

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Tuesday
the 12th April 2022 at **New Longton Village Hall** commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Fox, Gooch, Welch, Mather, Turner, Alsop, Riley, Barnes, Porter and Sumner who arrived in
time for item 10 on the agenda

There were no members of the public present

12/22 To receive apologies

Cllr Molder

13/22 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st March 2022 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st March 2022 should be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

14/22 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)

All members present declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item referring to Longton Victory Memorial Ground Trust since the Parish Council is the sole Trustee and members of the Council are members of that Trust by the nature of their role as councillors

15/22 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.

It was resolved that the dispensations requested should be approved and dispensations granted

16/22 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

There were no members of the public present

17/22 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

None

18/22 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

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

19/22 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

It was resolved that in principle the Council will plant trees as proposed subject to permissions being obtained from the Trustee of LVMRG and Longton Parochial Church Council

- 20/22 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.

It was resolved that this Council should fund the demolition of the Ladybird's Hut

- 21/22 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)

It was resolved that we should only have cover for 3rd Party Risks (Public Liability) since 'cover for demolition and removal' would only apply in the event of an insurable occurrence, and there would be no insurable occurrence for an empty building.

- 22/22 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 24th May 2022.

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