

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Tuesday the
17th January 2023 at **NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL** commencing at 7.30pm

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

There were two members of the public present

01/23 To receive apologies

Cllrs Turner and Barnes

02/23 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th December 2022 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December 2022 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

03/23 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

04/23 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

A member of the public mentioned that planning application 07/2022/00996/HOH was in fact in Little Hoole

A resident mentioned that she had come to the meeting seeking permission to undertake litter picking in the Royalty Lane area. She acknowledged that she had now been informed immediately prior to this meeting that this was not something that the Parish Council could agree. The Chairman suggested she speak to SRBC who were responsible for litter picking and might have a scheme which would allow residents to undertake such tasks on their behalf.

The meeting was reconvened

05/23 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

It was resolved that no representation should be made to the above applications noting that 07/2022/00996/HOH was not in this Parish.

06/23 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

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

07/23 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

Members discussed three options:

- 1. To subsidise the service to the extent of £202000.0 which would double the Precept for 2023/24 and retain the service levels as at present.*
- 2. To subsidise the service to the extent of £90151.00 which would require a much smaller increase in the Precept but would involve a reduction in service levels to one bus per hour*
- 3. To cease to subsidise the service at all which would significantly reduce the Precept from £116000 to approx £30000.00 for 2023/24 and rely on LCC who had previously subsidised the service to now pick up continuation of a service probably at a reduced service level of perhaps one bus per hour*

In considering the above they took into account positive informal feedback from LCC that the service probably met their subsidy criteria levels at a reduced frequency. It was noted that the service had been taken over by this Council from LCC several years ago when bus subsidies across Lancashire had been completely withdrawn but that in more recent years LCC subsidies had been re-introduced on many services across Lancashire with the aid of funding from central government.

A motion was put forward to accept the subsidy of £90151.00 and a reduction in service to one bus per hour – a recorded vote was requested

Members voted as follows:

Those in favour: Cllrs Fox and Sumner (2)

Those against: Cllrs Molder, Mather, Welch, Riley, Alsop, Porter and Garside (7)

The motion fell.

A motion was the put forward to cease to subsidise the service as outlined in (3) above.

Members voted as follows:

Those in favour:

Cllrs Molder, Mather, Welch, Riley, Alsop, Sumner, Porter and Garside (8)

Those against Cllr Fox (1)

It was resolved to cease to subsidise the service at all which would significantly reduce the Precept from £116000.00 to approx £30000.00 for 2023/24 and rely on LCC who had previously subsidised the service to now pick up continuation of a service probably at a reduced service level of perhaps one bus per hour.

08/23 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

It was resolved that the draft budget should be amended to remove the budget line referring to the bus subsidy and that the Precept should be set a reduced figure of £30000.00

09/23 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.

It was resolved that no representation need be made

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