

LONG ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

in the Community Centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington

In attendance:

Ian Briggs (Chair IB)
Sally Shillitoe (SS)

Barbara Atkins (BA)
Wendy Charles (WC)

Jon Venn (JV)
Richard Jackson (RJ)

Liz Bonney (Clerk- LB)

County Councillor: Bob Stevens (BS)

District Councillor: Dave Riches (DR)

MINUTES

		Action
1.0	Apologies accepted: Linda Clark	
2.0	Questions from members of the public: Mark Carver-Smith from The Green Man visited to explain the pub was rented from Punch Taverns, it has been sold to New River Retail. It is felt that there is an immediate need for Green Man as it does so much for the village. BA, LB and Mark to work on application.	BA/LB
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.	None
4.0	Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st July 2015 to be approved: BA proposed the minutes as a true record and SS seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.	
5.0	Police items/Neighbourhood Watch: P.C Cramp and P.C.S.O Taylor updated with recent crime issues. Community Speed watch will be delayed slightly due to funding. WC advises sign and fluorescent jackets being bought. Quad bikes on old railway, police not well equipped to catch, bike team could patrol, LB to keep a record of dates to form a pattern. WC states low crime figures in the recent village report from police. Bin collection changed to Friday causing some problems with people.	LB
6.1	Report from County Councillor Stevens: Combined authority moving forward, WCC having a debate tomorrow. Current concern is loss of control on planning policy and transport grants. Birmingham has a large shortfall of planned houses and is looking at land to build houses in other areas. LI school now has a combined head. Southam College continues to have good results with lots of new starters. Southam community forum next Wed, update on core strategy. Highways are objecting to Collingham Lane development based on dangers for traffic.	
6.2	Report from District Councillor Riches: Dallas Burston glamping site was given planning permission. SDC voted on combined policy yesterday, voted to keep leader as a shadow on the discussion board. Not enough information to make an informed decision at this stage, and will continue to actively seek out other opportunities. Submission/ letter of intent is due to central government by Friday. DR confirms the PC can use LSV policy for secondary reasons for refusal for planning	

	developments.	
7.0	Committee Reports:	
7.1	Communications: P.C agree to adopt communications policy, to be signed at next P.C meeting. LOVA group achieved a good turn out and an article in paper. P.C want to thank the group for this important contribution. Recent meeting with canal population, in relation to neighbourhood plan, they are very concerned about the CEMEX appeal. Discussion around promoting the website and creating a Facebook page, further research to be done.	BA
7.2	Community Centre: Meeting next week about the summer show. Appointment has been made for a deputy caretaker. All film club profits going to CCMC. Paddington will be shown on Friday.	
7.3	Emergency Planning: LB to arrange meeting, in light of Green Man concerns. An alternative place to keep the pump needs to be considered. Stock take and check grit bins to be done. A calendar for emergency and major tasks is suggested.	
7.4	Finance: Cheque list for approval: Proposed by BA, seconded by JV and approved by all.	
7.4.1	Monthly Financial Report: See attachment, significant VAT refund has been received. RJ confirms spending is on target.	
7.4.2	Grants: P.C to run article for grant requests, and discuss in October. LILAC will be applying to Cllr Stevens grant fund.	BA RJ
7.5	LILAC Project: 10 projects in pipeline. The S106 request has been made to SDC in relation to the Bloors development. Quotes have been sought for additional equipment for Leigh Crescent and LILAC will approach Cemex. Mural plan for the container is developing. Suggestions for memorial trees and benches, LILAC would like to be more creative, peace garden idea? RJ to put proposal together.	RJ RJ
7.5.1	Football Contracts: Clerk working with JV, contracts nearly ready.	LB/JV
7.5.2	Youth Shelter: Clerk explained plan, youth shelter to be moved on Saturday 26 th September, weather permitting.	
7.5.2	Footpath report: See notes below, PC continue to thank Brian. Clerk to contact Canal rivers trust about issues with Tow Path near the fly boat company.	
7.6	Planning- Monthly report: See note below.	
7.6.1	Neighbourhood Planning: Invitation for Sat 3 rd Oct will go in the diary. Format of meeting, it will be a drop in session with SS and RJ speaking every 30 minutes. Discussion around virtual storage for documents. Logo and strapline for the group will be Swans, with "Our plan, Our community, Our future" as strapline with a colour for branding and easy identification.	
7.6.2	Enforcement matters: DR confirmed Dallas Burston have applied for licence for pub.	
7.6.3	Housing Development Update: Collingham Development - the highways report gives cause for optimism. Allen Ford has submitted outline planning for 45 dwellings. Discussion around brownfield sites but cumulative effect and social cohesion concerns. Response to letter from SDC received regarding the P.C concerns about the recent planning committee Solar Farm – Meeting with planner to be confirmed.	
8.6.4	Planning rota:	

9	Meeting attended/forthcoming meetings: EWP: 20th July 7pm see attached notes Finance: 3rd August 11am see attached notes EWP: 24th August 7pm Community Forum: 9th September 6:30pm at Southam College, BA to attend Cemex Liaison: 15th September 6pm RJ to attend	BA RJ
10	Item closed to members of the public:	
11	Any other business- Information only Bus Stop: Settlement has been reached with bus company and Clerk has ordered bus stop. Parish Cllr Vacancy – IB asks group to think about potential candidates.	LB ALL
12	Date of future Parish meetings: 7th Oct, 4th Nov, 2nd Dec	

Meeting closed at 9:59

Planning Applications – July 2015

15/02252/FUL	30/07/2015	Pending Consideration	Arnprior Church Road Long Itchington Warwickshire CV47 9PN	Demolition of existing conservatory to rear and detached garage. Construction of single storey pitched roof extensions to front and rear elevations and a new two storey pitched roof extension to the side.
15/02775/TREE	28/07/2015	Pending Consideration	Tudor House Southam Road Long Itchington Southam CV47 9QN	- G1: Black Poplar (10 no.): fell and grind stumps. Replace with 4 no. Lombardy Poplars, an English Oak and a Copper Beech.
15/02231/FUL	23/07/2015	Pending	23 Green End	Proposed erection of two

		Consideration	Long Itchington Warwickshire CV47 9PJ	storey front extension and proposed new porch
15/02534/COU Q	07/07/2015	Pending Consideration	Agricultural Building Bascote Manor Farm Bascote	Notification of change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house within Use Class C3 (1 dwelling of 139 square metres), with building operations reasonably necessary to convert the building and conversion of barn into garage / store (Class Q a and b)

Planning Applications - August 2015

/02879/TREE	24/08/2015	Pending Consideration	The Red House Marton Road Long Itchington Southam CV47 9PX	- T1: Sycamore: lit crown to 6m above driveway, reduce two limbs on south side of tree to previous pruning points. - T2: Beech: lift crown on south side - remove 8 limbs to match crown lift height with T1. - T3: Poplar: lift crown on south side - remove 3 limbs and 2 dead limbs to match crown height with T1 and T2.
15/02880/TREE	04/08/2015	Pending Consideration	Holly Cottage The Green Long Itchington Southam CV47 9QJ	- T4: Holly: 30% crown reduction. - T5: Walnut: fell. - T6: Cherry: fell. - T7: Cherry: fell and replace.
15/02865/FUL	03/08/2015	Pending Consideration	Workshop Storage Unit Adjacent To Leicester House Church Road Long Itchington Southam CV47 9PN	Change of use to convert existing redundant workshop/storage unit to residential accommodation (resubmission of 15/00270/FUL to include updated Environment Agency Information)

Minutes OF ENVIRONMENT GROUP PARISH COUNCIL 20th July 2015

Present: Ian Briggs (IB), Wendy Charles (WC), Linda Clark (LC) Phil Claydon (PC) Richard Jackson (RJ) Christopher Purser (CP) Rosie Reeve (RR) Clerk Liz Bonney (LB)

1.0	Bascote Road nature reserve: Update to let group know the solicitor is still looking into the ownership.	
2.0	Tree report: Items of note item 99, Clerk to send a letter to Don Loughmans estate regarding the overgrown trees. Pond: Bamboo, progress being made, discuss with John Davies. Phil does not believe the terrapins that have been spotted pose a problem at this stage, they will be helping to keep fish population down.	LB
3.0	Beechcroft Post Box: Update on post box situation, Royal mail are now renegeing on the agreement to put post box back, suggestions are a petition, talk to papers etc. IB to talk to his contact at Royal Mail	IB
4.0	Football field: Request from Seniors for a reduction in costs, this was discussed but as these are adult players it has been decided it is important to keep to the fee structure which has not risen in a number of years. JV is still looking at the contract.	
4.1	Playing field: Grasscutting contract has been tweaked, and spraying has been arranged. Monitor the situation to make sure it meets our needs.	LB
4.2	Youth Shelter: John Bonney will lead a group of volunteers to move and reinstall shelter in September. More details to be worked out nearer the time.	
5.0	Playground equipment: Springer has been repaired in Leigh Crescent, but further complications with roundabout in Green End, Fenland will complete work as soon as possible. Jo Hill from LILAC has taken on the role of trying to get some funding from CEMEX for Leigh Crescent to add a new piece of equipment.	
5.1	Play Area Inspection: Clerk to arrange the annual play area reports.	LB
6.0	Toilets: Quote from Newdigate was discussed. RJ to use this to submit to SDC for S106 funding.	
7.0	Village Hall Car Park: I quote received but Clerk to discuss with WCC if they will privately contract. Further quotes required.	LB
8.0	Village maintenance: Bascote name plates have been defaced, report to Tom.	
8.1	Highways issues to be reported: Various report to WCC, Edge of Road from L.I to Bascote is coming away, reflectors on refuge knocked down.	
8.2	Lighting issues to be reported: No 1 Odingsell has an intermittent fault. Concern around the concrete column on SM2. Discuss with Tom if they can begin numbering the lights at school end of the village in anticipation of being adopted by WCC.	
9.0	Any other business: WC, the funding for the speeding equipment has gone, will the P.C fund the jackets and	

	<p>signs? Falls under £500 so Clerk to arrange. Speeding is the number 1 concern in this village so this needs to be sorted.</p> <p>LB updates solar consultation cost, P.C to pay 25% of cost if IS and residents group agree to pay remainder in one cheque.</p>	
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Next meeting 24th August 7pm

LONG ITCHINGTON FOOTPATHS (Report To Parish Council – August 2015)

The August evening walk was well supported. It was particularly pleasing to be able to take some people along sections of Rights of Way which they have not previously walked. Our next walk will be a Sunday morning walk in October.

We have been contacted by Sustrans asking for our support with The Great British Rake Off. Sections of the embankment along the disused railway line will be trimmed in advance and then teams compete to see who can clear most cutting in one hour. We have one team from Long Itchington – others most welcome.

During the autumn we will review of programme of events and work for this year and plan for 2016. Comments from the Parish Council for suggested events/improvements would be appreciated.

Unfortunately, we have made no progress with WCC regarding SM2 where it crosses the allotments. Recently, yet another member of the public fell over on the path and required the help of others. At least one resident has contacted the Rights of Way Team at WCC to lodge a formal complaint about the state of the path. We would appreciate the help of the Parish Council in trying to get this problem resolved.