

LONG ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Wed, 2nd December 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

in the Community Centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington

In attendance:

Ian Briggs (Chair IB)

Jon Venn (JV)

Wendy Charles (WC)

Barbara Atkins (BA) (taking minutes)

Richard Jackson (RJ)

Linda Clark (LC)

Rosie Reeve (RR)

Members of the Public:

Gerry Bailey

County Councillor: Cllr. Bob Stevens

District Councillor: Cllr. Dave Riches

Clerk : Absent

Minutes

1.0	Apologies accepted: LB	
2.0	Questions from members of the public: None.	
3.0	Declaration of Interests: Each member of the Council is responsible for determining if they have a personal interest in any item on the agenda and should declare it at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies. Councillors are reminded that they must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person or act to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, friends or close associates. There were no declarations	
4.0	Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November 2015 to be approved: Proposed by WC, seconded by JV. The minutes were approved as a true record unanimously.	
5.0	Police items/Neighbourhood Watch: Speed Gun Training had taken place with 7 people having been trained. WC was in the process of getting approval for safe sites to work from. There had been several actual and attempted burglaries. Notice to be put out via email.	BA
6.1	Report from County Councillor Stevens: Cllr Stevens reported on various County Council issues: WCC will not be part of the Combined Authority; funding has been granted for footpath SM2 and for pavement from Model village.	
6.2	Report from District Councillor Riches: Cllr Riches explained his new cabinet role; the PC formally congratulated him. The inspector will be returning to judge the progress of the Core Strategy in January. The Dallas Burston hotel will provide local employment and will be built in 14 months according to DB.	

7.0	Committee Reports:	
7.1	Communications: BA reported the following from the Communications meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website progressing slowly. • Dave Buchholz will be setting up a new email address news@..... From which emails can be distributed to the community • All parish councillors will have dedicated PC addresses 	
7.2	Community Centre: LC reported that finances were healthy and that a meeting had recently taken place. The Summer Show is set for June 25 th .	
7.3	Emergency Planning: There was a discussion regarding the need to run the pump and to look for alternative venues for storage should they need arise.	
7.3.1	Environment Issues / Bus Shelter WC has contacted the insurance company and the claim is progressing	
7.4	Finance: Cheque list for approval: Proposed for approval by JV and seconded by WC. Cheque list approved by all.	
7.4.1	Monthly Financial Report: It was agreed to defer this item until January.	
7.5	LILAC Project: The insert in the Diary had been very successful	RJ / BA
7.5.1	Youth Shelter: BA had contacted a resident but no dates had been forthcoming for a meeting	BA
7.5.2	Footpath report: See attached. The councillors expressed their gratitude to Brian Smith and his team.	
7.5.3	Traffic Survey: Survey will take place in the New Year	RJ
7.6	Planning- Monthly report:	LC, JV, IB
7.6.1	Response to David Wilson Homes reserved matters It was agreed that, following a successful meeting with representatives from David Wilson Homes, the Parish Council would not be objecting to the reserved matters proposal. It is noted that the PC has urged DW Homes to look at the issue of off-street parking and subdued lighting in the more remote areas of the development.	
7.6.2	Neighbourhood Planning: It was reported that response were still being collated from the Launch meeting. Next steps include visits to local organisations and writing a draft vision. The date for a detailed questionnaire has been put back until April.	
7.6.3	Enforcement matters: None	

7.6.4	Housing Development Update: <i>See meeting attended below.</i>	
7.6.5	Planning rota: LC, IB, JV	
7.6.6	Solar Farm: It was noted that the PC and residents' requests for a deferral of this matter was accepted by the Committee on 25 th November 2015. The matter will probably be heard in the new year.	
7.6.7	WCC minerals plan consultation – Consultation has been extended to 4 th January.	
8.0	Co-option of parish councillor. There have been three expressions of interest. Decision deferred to January meeting. Discussion took place regarding investigating the possibility of increasing councillor numbers to 10.	LB
9.0	Scout Troop – DR informed the PC that there was a building for the use of the scouts in Stockton.	
10.	Meetings attended/forthcoming meetings: Pond action Day took place on 9 th November. Appeal for Cemex Development – currently taking place in Stratford. Several speakers spoke on behalf of the community including RJ speaking on behalf of the PC	
9	Any other business- Information only	
10	Confidential matter discussed	
11	Date of future Parish meetings: 6th Jan, 3 rd Feb, 2 nd March	

Meeting closed at 10.00pm