an opportunity to work, a traffic count will be undertaken in order to gauge its success. Should the strategy not work then further measures will be considered.

FLOODING

As we approach winter the likelihood of heavy rainfall and flooding in the area will once again be of concern to residents. We have put together a short synopsis of where to report the various types of flooding that can be experienced. What is very important is that incidents are 'reported' in order that a database of 'events' can be compiled so that the appropriate authorities have records of what has happened, can take action as appropriate and can consider the effectiveness of their action dependant on whether there is further repetition in the future.

If there is an immediate risk to your life or you are trapped by flood water call **999**

If flood water is entering your house, or is halfway across the road, please telephone:

Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm (excluding bank holidays) - **0300 123 6780**

or outside of these times **101** (local police non-emergency number)

Flooding from highway drainage, surface water, groundwater or watercourses report online **<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/>**

Flooding from sewers or burst water mains:

Contact your water provider: United Utilities **0845 746 2200**



CHRISTMAS TREES 2020

This year, Longton Parish Council will again be providing the lighting to the Christmas trees in both Longton and New Longton.

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LOCAL COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

PARISH COUNCILS were established in law in 1894 having their origins in the development of villages all over England during both Saxon and Norman times. Villages in those past days were ruled by the Lord of the Manor with little national control. Sometimes the villages all met to make decisions which affected the whole community. Gradually it seems that parish priests and sometimes school masters joined the Lord of the Manor to become an effective ruling clique and it was probably from this that the first Parish Councils were formulated.

After the second world war the profile of local Councils increased significantly, and the National Association of Parish Councils was formed. Since that time there has been much debate concerning the value of these Councils however today with a Central Government view of involving local communities it may be that the involvements of Parish and Town Councils will increase in the future.

A Parish Council is democratically elected to serve a defined and local area. Your present Council members were elected to serve for 4 years at the last election in May 2019.

Parish Councils exist to protect the interests of their communities and in many cases provide local services either directly or in support of higher tiers of local government (County, City, Unitary & Borough Councils).

Parish Councils have a statutory right to make comment on all planning applications within their boundaries however the decision does still rest with the higher tier authority for the area.

Longton Parish Council has the services of a Lengthsman who supports and adds value to existing County & Borough authority services. Peter can be seen out and about in Longton and New Longton undertaking general maintenance and litter picking support and he can sometimes undertake Public Right of Way maintenance on paths close to our village centres, for which the Parish Council receive a small grant.

The Council is also able, through representation, to assist in improving the area in general and its opinion is often sought where significant changes to the area are involved such as SRBC planning policies.

Longton Parish Council often comment on planning applications for the area and it is not unusual for residents to seek its support on applications which are of concern to the local populous.

Longton Parish Council is not a clearing house for complaints regarding the service delivery of higher tier authorities which should be addressed in the first place to the responsible authority concerned.



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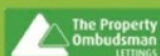
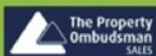
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NEW LOCAL PLANNING POLICIES

In November 2019, a consultation was launched which kicked off the start of putting together the next SRBC Local Plan. Despite Covid-19 work has continued on this major planning policy review with 25000 responses to the initial consultation which covers SRBC, Chorley and Preston. The next stage is to consider the many suggestions put forward leading to a further consultation relating to the suggestions that are proposed to be taken forward. The whole process takes several years from start to finish. The current timetable is shown below although this could of course change relative to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Stage 1 Consultation November 2019 - February 2020

Stage 2 Preferred Options Consultation June 2021 - August 2021

Stage 3 Publication Draft - October 2022 - December 2022

Stage 4 Submission to Central Government - March 2023

Stage 5 Adoption - December 2023

CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS 2020



The Parish Council will once again this year be running the 'Christmas Rosebowl Competition' and 'Christmas House Display Competition'.

The Rosebowl Competition is open to all local shops in the Parish (no entry form required) and is an award given for the best shop window display during the run up to Christmas - the winner will receive the 'Rosebowl' including flowers to be held for the following 12 months.

The Christmas House Display Competition is open to all households in the Parish (again no entry form is required) and is an award given to the best external house lighting display during the run up to Christmas - there are two awards: the Vi Peacock Cup (New Longton) & Christmas Cup (Longton).

Parish Councillors have been chosen to undertake the judging

All judging will take place on the weekend of the 5/6th December 2020 and the awards will be made to the winners by the Chairman of the Parish Council shortly thereafter. So why not give it a go and see if you can help to brighten up our two villages during the festive period?



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Longton VM 200 Club - Join NOW



Founded in 1922 we are looking forward to celebrating our Centenary in 2022 and beyond. To help achieve this we aim to keep the club's finances in a viable position by introducing a 200 Club that is open to everyone. This monthly draw will help support the club and it's anticipated that 50% of the subscriptions will be awarded in prize money every month. It's already proving popular so if you are interested please visit **www.longtonvm.co.uk/200club.htm**

Covid -19 - Safety Controls Statement



The safety of our Members, Guests, Staff and Volunteers is our upmost priority, Be assured that we are following all government directives during the current pandemic which include, Social Distancing, A one way system, Extra Cleaning measures, Sanitize Stations, Signage and Screens across the bar. We also provide socially distanced seating with table service.

Please help by wearing a mask when not seated



CAMRA CLUB OF THE YEAR 2020

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YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

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DATES AND VENUES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Upcoming meetings are as follows and all commence at 7.30 pm

8th DECEMBER 2020 @ LONGTON LIBRARY

12th JANUARY 2021 @ NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL

2nd MARCH 2021 @ LONGTON LIBRARY

13th APRIL 2021 @ NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL

25th MAY 2021 @ LONGTON LIBRARY

(an adjournment is provided in order that the council may listen to representations from the public)

PARISH COUNCILLOR RETIRES

Phil Artis who has been on the Council for 35 years, and for a number of years during that time as Chairman, has finally decided to call it a day. He no longer feels that he is able to give the role his best and feels that it is time to make room for someone else to take over. I feel sure that all residents will join us in thanking Phil for his service to the community and wish him a long and happy retirement.