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2nd September 2024

NEXT MEETING

Members of the Council are summoned to the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** to be held on
Tuesday the 10th September 2024 at **Longton Library** which will commence 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 9th July 2024 (enclosed)
3. To receive Declarations of Interest
4. To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation
5. To consider the following planning applications:

07/2024/00570/PIP – Application of Permission in Principle Stage 1 for the erection of 1 dwelling following demolition of 14 outbuildings. Comments under Stage 1 are restricted to location, land use and amount of development. All other planning matters are considered at Stage 2 Technical Details should Stage 1 be approved.

6. To approve the following payments:

27/06/2024	PRINTING WORLD NEWSLETTER	12	569.00
27/06/2024	NEWGATE NURSERIES PLANTING	13	166.40
27/06/2024	C W BERRY MATERIALS	14	55.65
27/06/2024	ALL SEASONS RE XMAS LIGHTS CHURCH DONATION	15	310.00
27/06/2024	W V MCWHITTLE 1ST QTR SALARY	16	1894.41
27/06/2024	HMRC 1ST QTR	17	1300.08
27/06/2024	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	18	1113.60
30/06/2024	BANK CHARGES	19	21.15
09/07/2024	BANK CHARGES	20	8.05
22/07/2024	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	21	835.20
22/07/2024	CW BERRY LENGTHSMAN MATERIALS	22	29.76
22/07/2024	VISION ICT SUPPORT	23	240.00

7. To approve the Financial Statement as at the 30th June 2024
8. To consider the enclosed Grant Application from St Oswald's RC Church Longton who are requesting funding of £3000 plus Vat to assist with the specific purchase of equipment needed as part of their project to refurbish their hall at a total cost of £262000. (Should the Council be minded to agree the request it is suggested that the PC should purchase the equipment and then gift it to the Church so as to be able to re-claim the Vat. The latest Church Parish Accounts have been sent out to Members under separate cover for information. The funds may be taken from CIL funds.

9. To appoint member representatives to attend the 2024 BKVC results to be announced at Presentation Event at Eaves Hall West Bradford 14th October when awards for 'Best Kept Villages' and 'Outstanding Features' will be given out.
10. To consider the following report / suggestions that have been received for the use of CIL monies and decide whether to take any forward in which case further investigation may be required by the proposer/s
 1. Tree and bulb planting within the Parish – no identified areas have been put forward.
 2. Allotments – no identified area has been put forward – it should be noted that it is common practice to pass requests for Allotments through to the Principal Authority for consideration as they normally have the structure in place to deal with what are quite complex legal and administrative procedures. They would also require evidence of need and, as is the case in SRBC, the creation of an Allotment Society to manage them.
 3. Replace old concrete benches (7) with benches that require little if any maintenance and which would in the long term save maintenance costs.
 4. Replace some old bus shelters and waste bins where appropriate – Whilst SRBC are responsible for these many are in poor state of repair – It is known that SRBC have recently undertaken a full review of their assets including the above and have set in motion a replacement programme. They have also confirmed that they would not be averse to the Parish Council paying for any further replacements if they so wished. They will work with us should this suggestion be taken forward.
 5. Provide Longton Library with additional and enhanced IT facilities and seating. Normally this would be responsibility of LCC however there is nothing to stop the Parish Council undertaking enhancements with their agreement. No specific details have been provided.
 6. Install new benches as appropriate – no specific locations have been put forward
 7. The Council are now specifically asked to adopt and replace the damaged bench in front of All Saints Church New Longton which has no known owner. The Lengthsman has done some repair work from time to time in the past. Cost estimate approx £650 including re-installation.
 8. Ladybirds land owned by Longton Parish Council as Trustee to be converted into something akin to a peace garden or area of tranquility. – It has already been informally agreed that with no immediate takers for commercial development an advertisement should be placed in the next newsletter (Autumn) and enquiries made of local estate agents in one last effort to lease the land before considering any other option.
11. To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 29th October 2024

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on
Tuesday the 9th July 2024 at **New Longton Village Hall** which commenced at 7.30pm.

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

There were seven members of the public present.

45/24 To receive apologies

Cllr Alsop

46/24 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th May 2024 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May 2024 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

47/24 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

48/24 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

It was mentioned that many objections had been submitted by residents in relation to planning application 07/2024/00282/FUL which had been called into SRBC Planning Committee. It was stated by one resident that the land concerned was in the Green Belt and whilst the site was previously developed land it did not meet the criteria for exception because the proposals affected then openness of the Green Belt due to a 1.4 metre increase in the height of the dwellings above the previous buildings, despite the curtilage of the new proposals being more than 50% less than the present buildings.

She went on to say that the SRBC was meeting its housing supply targets and that there was no need for additional housing, that the proposals would increase car journeys along Marsh Lane which would affect road safety on an already congested road and that there was a lack of footways in the immediate vicinity which also adversely affected road safety.

Another resident reiterated some of the above stating that cyclists and young children would also be adversely affected and that the proposals adversely affected wildlife. Another resident was also concerned at the creation of a new access near to her property.

The meeting was reconvened

49/24 To consider the following planning applications:

07/2024/00282/FUL – Erection 9 dwellinghouses, including creation of new access following demolition of existing buildings @ Whalebone Farm 123 Marsh Lane Longton PR4 5YL

07/2024/00409/HOH – Single storey rear extension and ground floor extension to infill under existing first floor extension together with rear extension to existing garage to form sunroom @ 5 Intack Road Longton PR4 5ED

07/2024/00428/HOH – Single storey extension to rear to create a family room with dormer extension to the rear roof to increase the size of the existing bedrooms @ 17 Landedale Longton PR4 5AY

07/2024/00449/FUL – Provision of entrance ramp with associated steps to Parish Hall @ St Oswald's Social Club Chapel Lane Longton

07/2024/00452/HPD – Application for prior approval for single storey rear extension proposed length 8m proposed height to eaves 3m and proposed maximum height 3.4m @ 211 Chapel Lane Longton PR4 4AD

Members noted that whilst the site was in the Green Belt, pre application advise to the developer from SRBC had apparently confirmed that the site was classed at previously developed land which is covered in Policy G1 (f). The only issue therefore would be whether a slight increase in the height of the proposed buildings would affect 'the openness of the Green Belt' given that the curtilage of the proposed development is more than 50% less than the existing.

Members also noted that the consultation response from LCC Highways dated 20/5/2024 raised several concerns concerning safe access, turning heads within the development and footways. The response also asked for amended plans to be provided to address the concerns raised. At the time of this meeting no such amended plans were evident on the SRBC Planning Website. It was noted that no objections had been made in respect of excessive vehicle movements or congestion along Marsh Lane itself.

It was resolved that the Clerk should communicate with SRBC planning making the following comments/observations in respect of application 07/2024/00282/FUL only:

That whilst this Council, in the light of information available, could see no reason to object to the proposals in principle since the site was previously developed land, but that it did support the views of LCC Highways with regards to the concerns raised in their consultation response of 20th May 2024 which should all be satisfactorily addressed before any permission was granted.

That in view of the number of objections received that SRBC Planning Dept and SRBC Planning Committee carefully address each and every objection to ensure that any decision is made in line with adopted planning policies and particularly the question as to whether the slightly increased height of the proposed dwellings is deemed sufficient 'to affect the openness of the Green Belt' given the developed area of the site is significantly less than that which already exists.

50/24 To approve the following payments:

26/04/2024	ZURICH INSURANCE RENEWAL	1	564.20
26/04/2024	FARINGTON PC one-third SHARE WASTE LICENCE	2	35.00
26/04/2024	VISION ICT DOMAIN RENEWAL	3	78.00
26/04/2024	VIKING DIRECT STATIONERY	4	75.43
26/04/2024	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	5	974.40
20/05/2024	XMAS TREES 2023	6	384.00
20/05/2024	SANDRA WISEMAN INTERNAL AUDIT	7	130.00
20/05/2024	VISION ICT HOSTED EMAIL ACCOUNTS	8	312.00
20/05/2024	JPP MEDIA NEWSLETTER DELIVERY	9	360.00
28/05/2024	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	10	974.40
28/05/2024	NEWGATE NURSERIES PLANTS LENGTHSMAN	11	36.66

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

51/24 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 10th September 2024

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST APRIL 2024 TO 30TH JUNE 2024				
REVISED				
BUDGET	INCOME			
96042	Balance b/f 1st April 2024	96042.13	Budget increased to actual carry fwd	
30000	Precept	30000.00		
500	Bank Interest	682.43		
1013	V A T Recovered	1013.13	Budget increased to actual received	
900	Trustee Admin Contribution			
	Prow Grant Scheme			
57325	CIL	57325.94	Budget increased to actual received	
500	Advertising	180.00		
186280		185243.63		
	LESS EXPENDITURE			
180	Hire Hall			
1200	Subscriptions incl Web Site	395.22		
14124	Lengthsman	3062.40		
600	Insurance	564.20		
12840	Clerks salary	2955.02		
400	Mileage	104.00		
350	Postage Telephone & Stationery	77.16		
100	Donations incl Poppy Day	310.00		
600	Audit	130.00		
1800	Newsletter	869.00		
80	Bank charges	21.15		
40	Chairman's Allowance			
250	Competitions Xmas & Garden			
	Vat reclaimable	228.52		
1000	Ground Maintenance / Repairs	217.63	Budget increased by 500 Planting Longton Centre etc	
650	Xmas Trees	320.00	Budget increased since 2023 cost only paid in 2024	
340	National Insurance Employer	100.08		
34554	Total	9354.38		
151726	Balance in hand	175889.25		
	Bank Balances	152964.87		
		22924.38		
	Total	175889.25		
	LESS RESTRICTED FUNDS CIL	94784.28		
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	81104.97		
	LESS NET BUDGET UNSPENT	25199.62		
	GENERAL RESERVE	55905.35		

Grant Application to Longton Parish Council from St Oswald's RC Church Longton

August 2024

Background

St Oswald's is a parish within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool and there has been a presence on the Chapel Lane site in Longton since 1894. The original church building, replaced in the 1960s by the current church, is now the Community Centre which has been out of use for several years due to severe deterioration in the structure and internal fabric.

Refurbishment Project

A Steering Group has been set up to refurbish the hall and to bring it back into use as a facility for parishioners and the wider community. Structural building work and a new heating system have been completed and an electrical refit is now commencing. Work to provide disabled access and toilet facilities, update the kitchen and redecorate the hall will follow on during the autumn of 2024. Our target is to re-open by or before April 2025.

The Community Centre was previously used not only for church-related activities, but by many groups from the wider community - playschool, indoor bowling, pensioners' lunches, craft classes, indoor games groups etc. As there is no dedicated village hall in Longton, St Oswald's Community Centre, when re-opened, will be one of the social spaces which help provide this resource to the village. It is intended to once again make the facility widely available, providing a warm, safe and welcoming space for the whole community.

The project total budget cost of £262,000 is being funded partly from church parish funds (£100k) and partly through grant aid (£120k received to date) and donations (£10k). We are actively seeking further funding for the current shortfall of £32,000.

Grant Application

The specific items of equipment for which we would like to request funding support from Longton Parish Council are:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Guide Price</u>
Table-top Microwave	£200
Fridge/freezer	£300
Warming Cupboard	£500
Audio/Video Equipment (Large flat screen TV & soundbar on mobile stand)	£2,000
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Total	£3,000 + VAT

We would like to ask whether Longton Parish Council could kindly consider supporting this project within the village.

With thanks,

Tony Price (Parish Accountant)

Ian Holohan

David Parkes

(Members of the Community Centre Refurbishment Project Steering Group)