

LONGITCHINGTONPARISHCOUNCIL
Meeting on Wed, 2nd March 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

in the Community Centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington

Inattendance:

Ian Briggs, Chair (IB)	Barbara Atkins, Vice Chair (BA)	Rosie Reeves (RR)
Wendy Charles (WC)	Anne Fessi (AF)	Richard Jackson (RJ)
Lin Rose Clerk (LR)	Sally Shillitoe (SS)	John Venn (JV)

MembersofthePublic:

Tim Field

CountyCouncillor–Cllr. Bob Stevens

DistrictCouncillor–Cllr. Dave Riches

Minutes

1.0	Apologies accepted: LC, LB	
2.0	Questions from members of the public: 0	
3.0	<p>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.</p> <p>RJ has declared an interest. DR has declared an interest re the Solar Farm due to family interests in the land.</p>	
4.0	Minutesofthemeetingheldonthe3rdFebruary2016tobeapproved: IB proposed, JV seconded. Agreed unanimously	
4.1	Matters Arising: To be added to future agendas.	
5.0	<p>Police items/Neighbourhood Watch: Councillors discussed the shelter in the recreation ground with affected residents who were concerned about drug use in there. The police were grateful for the information. The speed gun has identified 50 vehicles driven at over 35m.p.h. These details have been handed over to the police. WC has requested more people to be involved as volunteers to use the speed gun and scribe the offenders.</p>	
6.1	<p>Report from County Councillor Stevens: HS2 – boundaries have been changed and LI is now in North. Two areas of concern; compensation is too low and community grants are not enough. Sarah Board has been approached re mitigation for the impact in the sums of £10,000.00. Early work due to start 1.1.18 when contracts agreed, (7 in the sum of £1billion). March 16th 2016 at 2.00p.m., there is an HS2 lobby meeting at Shire Hall, Warwick. Extra council tax needed for £20million of cuts. Cemex liaison meeting was held last Tuesday and they have found lots of Saxon remains on the Cemex site where building is due to take place in 2018. Their Rugby Benevolent Fund has funds available – Ian Southcott to liaise. The next meeting is 7.1.2017. Footpath issues to be raised with Warwick C.C.</p>	

	<p>Syrian refugees may be distributed throughout West Midlands and concerns re school places, etc. will need to be addressed.</p> <p>Grants are available so councillors need to check to see if they have any needs for the grants.</p>	
6.2	<p>Report from District Councillor Riches:</p> <p>Major management re-structure at D.C. Core strategy still under consideration.</p> <p>Many planning applications endorsed last week. The deed of variation on the car park for the school is still being discussed.</p> <p>Syrian refugees may be arriving by the end of the year unless the government finds alternatives in Coventry, etc. Use of the U-bus has been agreed. The Southam P.O. needs disabled access and a DFG may be requested.</p> <p>Surveys have shown that council tax payers would agree to pay more to keep their services.</p>	
7.0	<p>Committee Reports:</p>	
7.1	<p>Communications:</p> <p>The website is being taken into PC hands. Using Facebook to be considered. E-mails are appreciated by those who receive them – suggestion to send compilation emails incorporating many items in one email.</p> <p>Councillors are not all being able to use their own e-mails. DR will help with a revision of the e-mail system. Communications need to be centralised.</p>	DR/BA
7.2	<p>Community Centre:</p>	
7.3	<p>Emergency Planning:</p> <p>A meeting needs to be arranged, as per Andy West and the Cascade system. JV has agreed to join the sub-committee and a meeting needs to be arranged to co-ordinate those who have expressed an interest in being on a planning group.</p>	
7.3.1	<p>Environment issues: notes from EWP meeting attached below</p> <p>Meeting with Colin Sheasby about the tree three year rolling programme with respect to considerations for their care and Health and Safety, with budget considerations to be discussed.</p> <p>John Shenkman and Phil Claydon (wildlife wardens) are doing a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in April but details are unclear as to how and what is to be presented. Clarification is requested.</p> <p>Clearance of land in Model Village by residents has caused problems and may be raised in future.</p>	
7.4	<p>Finance: Cheque list for approval-</p> <p>JV proposed, seconded by AF, council approved.</p>	
7.4.1	<p>Monthly Financial Report:</p> <p>Tree work will now work out at £3600.00 but was thought to be £1900.00 originally. The remainder of the budget this year could be spent on street lights, bus shelter alterations, trees and other small miscellaneous items.</p> <p>Thanks to RJ for his work on finance.</p>	
7.5	<p>LILAC Project:</p> <p>The wetland feature is going well and RJ is looking at re-stocking with various plants. Planting will take place on 12th. March when weed growth will have started to take place. Re-hedging will be take place too.</p> <p>The Memorial Garden planting will go ahead with Tesco funding as planned. A scheme will need to be fully planned. There may be charges for maintenance.</p> <p>IB proposed the toilets and changing rooms need a planning project in place for refurbishment with a proposal plan at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Public Works Loans Board may be a possibility for the project, with matched funding and other grants. Permission will be needed from the community for</p>	RJ/IB

	any loan arrangement. It was agreed to look at costings	
7.5.1	<p>YouthShelter: Council was referred to the report (see attached). Councillors discussed the different scenarios and agreed that we should not move the structure if the guarantees regarding safety would not be honoured, so it was agreed to paint it and plant round it as a screen in the first instance. The council have agreed to mitigate at present, to paint and screen the shelter, to look at costings and funding of moving it but H&S means it will be moved by those with whom the warranties will remain in operation. Three quotes would be required so funding will be explored as to moving. £6,000.00 would be an approximate cost of moving it. These options were proposed by JV, seconded by BA and whole council agreed unanimously.</p>	
7.5.2	Footpathreport:No report this month	
7.5.3	Beer Festival: Meetings planned.	
7.5.4	PostOffice: Communication committee will send a letter but will put thanks into the LI Diary.	BA
7.5.5	BusShelter: Tesco have agreed to pay the full amount of moving the shelter and repairing it. Any extra safety measures would need to be funded by the Council.	
7.5.6	<p>AnnualParishMeeting: War Memorial to be discussed.</p> <p>Communications committee to plan the whole meeting.</p> <p>Severn Trent Water to be asked to attend.</p>	COMM S
7.6	Planning-Monthlyreport:	
7.6.1	NeighbourhoodPlanning: Questionnaires nearly ready to go out to all residents. A housing needs survey needs to be undertaken also.	
7.6.2	Enforcementmatters:	
7.6.3	HousingDevelopmentUpdate: Still waiting for the deed of variation on the land donated for the new car park. The hedge has been removed on the land next to the Community Centre on Stockton Road prior to the DWH development taking place. There will be re-planting. The name change has been helpful. The developers for the Collingham Lane development has appealed the refusal.	
7.6.4	Planningrota:LC, RR, IB.	
7.6.5	ReportonSolarFarm:Adecisionisexpectedthisweek.	
8	<p>WarMemorial: A further meeting discussed what, where and how but no details are finalised. A freestanding memorial is thought to be more appropriate and an area close to Beechcroft is a possibility for the site, as is Church Road, outside the church.</p>	
9	<p>MaternityCover: Two clerks from 1.4.16 and LR will spend time in the office on an ad hoc basis until EB leaves.</p>	
10	<p>Meetingsattended/forthcomingmeetings: Post Office18thFebruary EWP22ndFebruary Communicationsmeeting22ndFebruary</p>	

11	<p>Any other business information only</p> <p>Dog mess and dogs unleashed are causing problems in the village so a diary notice will be raised this month, particularly with a view to lambing season. The groundsmen's equipment has to be replaced and this must be chased urgently.</p> <p>Communications' committee feels that all councillors need photo ID badges on a lanyard especially when meeting the public. Also, to check out using What's App or similar to ease e-mail traffic.</p> <p>Village Hall car park needs urgent attention but only two quotes so far. A third will be found.</p>	LB
12	Date of future Parish meetings: 6th April, 9th April, 1st May	

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20.

Signed Date:

Planning Report- February

16/00235/AMD47 Stockton Road Long Itchington Southam CV47 9QP

Proposal Application for non-material amendment to planning permission ref: 14/01697/FUL for single storey front, side and rear extensions approved 14/8/2014

Application Type Non Material Amendment Date Decision Issued 17/02/2016

ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY 22ND FEBRUARY

	<p>Present Linda Clark (Chair) Ian Briggs Wendy Charles, In attendance Christopher Purser, Phil</p> <p>Apologies Richard Jackson, Rosie Reaves, Liz Bonney</p>	
	<p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ CP noted that he'd attached a list of the potential dates for future meetings to the last minutes and questioned whether these were acceptable. (IB to check with LB for recirculation) □ Tree issues – the Wulfstan Drive tree has caused some concern from WCC but as the tree needed work it felt appropriate to go ahead and undertake the work. Further work in the area would be undertaken after LC consults with other residents, □ CP reported that LILAC has a proposal from Scouts for a planting – LILAC have accepted this, □ IB and CP reported on the meeting with Colin Sheasby – members noted that the proposal for the following three-year cycle had a very high estimate that was beyond the budget – CS agree that with work in this financial year amounting to no more than £1500 the following years high priority work could be accommodated with a proportionate increase in budget. The key issue here is that CS agreed that only the highest priority work would be undertaken where there was a high risk to public safety. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Wildlife warden Dr Shenkman will produce a presentation for the APM 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Raft in the pond – there was a discussion around the growing feeling of urgency that 	

	<p>this needs to be dealt with before the breeding season gets underway. WC will approach her contact again who has the capacity to retrieve the raft from the pond – all agreed that it was in such poor condition that it should be scrapped – reinforced by a feeling that it was posing a risk to safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ There was discussion on the future of the changing rooms and toilets – IB reported that he would recommend to the PC that a project be established to renew both with an approach through SADC to seek a loan from the PWLB – the initial steps were to establish a clear set of parameters to inform the design spec that in turn would determine the size of the loan request. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Phillip has had contact with SUSTRANS regarding the railway line maintenance they have so failed to respond to him. ▫ The land in Bascote Rd was discussed CP and PJ reported that the man who is looking at White’s Spinney is looking at it and would report on recommendations at a later date. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ CP gave an update on progress with LILAC – there had been a meeting the previous Saturday – the key points were RJ had secured £2.5k from WCC and the Tesco fund could realise as much of £8.5k 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ The youth shelter was discussed – WC reported that a meeting had taken place with the residents of Green End and that proposals for the next steps would be discussed at the next PC meeting. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Street lights – at Odingsel Drive, outside the end turn, was out and the WCC highways on the triangle by Stockton Rd was inoperative again. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Bus shelter – the issue of the Short Lane shelter has now passed to another insurance company and we await progress – it was noted that it has been judged to be unsafe – LB to press for early action from the insurance company. 	
	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ WC the village hall car park needs attention ▫ The corners by the post box on the green are breaking up ▫ LC discussed the position with dropped curbs and that the resident in Green End has made repeated requests for access onto the field. ▫ WC do we need to check that moles are being dealt with on the field. 	

	Meeting closed at 20 30 hrs	
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