

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Tuesday the 3rd November 2020 by way of a Virtual Video Conference meeting commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Gooch, Sumner, Welch, Turner, Riley, Alsop, Fox, Mather, Garside and Coulton
There were 9 members of the public in attendance.

62/20 To receive apologies

Cllr Barnes

63/20 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th September 2020

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th September 2020 should be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

64/20 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mather declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 07/2020/00836/HOH as the property concerned is a neighbouring property to her own. She did not take part in the debate or voting on this item.

65/20 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

Mention was made of a traffic count report which had been undertaken by LCC on Station Road and Wham Lane New Longton in July 2020. Disappointment was expressed that the traffic count survey and results had not been advised to the Parish Council who had only become aware of it through a local resident. Discussion took place as to what it meant and how it should be interpreted. The data shows there are a substantial number of vehicles using the village despite the creation of the bypass. The Chairman suggested that, at least, there was now a data base which could be used for comparative purposes when the next and promised survey is undertaken.

The residents present were concerned that the signage that had now been put in place was ineffective, not large enough, too close to the junctions concerned, in some cases obscured by foliage, would not work and did not meet their expectations. It was stated that, so far, the signage had had no effect and HGVs continued to use NL as a short cut possibly because drivers would continue to use their sat navs rather than follow the inadequate signage. It was felt that bigger and better signage should have been installed. A resident, who had been in communication with County Cllr Iddon had apparently been told that any further communications on the same subject would not be responded to. A suggestion was made concerning obtaining a copy of the risk assessments undertaken by LCC prior to the signage installation – the Chairman advised that residents could do this under a FOI request.

It was further mentioned that signage indicating that Long Moss Lane was unsuitable for HGVs had caused more traffic to use Chapel Lane thus exacerbating the situation in that area.

A resident asked what action could now be taken and that residents would like to work with the Parish Council to ensure a reduction in traffic (especially HGVs) from using NL as a short cut. It was restated that K. Fletcher MP had said that nothing was off the table should the signage measures fail to achieve their target. It was suggested that the follow up traffic count need to be done sooner rather than later so as to provide irrefutable evidence that nothing had improved and that further measures needed to be considered. The Clerk the Council will communicate with LCC to try and establish when this second count is to be undertaken.

A question arose concerning recent resurfacing of the roads – why it had only been undertaken as far as Royalty Lane when roads further on were in a worse condition – The Chairman explained that this was to do with being unable to create any diversion through the village.

The subject of local flooding was raised. Residents were angry that a recent response from LCC indicated that they had no record of local flooding in NL despite residents having had practical experience of such events and having made local arrangements to deal with flooding when it occurred. A resident asked for the support of the Parish Council, by way of funding, to obtain a professional ‘risk assessment’ for parts of the area. A resident is to make enquiries as to who might undertake such a survey and the likely cost. She will liaise with the Clerk with a view to putting forward a proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting was reconvened

66/20 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2020/00835/HOH – Alterations to front elevation, single storey side extension and two storey side extension @ 142 Marsh Lane Longton PR4 5YL

07/2020/00836/HOH – Part two storey part single storey rear extension, two storey front porch extension to the side, replacement of existing garage linking to extension and 2.2 m high gates and pillars to entrance @ 255 Chapel Lane New Longton PR4 4AD

07/2020/00840/HOH – Demolition of existing attached out building and rebuilding proposed single storey rear extension @ 3 Shaftesbury Ave New Longton

07/2020/00788/FUL – Erection of 1no detached two storey dwelling @ 5 East Square Longton PR4 5NL

07/2020/00870/FUL – Alterations to front and side elevation together with relocation of ATM and single storey rear extension @ 62 Liverpool Road Longton PR4 5HA

07/2020/00877/HOH – Erection of detached outbuilding to the front for use as a gym/garden room @ 21 Royalty Lane New Longton PR4 4JD

It was resolved that no representation should be made

67/20 To approve the following payments:

Online	ICO	Registration Data Protection	35.00
Online	Vision ICT	Hosted Email Accounts	237.60
Online	P Heise	Lengthsman Inv 5	928.64
Online	Newgate Nurseries	Materials Lengthsman	4.49
Online	CW Berry	Materials lengthsman	23.69
Online	W V McWhittle	Salary & Expenses 2 nd Qtr	1658.87
Online	HMRC	2 nd Qtr	1062.35
Online	P Heise	Lengthsman Inv 6	683.52
Online	Preston Bus	Subsidy July Aug Sept	20283.25
Online	CPRE	Annual Subscription	50.00
Online	Unity Trust	Bank Charges 2 nd Qtr	18.00
Online	P Heise	Lengthsman Inv 7	911.36

It was resolved that the payments listed above should be approved

68/20 To approve the enclosed Financial Statement up to the 30th September 2020.

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

69/20 To consider a request from New Longton Rovers Junior FC to reduce this year’s fees by 50% due to income losses as a result of Covid-19 pandemic.

It was resolved that the fees referred to above should be reduced by 50%

70/20 To consider a proposal to donate three trees to St Catherine’s Hospice at a total cost of £154.75 as per attached documentation.

It was resolved that the above member's request should not be approved since it was felt inappropriate to utilise Council funds to support organisations outside of the parish and thus set a precedent for potential future applications.

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