

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Tuesday
the 15th September 2020 by way of a Virtual Video Conference commencing at 7.30pm.

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

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

52/20 To receive apologies and approve the reasons for absence where appropriate

It was noted that Cllr Artis had resigned and that statutory notices allowing a by election to be called have been posted on each notice board.

53/20 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th July 2020 (enclosed)

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

54/20 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fox declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 07/2020/00488/OUT and did not take part in the debate or voting thereon as she had previously been involved in an appeal relating to this property.

55/20 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

The Chairman responded to questions submitted before the meeting as follow:

There is no definite date yet for the new signage. It was originally thought that it would take two weeks however due to the A582 being a high-speed road special metal signage is required and this has caused the delay whereby the timeframe was recently quoted as 4-8 weeks.

No time frame for a traffic survey has yet been set – this will be done when the new signage has had time to take effect

The survey is unlikely to be done on the John Horrocks Way since this is a new road and has therefore no comparative information on which to base any assessment

Previous traffic surveys should be available for comparison purposes

There are no current plans to look at alternative solutions – these will be considered should the new signage not achieve its objective.

Grass cutting is under the control of LCC however this is undertaken on their behalf by SRBC who are currently out and about – New Longton verges will therefore probably be cut soon – we are unaware of what schedules they work to.

A number of residents were concerned at what had previously been quoted as minor changes to signage and wished to be consulted on the wording to be used which they felt should be directional and not advisory. It was explained that signage must meet statutory requirements and that bespoke signage could not be put in place. It was reiterated that LCC Officers would be working on the required signage and it would be installed

as agreed at recent meeting involving LCC, Parish Council and local MP. Residents again pressed for consultation on the wording however it was stated that for the reasons already outlined this would not take place. The Chairman asked that they be patient and await the outcome of the agreed strategy before coming to any conclusions.

A question was raised regarding flooding and the report previously submitted by a resident group to LCC via the Parish Council. It was explained that there had been delays in getting any response from LCC who had been chased on numerous occasions. The Clerk was able to confirm that he now had a direct contact at LCC and was hopeful that their response would be forthcoming before the next meeting.

A resident put forward a number of reasons as to why planning application 07/2020/00039/OUT should be refused:

The land was in the Green Belt – Marsh lane was too narrow, was used by farm traffic, horses and was already very busy meaning that any additional traffic would likely be to the detriment of road safety – that SRBC already had sufficient allocated land to fulfil the housing requirements of its Local Plan – that the proposals were out of keeping with the area and surrounding dwellings – that there was a clear lack of parking meaning additional visitor parking would be on Marsh Lane itself. She requested that the Parish Council support the many letters of objection (83) which had already been submitted.

The meeting was reconvened

56/20 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2020/00399/OUT – Demolition of existing swimming pool complex and dwelling and development of 15 residential units rear of 120 Marsh Lane Longton PR4 5YL

07/2020/00488/FUL – Erection of timber stable block comprising 2no stables, tack room and storage area Southview 72 Marsh Lane Longton PR45ZL

07/2020/00596/HOH – Single storey rear extension and two storey rear extension Morningside Cottage Drumacre Lane East Longton PR4 4SD

07/2020/00651/HOH – Front dormer extension @ 172 Liverpool Road Longton PR4 5ZE

07/2020/00655/HOH – Resubmission of 07/2020/00109/HOH height of annex with dormer and side extension to link annex @ 154 Chapel Lane Longton PR4 5FB

07/2020/00635/HOH – Erection of detached eco-dwelling following demolition of the existing garage. Associated access from 266 Liverpool Road. Associate landscape improvements @ Land to the rear of 270 Liverpool Road Longton PR4 5YB

07/2020/00707/HOH – Single storey rear extension and detached garage to rear @ 3 Osbert Croft Longton PR4 5BN

07/2020/00709/HOH – Formation of balcony to the front and rear and flat roofed canopy to front @ Oak House 42 Hall Lane Longton PR4 5ZD

It was resolved that representations should be made relating to 07/2020/00390/OUT covering the points made during public participation and also stressing that this site had not been used for haulage business purposes despite the owner may have a haulage licence.

57/20 To approve the following payments:

Online	P Heise	Lengthsman inv2	1253.12
Online	J W Ramsbottom Ltd	Re surface NL S&S Club car park	11772.00
Online	WV Mcennerney-Whittle	Salary and Expenses 1 st Qtr	1538.89
Online	HMRC	Tax and NI contributions 1 st Qtr	1023.56
Online	P Heise	Lengthsman inv3	911.36
Online	Newgate Nurseries	Lengthsman Materials Plants	116.88
Online	Vision ICT	Web site final payment, domain name.	789.60
Online	Preston Bus	June only contribution	6761.08
Online	Viking Direct	Stationery	87.54
Online	Unity Trust	1 st Qtr Bank Charges	18.00
Online	P Heise	Lengthsman inv4	911.36
Online	Vision ICT	Hosted email accounts	237.60
Online	P Heise	Lengthsman inv5	928.64

Online	Newgate Nurseries	Lengthsman Materials	4.49
Online	CW Berry	Lengthsman Materials	23.69

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

58/20 To approve the enclosed Financial Statement up to the 30th June 2020.

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59/20 To consider whether the Christmas Competitions should be held this year, and if so, appoint members to undertake the judging and agree the dates.

It was resolved that the Christmas Competitions should take place. It was agreed that Cllr Welch would undertake the house competition for NL, Cllr Barnes the house competition for Longton and Cllr Turner the combined NL/L shop display competition.

The judging to be weekend 5/6 December 2020 with results to the Clerk the following week to allow time for engraving etc.

60/20 To receive and note the enclosed update in respect of HGV's accessing New Longton as a short cut.

It was resolved that the update referred to above should be noted

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