

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Tuesday
the 3rd March 2020 in **LONGTON LIBRARY** commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Gooch, Sumner, Welch, Turner, Riley, Alsop, Fox, Mather, Barnes and Garside

There were 15 members of the public present.

11/20 To receive apologies

Cllr Artis and Coulton

12/20 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th January 2020 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th January 2020 should be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

13/20 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

14/20 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

A number of residents raised concerns about flooding in New Longton both recently and regularly in the past. A resident meeting had taken place and they had come up with a number of potential solutions and asked that the Parish Council take them on board, one of which was to commission a survey to try and discover what the problems actually were. It was explained that the flooding authority is LCC. The resident group will send a copy of their meeting minutes to the Clerk who will forward to LCC and ask for a response. It was suggested that perhaps any survey might be funded by the Parish Council.

Representatives of NL Sports and Social Club spoke in support of their application for funding which was to be discussed as an agenda item later in the evening.

Concern was raised with regard to HGV's going through New Longton instead of the new bypass and particularly signage directing them down Station Road. The Chairman explained that attempts had been made to have the sign removed however LCC has responded that it had to remain. There was a suggestion that additional signage to direct vehicles away from NL should be placed nearer to the bypass junction. It was pointed out that signage could not just be put up without a TRO and these took some time. It was also mentioned that a meeting had taken place with LCC and there are suggestions to have a weight limit placed on HGV's however this could not happen immediately since legislative consultation was required and a legal TRO would be required.

The meeting was reconvened

15/20 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2020/00109/HOH – Demolition of existing garage and store and replacement with garage/granny annexe @ 154 Chapel Lane Longton PR4 5FB

07/2020/00106/HOH – Raising of ridge height to create living accommodation at first floor, single storey front extension, 2no dormers to front and 2no rear dormers with balcony to rear @ 10 The Close New longton PR4 4XH

07/2020/00151/PIP – Application for permission in principle for erection of single domestic dwelling @ Fold Farm Pope Lane Whitestake PR4 4JR

It was resolved that no representations should be made.

16/20 To approve the following payments:

Online	P Heise	Lengthsman Inv 11	896.00
Online	Preston Bus	Subsidy 12/19	16875.00
Online	Unity Trust	Bank charges 12/19	18.00

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

17/20 To appoint Len Slade as the internal auditor for 2019/20 at a fee of £110.00 and approve the Terms of Reference and Internal Control / Suggested Testing Methodology the relative documents having already been circulated

It was resolved that Len Slade should be appointed as the Internal Auditor as set out above

18/20 To consider and approve the following documents which have already been circulated

- The Council's Standing Orders & Financial Regulations
- The Councils Risk Management Policy Statement 2020
- The Councils Risk Management Register 2020
- The Councils Asset Register 2020
- The Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control 2020

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

19/20 To confirm that this Council wishes to enter the 2019 Best Kept Village Competition and agree which individual OUTSTANDING entries should be submitted this year (2019 outstanding nominations enclosed)

It was resolved that this Council should enter the BKVC and submit the same outstanding entries as last year together with the Black Bull public house.

20/20 To receive and approve the enclosed Financial Statement as at 31st December 2019

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

21/20 To consider replacement of this Council's web site with a bespoke fully responsive site which will meet Disability Discrimination Act requirements and could be supplied by Vision ICT a long established firm who specialise in Parish Council web sites at a cost of £1200.00 which would also include creating a .gov.uk address (see Lea and Cottam web site as example) – a £250 per year management fee would be required to provide ongoing support.

A recorded vote was requested details below:

Those in favour Cllrs Riley, Barnes, Garside, Welch, Alsop, Turner, Gooch and Sumner

Those against Cllr Mather

Cllr Fox abstained.

It was resolved that Vision ICT should be asked to provide a bespoke fully responsive web site as described above.

22/20 To consider an application for funding from New Longton Sports & Social Club (enclosed)

It was resolved that the request for funding to resurface their car park which was used as a community facility should be approved and that J W Ramsbottom Contractors Ltd should be used at a price of £9810.00 plus Vat being the amount of the funding to be provided.

23/20 To consider a proposal for tree planting (enclosed)

It was resolved that proposals to plant 6 trees (three in Longton at the LVMRG and three at the NL recreation ground) at an estimated cost of approx £200 should be approved.

24/20 To consider the replacement of New Longton notice boards (one has already fallen due to wear and tear and is in poor condition and the other is also in poor condition.

Lea and Cottam PC recently purchase form Whitehill Direct Ltd a Chorley company who also did installation. They have proved to be very attractive and maintenance free as they are aluminum powder coated Similar for New Longton would be approx £750 for a 6 x A4 capability with posts and including installation. A wall mounted similar size would be around £500. To replace both boards would cost approx £1250 which is substantially cheaper than existing oak type, have less maintenance and are very attractive. Please take a look at their web site.

It was resolved that the new notice boards as described above should be purchased

25/20 To consider what might be done in respect of an apparent increase in traffic through New Longton following the opening of the bypass where it is thought that New Longton roads are being used as a short cut between A582 and A59.

It was resolved that The Clerk should now contact the LCC Cabinet Member for Highways requesting a 7.5t weight restriction be applied in New Longton in support of the resolution passed at the last meeting.

26/20 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 14th April 2020.

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