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NEXT MEETING

Members of the Council are summoned to the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** to be held on Tuesday the 12th April 2022 at **New Longton Village Hall** commencing at 7.30pm.

 W V McEnnerney-Whittle – Clerk and RFO

A G E N D A

1. To receive apologies
2. To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st March 2022 (enclosed)
3. To receive Declarations of Interest (All members present have a prejudicial interest in any item relating to LVMRG and will therefore need to declare the same)
4. To agree dispensations for all members present in relation to all items involving LVMRG on the basis that no business could otherwise be conducted in relation to these matters.
5. To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation
6. To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

None

7. To approve the following payments:

21/02/2022	CW BERRY MATERIALS	47	43.16
16/03/2022	PRESTON BUS SUBSIDY	48	20283.25
16/03/2022	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	49	915.20
16/03/2022	LBKVC ENTRY FEE	50	50.00
25/03/2022	W V MCWHITTLE SAL AND EXP 4TH QTR	51	1713.42
25/03/2022	HMRC 4TH QTR	52	1156.82
25/03/2022	MARMAX BENCH FOR LIVERPOOL RD	53	476.40
25/03/2022	NEWGATE NURSERIES XMAS TREE	54	186.00
25/03/2022	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	55	915.20
31/03/2022	BANK CHARGES	56	19.95

8. To consider in principle that this Council should plant the following:
 - a) Three deciduous trees to replace two recently felled conifers on the small wood at LVMRG
 - b) Three deciduous trees on the recreation ground New Longton close to the brook adjacent to the trees planted two years ago
 - c) One tree in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in St Andrew's Church grounds

There are a range of suitable trees, wild flowering cherry, mountain ash, crab apple, hornbeam, oak and field maple which would be suitable dependent on availability at the time. Indicative prices were sought in February 2022 indicating a cost range of between £45 and £58 for semi mature bare rooted trees approx 2-2.5 metre in height plus a delivery charge of £50. Since that time tree prices have risen considerably and so a project cost of up to £600 might be required.

In addition, permission of the Trustee LVMRG would be required and also from St Andrew's Church together with appropriate locations since the small wood at LVMRG is already condensed with trees whose canopies would restrict growth and development in that immediate area. Planting would take place in the Autumn of 2022

9. To consider in principle whether this Council should fund the demolition of the Ladybirds Hut at LVMRG which is no longer fit for purpose. The Trustee LVMRG are seeking to obtain quotes however the only quote available so far is at a price of £6000. The Trustee have insufficient funds and insufficient income due to meet this expenditure and general maintenance of the recreation ground at the present time without external funding.
10. To consider the level of insurance cover required for the Ladybirds Hut due to be demolished and which is included on this Council's insurance policy with Zurich due for renewal on the 1st June 2022 although the cost would be re-allocated to the Trustee as in the past.

Zurich have referred us to the policy which shows that as the building is unoccupied cover is not provided for malicious damage, escape of water or accidental damage. The current cover is buildings £230000 and Contents £5000. The buildings cover may be considered excessive and there are no contents of any value. Current associate premium is £490.00 based on last year.

Zurich have asked if we wish to insure for full reinstatement value whatever that might be or to reduce cover to that for demolition and removal only (only applicable in the event of an insurable occurrence)

11. To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 24th May 2022.

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Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Tuesday
the 1st March 2022 at **New Longton Village Hall** commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Fox, Garside, Sumner, Welch, Gooch, Molder, Turner, Alsop, Riley and Porter

There were no members of the public present

01/22 To receive apologies

Cllrs Barnes and Mather

02/22 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th January 2022 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th January 2022 should be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

03/22 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fox declared a personal interest in planning application 07/2022/00063/FUL as she had previously objected to a similar application. She left the room and did not debate or vote on this item.

04/22 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

There were no members of the public present

05/22 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2022/00063/FUL – Erection of 1 no detached bungalow with access off Long Croft @ 5 East Square Longton PR4 5NL

07/2022/00069/CLD – Application for Lawful Development Certificate to use C3 residential dwelling as children's home for the care of up to two children aged between 8 and 16 years old @ 27 Hambleton Close Longton PR4 5DQ

07/2022/00078/HOH – Erection of detached garage following demolition of existing garage @ Glenroy 1 Woodside Avenue New Longton PR4 4YD

07/2022/00090/HOH – Single storey extension and rear extension @6 Knot Acre New Longton PR4 4JB

07/2022/00112/NMA – Replacement of cladding with brickwork @ Tuson's Farm Gill Lane Longton PR4 5GN

It was resolved that no representation should be made

06/22 To approve the following payments:

24/01/2022	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION DONATION	ONLINE	43	100.00
24/01/2022	CPRE SUBSCRIPTION	ONLINE	44	50.00
24/01/2022	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	ONLINE	45	486.20

It was resolved that the payments referred to above should be approved

07/22 To appoint Len Slade as the internal auditor for 2021/22 at a fee of £115.00 and approve the Terms of Reference and Internal Control / Suggested Testing Methodology the relative documents having already been circulated

It was resolved that Len Slade should be appointed as the Internal Auditor as detailed above and that the documentation also referred to above should be approved

08/22 To consider and approve the following documents which have already been circulated

- The Councils Risk Management Policy Statement 2022
- The Councils Risk Management Register 2022
- The Councils Asset Register 2022
- The Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control 2022

It was resolved that the documentation referred to above should be approved

09/22 To confirm that this Council wishes to enter the 2022 Best Kept Village Competition and agree which individual OUTSTANDING entries should be submitted this year (last year outstanding nominations were New Longton Cricket Club, The Black Bull Longton, The Golden Ball Longton and Blundells Hardware Shop Longton)

It was resolved that this Council should enter the above-mentioned competition and submit the same OUTSTANDING entries as last year.

10/22 To consider a request from a resident that this Council replace a bench that was historically sited on Liverpool Road close to the boundary stones between Longton and Hutton which he believes was removed a number of years ago possibly by SRBC due to it having rotted and become unsafe. There are no records of ownership of this bench on either SRBC records or PC records going back approx 20 years. It is therefore not known who actually owned it or when it was removed. The resident maintains that the bench was a convenient point to stop and rest and was used regularly by older walkers and others such as young families. The cost of a bench and installation assuming LCC will grant permission is likely to be around £500.00.

It was resolved that a suitable bench should be purchased and installed as outlined above.

11/22 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 12th April 2022.

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