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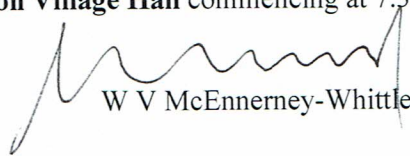
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9th January 2024

NEXT MEETING

Members of the Council are summoned to the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** to be held on

Tuesday the 16th January 2024 at **New Longton Village Hall** commencing at 7.30pm


W V McEnerney-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 5th December 2023 (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:

07/2023/01019/FUL - Demolition of existing buildings and erection of five detached houses, one detached garage and replacement garage with associated access and landscaping @ Springfield Farm Drumacre Lane West Longton Preston Lancashire PR4 4SB

07/2023/01049/HOH – Single storey side and rear extension @ Holly Lodge Gill Lane Longton PR4 4ST

07/2023/ 01059 – Change of use of dwellinghouse (C3) to Children's Care Home accommodating up to 4 children (Class 2 Use) @ 7 Bridge View Close Longton PR4 4TG

6. To approve the following payments:

06/11/2023	ALL SAINTS CHURCH DONATION	26	300.00
06/11/2023	PRINTING WORLD - NEWSLETTER	27	569.00
06/11/2023	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION DONATION	28	100.00
06/11/2023	JPP MEDIA NEWSLETTER DELIVERY	29	360.00
06/12/2023	SLCC 1/3RD SUBSCRIPTION	30	114.84
06/12/2023	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	31	1068.80
06/12/2023	LCC ROOM HIRE	32	60.00
12/12/2023	G GOOCH CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE	33	40.00
12/12/2023	CW BERRY MATERIALS LENGTHSMAN	34	21.48
12/12/2023	HMRC 3RD QTR	35	1529.27
12/12/2023	WV WHITTLE SALARY 3RTD QTR	36	2151.27
12/12/2023	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	37	1068.80
31/12/2023	BANK CHARGES	38	19.95

7. To approve the enclosed Financial Statement as of 31st December 2023

8. To consider whether this Council should take forward the option proposed by LCC to introduce an Amenity Weight Limit Scheme for New Longton which would involve an initial payment by this Parish Council of £15K to undertake the initial detailed design work (payment upfront) and has an indicative overall cost estimate of £90K, which if then accepted would be paid by this Parish Council to have the works undertaken. {See enclosed letter from LCC}

9. To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 27th February 2024

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on
Tuesday the 5th December 2023 at **Longton Library** commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Gooch, Fox, Sumner, Turner, Mather, Garside, Welch and Porter
There were 6 members of the public present which included 2 SRBC Councillors

71/23 To receive apologies

Cllrs Riley, Alsop and Molder

To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 31st October 2023 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st October 2023 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

72/23 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

73/23 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

A resident was advised that any issues with signage appearing outside local shops should be reported to SRBC who were the responsible planning authority and that similarly buildings on Drumacre Lane East which apparently did not have planning permission should be reported in the same way.

The Chairman in his capacity as a LCC Councillor agreed to look into blocking up issues with PROWs on Chapel Lane and also Drumacre Lane.

It was mentioned that the local SRBC Councillors had had discussions with regard to moving the bus shelter near the junction of Station Road and Royalty Lane which was causing road traffic issues. It was hoped action would be taken. It was also mentioned that they were still trying to get a weight restriction through New Longton to reduce HGV movements through the village. It was stated that overhanging branches on the by pass had now been removed so that the directional signage for HGVs was now fully visible and hopefully that would help.

The meeting was reconvened

74/23 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2023/00925/HPD – Single storey rear extension @ 26 Sandringham Park Drive New Longton PR4 4ZS

07/2023/00875/HOH – Raising ridge height together with single two storey side extension and single storey rear extension, dormer to the rear to include a balcony, and following demolition of the existing garage, a detached garage to the rear @ 296 Chapel Lane New Longton PR4 4AB

07/2023/00945/VAR – Variation of condition 7 of planning approval 07/1999/0434, as previously varied by permission 07/2025/1129/VAR, to permit changes to amend permitted opening hours to 7am to 10pm on weekdays, Saturdays and Bank or Public holidays and 9am to 8pm on Sundays @ 98 Liverpool Road Longton Preston (Booths)

07/2023/00958/CLD – Single storey extension to rear @ 26 Formby Crescent Longton PR4 5YN

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

75/23 To approve the following payments:

31/10/2023	VIKING STATIONERY	23	42.30
31/10/2023	DB TOOL PLANT HIRE LADYBIRDS HUT DEMOLITION	24	4129.20
31/10/2023	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	25	1068.80

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

76/23 To consider the enclosed draft budget and set the Precept for 2024/25

It was resolved that the Precept for 2024/5 should be set at £30000.00

77/23 To approve that this Council continue to pay 1/3rd share of Clerks SLCC subscription for 2024 at a figure of £114.84

It was resolved that this Council should continue to pay 1/3rd share of the Clerk SLCC subscription as referred to above.

78/23 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 16th January 2024

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST APRIL 2023 TO 30TH DECEMBER 2023			
REVISED			
BUDGET	INCOME		
49198	Balance b/f 1st April 2023	72452.27	
30000	Precept	30000.00	
250	Bank Interest	992.17	
284	V A T Recovered	620.44	
900	Trustee Admin Contribution	900.00	
	Prow Grant Scheme	800.00	
	CIL	23944.12	
500	Advertising	555.00	
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	LESS EXPENDITURE		
180	Hire Hall	60.00	
1200	Subscriptions incl Web Site	583.84	
13200	Lengthsman	13161.80	
600	Insurance	552.74	
11600	Clerks salary	5493.82	
400	Mileage	301.50	
350	Postage Telephone & Stationery	123.71	
100	Donations incl Poppy Day	400.00	
550	Audit	545.00	
1800	Newsletter	1169.00	
80	Bank charges	60.75	
5000	Ladybirds Building Demolition	3441.00	
40	Chairman's Allowance	40.00	
250	Competitions Xmas & Garden	114.00	
	Vat reclaimable	1000.57	
1000	Ground Maintenance / Repairs	27.21	
250	Xmas Trees	.	
250	National Insurance Employer	300.14	
36850	Total	27375.08	
44282	Balance in hand	102888.92	
	Bank accounts	50962.50	
		51,926.42	
		102888.92	

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Dear County Councillor Gooch

Environmental Weight Limit – New Longton

Further to your request for an environmental weight limit in New Longton on behalf of the parish council, I am now able to provide you with an update and possible way forward.

The delivery of an Environmental weight limit in New Longton does not align with the county council's service plan, nor do the volume of HGVs using the route through town exceed any thresholds that we would consider for such a scheme. Surveys in the area show the volume of HGVs to be around 8% of the total traffic. Any scheme that would be considered would therefore be seen as an amenity scheme and therefore fall outside the scope for our funding priorities.

However, the overall situation has moved on since we wrote to you in December 2022. Whilst the county would not consider the scheme on safety grounds, we are willing to allow the parish council the option to fund the introduction of this as an amenity scheme.

The scheme, as requested, by the parish council has an indicative estimate of £90k, however until detailed design work is undertaken, a more precise cost cannot be provided, depending on the sign locations, advance directional signs, Traffic regulation order processes (including possible objections), this estimate could rise or fall.

To provide a detailed scheme estimate, the county would be required to undertake the detailed design process which will cost £15k, if the parish council wish to proceed with the scheme design, this will need to be paid up front.

The county council would then design the scheme and provide a complete cost for the implementation of the environmental weight limit.

The county council cannot guarantee when the designs will be completed as priority work will take precedence, but we would aim to provide a design within six months of design payment.

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The parish council need to be aware that payment for the design works and decision to proceed with the completed design (if agreed) does not guarantee that the weight limit will be successful. The weight limit is introduced by a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), and this includes a public consultation where anybody can object to the proposals, if these objections cannot be mitigated, the TRO could be unsuccessful.

The weight limit will include an "except for access" requirement, as any scheme will not be able to fully prohibit HGVs from the road network, deliveries and businesses that require HGVs within the area will still need legal access. It is therefore important to note that a weight limit will not remove all HGV traffic from New Longton.

Furthermore, it is unlikely that the police will offer enforcement for a completed scheme. Enforcement by the county council using its moving traffic powers will also be unlikely due to the complexities of the restriction and the demand for enforcement on safety critical restrictions being more likely than amenity schemes.

I hope this information allows you to report back to the Parish Council to provide them options to proceed, if they wish.

Yours sincerely



County Councillor Philippa Williamson
Leader of Lancashire County Council

