

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Tuesday
the 14th July 2020 by way of a Virtual Video Conference meeting commencing at 7.30pm.

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

There were 29 members of the public in attendance.

43/20 To receive apologies

Cllr Barnes

44/20 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd June 2020 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd June 2020 should be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

45/20 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

46/20 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

A general discussion took place highlighting a number of points that had already been raised in letters to LCC copies of which had been sent to the Parish Council relating to HGVs, LGVs and traffic generally.

A new suggestion of extending the refuge and creating an additional one at the junction of Station Road and Wham Lane was put forward – this would, it was suggested, deny LGVs from turning into Station Road or vis versa onto Wham Lane.

It was clarified that the weight restriction on Hugh Barn Lane had been lifted in 1995 but that the sign had not been removed. It was removed a couple of years ago since it had no lawful backing. Assurance was given that LCC would have followed their safety procedures before allowing vehicles over the bridge near the junction with Chapel Lane.

Issues regarding parking on pavements and double yellow lines were raised something which made junctions even more hazardous when LGVs took the corners and bends.

It was confirmed that at a recent meeting with LCC the placing of signage on the A59 and A582 would be undertaken within a couple of weeks and that a traffic count would be taken later to measure the residual effect and what else might be done. It was mentioned that the process for obtaining any ‘weight restriction’ was very long involving a wide consultation process and that at the end of this it was intimated that the police might well object and that would then be the end of it.

It was questioned as to whether the police had the power to veto any weight restriction proposals and many suggested that as well as signage (which was welcome) the procedure for a weight restriction should commence now.

Mention was also made of the original consultation on the new road which stated that a review of after affects would be undertaken. Additional vehicular movements, particularly LGVs going through NL was it felt one of these after affects.

A resident asked about the outcome of a recent meeting with K Fletcher MP asking that a consultation take place with all parties similar to that which had taken place in Penwortham – The Chairman was able to confirm that KF MP was to orchestrate a consultation by writing to all residents in the ward and that this was to be done shortly.

It was mentioned that a 20mph speed limit might be appropriate and traffic calming measures might be introduced as well as the signage and a weight restriction.

Although a TRO takes a long time, due to the consultation process, one resident mentioned the possibility of an experimental order being put in place as this is quicker to do.

All present appeared to have the same objective in mind – too stop LGVs using NL as short cut however there were many views as to what should be done and the order in which things might proceed, the KF consultation it was hoped would help sort this out.

The meeting was reconvened

47/20 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2020/00436/HOH – Proposed single storey ground floor extension and dormer extension to rear of dwelling @ 12 Knot Acre New Longton PR4 4JB

07/2020/00439/HOH – Single storey wrap around extension to south and western elevation and internal alteration to existing garage @ 9 Fieldings Close Longton PR4 5DG

07/2020/00446/HOH – Installation of garden shed to rear @ 125B Chapel Lane Longton PR4 5NA

07/2020/00468/HOH – Single storey rear extension and first floor alterations with roof lights @ 17 Stonefield Longton PR4 5HP

It was resolved that no representation should be made.

48/20 To approve the following payments:

Online	Vision ICT	50% upfront payment new web site	642.00
Online	Whitehill Direct	2 x New Notice Boards	1274.40
Online	P Heise	Lengthsman	455.68
Online	Len Slade	Internal Auditor	110.00
Online	Zurich Insurance	Renewal under LTA	537.43

It was resolved that the payments mentioned above should be approved.

49/20 To consider obtaining .gov addresses for all members so as to avoid any potential risks with personal data being stored on personal email creating access issues should there be a statutory need to search those email addresses for FOI or GDPR purposes. Cost £18 per email address pa.

It was resolved that .gov addresses should be obtained.

50/20 To receive an update and then consider whether any further action is required by this Council in respect of HGV's accessing New Longton as a short cut.

It was resolved that the following actions should be taken by this Council:

Continue contacting companies using NL as a short cut asking them to use the new bypass

Write to LCC asking them to consider an experimental TRO weight restriction

Write to LCC asking them to consider extending an existing refuge and create a new one at junction Wham Lane and Station Road to create a physical barrier to LGVs.

51/20 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 15th September 2020.

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