

Longton Parish Council

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

Tuesday the 10th September 2024 at **Longton Library** which commenced at 7.30pm.

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

There were three members of the public present

52/24 To receive apologies

Cllrs Welch and Riley

53/24 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th July 2024 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July 2024 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

54/24 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

55/24 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

A resident raised her concerns regarding the spread of Himalayan Balsam particularly in New Longton and was enquiring as to what organisations might be able to help remove it. The Chairman in his capacity as LCC Councillor stated that he would make some enquiries of LCC and feed back to the resident concerned. It was suggested an article in the next newsletter might be appropriate.

The meeting was re-convened

56/24 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 @ Oakleigh, Gill Lane Longton PR4 4SR. 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.

It was resolved that no representation should be made

57/24 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

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

58/24 To approve the Financial Statement as at the 30th June 2024

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

59/24 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.

It was resolved that the Grant application referred to above should be approved and that the equipment should be purchased in the Parish Council's name and then gifted to St Oswald's Church so that Vat could be re-claimed

60/24 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.

It was resolved that Cllrs Gooch and Porter should attend the Presentation as set out above

61/24 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.

It was resolved that this suggestion should be taken forward and that Cllr Fox would undertake to identify suitable areas and relative costs

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.

It was resolved that this item should NOT be taken forward since it had previously been looked at and no suitable land was available

3. Replace old concrete benches (7) with benches that require little if any maintenance and which would in the long term save maintenance costs.

It was resolved that this item should be taken forward and that the Clerk should present a report covering the costs for approval; considering also a bench on the Trustee land and one in Longton which was not on either SRBC or LPC asset register and might therefore be adopted, this being 9 in all.

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.

It was resolved that the Clerk should communicate with SRBC to identify the shelters and waste bins that they are to replace and identify if there is any merit in the Parish Council then extending the level of replacement.

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.

It was resolved that the Chairman in his capacity as a LCC Councillor would contact library services to identify whether there is a need

6. Install new benches as appropriate – no specific locations have been put forward

This item was withdrawn as item 3 and 7 now covered the suggestion

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.

It was resolved that this specific request should be approved, and a new Bench ordered and adopted by this Council.

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.

It was resolved that this item, which would also need to be approved by the Trustee independently, should be deferred until conclusion of the advertising period referred to above.

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