

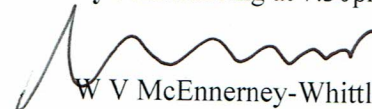
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20th February 2024

NEXT MEETING

Members of the Council are summoned to the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** to be held on
Tuesday the 27th February 2024 at **Longton Library** 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 16th January 2024 (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:
None
6. To approve the following payments:

12/01/2024	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	39	534.40
12/01/2024	PRINTING WORLD NEWSLETTER	40	564.00
12/01/2024	WV MCWHITTLE XMAS COMPO EXPENSES	41	95.00
7. To appoint Sandra Wiseman as the internal auditor for 2023/24 at a fee of £130.00 and approve the Terms of Reference and Internal Control / Suggested Testing Methodology the relative documents having already been circulated
8. To consider and approve the following documents which have already been circulated
 - The Councils Risk Management Policy Statement 2024
 - The Councils Risk Management Register 2024
 - The Councils Asset Register 2024
 - The Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control 2024
9. To consider and approve this Council's Standing Orders 2024 and Financial Regulations 2024 which have already been circulated
10. To confirm that this Council wishes to enter the 2024 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).

11. To approve that the lengthsman hourly rate should be increased to £17.40 (last year £16.70) representing an increase in line with CPI (4.2%)
12. To approve that the fees for the use of the New Longton football pitch should be set at the same figure as those applied to LVMRG football pitch being proposed at £432.00
13. To consider the enclosed request from St Andrew's Church Longton to provide funding for replacement Christmas Lights
14. To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 2nd April 2024

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on
Tuesday the 16th January 2024 at **New Longton Village Hall** commencing at 7.30pm
Present Cllrs: Gooch, Fox, Sumner, Garside, Welch, Porter, Riley, Alsop, and Molder
There were three members of the public present.

01/24 To receive apologies

Cllrs Barnes and Turner

02/24 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th December 2023 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th December 2023 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

03/24 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

04/24 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

The three residents present all made representation against Planning Application 07/2023/01019/FUL being the erection of five dwellings @ Springfield Farm Drumacre Lane West Longton. They were concerned that the site was in the Green Belt although it was pointed out that the site had been previously developed and was therefore available for the purpose proposed. They were concerned that the additional traffic and vehicular access on a narrow road with no footpaths nor street lighting was dangerous, that the height and orientation of the proposed houses were out of keeping with the area and that the Tara Carr Gutter to which the storm water and treated foul water were proposed to be drained often overflowed and the proposal would exacerbate this problem.

The meeting was reconvened

05/24 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 four children (Class 2 Use) @ 7 Bridge View Close Longton PR4 4TG

It was resolved that this Council should object to planning application 07/2023/01019/FUL supporting LCC Highways who had already raised concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety at the site, that it should also support SRBC Environment Dept in requesting that the proposed drainage systems were appropriate and fit for purpose and that the orientation and height of the proposed dwellings were out of keeping with the area.

Cllr Porter, who has had practical experience of drainage systems, had already provided members with a report which highlighted concerns with regard to future maintenance etc of the proposed system and whilst this was not necessarily a material consideration for the application, the report should be sent to the Planning Dept for their information.

06/24 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

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

07/24 To approve the enclosed Financial Statement as of 31st December 2023

It was resolved that the Financial Statement referred to above should be approved

08/24 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}

It was resolved that this Council did not wish to take up the offer of funding any Amenity Weight Limit Scheme due to the high level of cost which would have to be funded from a significant increase in Precept payable by residents of both New Longton and Longton; for a scheme which the police nor LCC were likely to enforce as indicated in the offer letter from LCC.

09/24 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 27th February 2024

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Yew Tree Christmas Lighting.

From: Martin <martinreynolds463@btinternet.com>

Sent: Thu, 1 Feb, 2024 at 17:03

To: clerk@longton-pc.gov.uk

Dear Mr. MCENNERNEY-WHITTLE,

My name is Martin Reynolds, I was Churchwarden at St. Andrew's Church, Longton from June 2016 until June 2022. Presently I organise the Gardening Group at the church We are a group of retired men who meet twice a month to undertake jobs in and around the church and graveyards endeavouring to keep the areas tidy and looking cared for. The group was formed in 2016. I am also a member of the Parochial Church Council at the church.

In 2018 it was decided that the church would purchase Tree Lights for the Yew Tree that stands in the churchyard in front of the church adjacent to Liverpool Road. To facilitate the lighting, the gardening group dug a trench and fitted trunking for armoured cabling to be installed. The money raised for this venture was raised from Organ Recitals which took place during the Summer months. Every year since 2018, the tree lights have been switched on at the same time as the Longton Light Switch On, in early December each year. (This event is organised by South Ribble Borough Council). The tree lights then remain on until 12th Night. Over the last six years there have been numerous compliments made by both local residents and visitors, in respect of the pleasure they get from seeing the tree illuminated during the Christmas Season.

Unfortunately, due to wear and tear, the lighting will have to be replaced this year. I have made enquiries and the cost of replacement will be in the region of £350.00. To replace like for like, we will require 10 x 10mtre lengths of lighting. The replacement cost will put quite a strain on our church finances. I was wondering if it would be at all possible, if Longton Parish Council could assist us in any way to help us purchase the required replacement lighting.

If I can be of any further help in respect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Martin Reynolds.

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