

# Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on

Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (enclosed)

***It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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