

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 Lanedale 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 as 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 polices 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

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