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10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## NEXT MEETING

Members of the Council are summoned to the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** to be held on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (enclosed)
3. To receive Declarations of Interest

4. To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

5. To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2023/00003/HOH – Single storey rear extension @ 20 Formby Crescent Longton PR4 5YN

07/2022/00980/FUL – Erection of 2no detached bungalows @ 89 School Lane Longton PR4 5ZA

07/2022/00996/HOH – Erection of detached garage to the rear garden @ Tuson's Farm Gill Lane Longton PR4 5GN

6. To approve the following payments:

10/11/2022	VIKING DIRECT STATIONERY	34	125.76
10/11/2022	JPP MEDIA NEWSLETTER DELIVERY	35	378.00
10/11/2022	NEWGATE NURSERIES PLANTS LENGTHSMAN	36	58.50
10/11/2022	C W BERRY LENGTHSMAN MATERIALS	37	39.06
10/11/2022	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	38	729.60
28/11/2022	VIKING DIRECT STATIONERY	39	98.06
28/11/2022	P HESIE LENGTHSMAN	40	972.80
28/11/2022	SLCC 1/3RD SUBSCRIPTION	41	97.68

7. To consider the continued subsidy of bus service 12 which was deferred from the previous meeting in order that more information could be obtained. That information, concerning the subsidy cost of a one hourly service and a response from LCC regarding bus subsidies, having already been sent out to members
8. To consider the enclosed draft budget for 2023/4 and taking into account any expenditure agreed at item 7 above approve the Precept for 2023/24
9. To consider any response to the Consultation on the Central Lancashire Local Plan Part 1, a link having already been sent out to all members in advance of this meeting.
10. To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

# Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Tuesday the  
6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at **LONGTON LIBRARY** commencing at 7.30pm

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

There were three members of the public present together with Tom Calderbank representing Preston Bus.

53/22 To receive apologies

*Cllrs Molder and Barnes*

54/22 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 (enclosed)

*It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 should be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.*

55/22 To receive Declarations of Interest

*None*

56/22 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

*The meeting was adjourned*

*The three members of the public present made this Council aware of a dog training facility planning application on Lindle lane that had been submitted to SRBC. They were concerned and had objected to the application primarily due to potential noise and the increase in traffic on Lindle Lane that it would create if agreed. The Chairman explained that the location was outside of Longton Parish, and that this Council were unable to comment.*

*Tom Calderbank then addressed members present explaining the rationale behind the request for a £202000.00 subsidy if Bus Service 12 were to continue in its present format. Reasons given included reduced usage following the pandemic, significant driver pay rises due to the need to recruit drivers, fuel costs and the cost of parts for maintenance. He stated that he had spoken to LCC who do have reinstated the funding of some bus routes and confirmed that should this Council not accede to the request that the service would be withdrawn, and notification given of its withdrawal. This might then involve LCC in considering a subsidy itself as it had done in the past but that they would not consider any such subsidy until the Parish Council made its decision.*

*A discussion followed that perhaps a reduced service might be an option, Tom explained that this would likely mean a loss of some passengers and that the cost would not half should the service reduce for half hourly to hourly. He did agree to produce some figures for consideration.*

*The meeting was reconvened*

57/22 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2022/00928/FUL – Erection of a residential development (34 dwellings) with associated vehicular access, roads and footways, hard and soft landscaping, drainage and other associated works @ land to the east of Reynard Close Longton



07/2022/00875/HOH – Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory and single storey side extension @ 24 Hambleton Close Longton PR4 5DQ

*It was resolved that no representation should be made*

58/22 To approve the following payments:

03/10/2022 P HEISE LENGTHSMAN INV 6

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972.80

*It was resolved that the payment referred to above should be approved*

59/22 To receive an update concerning the ongoing discussion regarding an HGV Weight Limit through New Longton and consider whether this Council might pay for a vehicle survey as part of those discussions. The prices quoted for the vehicle survey are either £1500 plus vat or £2150 plus vat as detailed on the enclosed correspondence.

*It was resolved that this Council should pay for a vehicle survey as outline above and on the enclosure with the agenda at £2150.00 plus Vat.*

60/22 To consider the continued subsidy of bus service 12 having now received a confirmation that Preston Bus will require a subsidy level of £202000.00 to maintain the existing arrangements for 2023/4 this being an increase of almost 120K from the existing figure of £82350.

*It was resolved, after much debate, that this item should be deferred in order to consider the revised figures for a reduced service which Preston Bus had previously agreed to produce and for the Chairman, in his role as LCC Councillor, to speak to the Cabinet Member for Transport to enquire whether LCC would be prepared to provide a subsidy (as they had done in the past rather) than this Council have to either significantly increase the tax burden on its residents or allow the service to be withdrawn.*

61/22 To consider the enclosed draft budget and report for 2023/4 and taking into account any expenditure items agreed at this meeting set the Precept for 2023/4

*It was resolved that this item should be deferred until a decision is made concerning future bus subsidies.*

62/22 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

*It was noted that the next scheduled meeting is on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 however since the Precept has to be with SRBC in early January 2023 it might be necessary to call an extra ordinary meeting to resolve the level at which it will need to be set.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022				
REVISED			OUT TURN	BUDGET 2023/4
BUDGET	INCOME			
50351	Balance b/f 1st April 2022	50351.58	50351	49198
116000	Precept	116000.00	116000	121000
	Bank Interest	156.44	250	250
183	V A T Recovered	333.79	333	284
900	Trustee Admin Contribution		900	900
	Prow Grant Scheme			
	CIL	11871.67	11871	
500	Advertising	300.00	500	500
324	Pitch fee	364.00	364	400
	Refund Zurich	62.45	62	
168258		179439.93	180631	172532
	LESS EXPENDITURE			
160	Hire Hall	18.00	160	180
1200	Subscriptions incl Web Site	694.55	1200	1200
12000	Lengthsman	4620.80	12000	13200
550	Insurance	514.59	514	600
10300	Clerks salary	5077.62	11100	11600
400	Mileage	184.60	400	400
350	Postage Telephone & Stationery	25.29	300	350
100	Donations incl Poppy Day		100	100
600	Audit	515.00	515	550
1700	Newsletter	852.00	1700	1800
82350	Save our Bus fund	41175.00	82350	91408
72	Bank charges	41.10	80	80
13500	NL Primary Parking		13500	
5500	Ladybirds Building Demolition		5500	
40	Chairman's Allowance		40	40
200	Competitions Xmas & Garden	103.77	200	250
	Vat reclaimable	284.24	284	
200	Training			
1000	Ground Maintenance / Repairs	290.77	1000	1000
250	Xmas Trees		250	250
250	National Insurance Employer	91.76	240	250
130722	Total	54489.09	131433	123258
37536	Balance in hand	124950.84	49198	49274
	Bank Statement	24683.35	RESTRICTED CIL	11871
		100267.49		
		124950.84		
			GENERAL RESERVE	37403