

LONG ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Wed, 6th January 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

in the Community Centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington

In attendance:

Ian Briggs , Chair (IB)	Barbara Atkins (BA)	Linda Clark (LC)
Wendy Charles (WC)	Richard Jackson (RJ)	Rosie Reeve(RR)
Jon Venn (JV)	Sally Shillitoe (SS)	

Members of the Public

Martin Newman, Colin Timms, Dave Berry, Christopher Purser

Prospective parish councillors

Anne Fessi, Tom Watts

County Councillor – Cllr Bob Stevens

District Councillor – Cllr Dave Riches

Minutes

1.0	Apologies accepted: Liz Bonney (clerk) - ill	Actions
2.0	Questions from members of the public: Martin Newman asked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is the agenda not on the website? BA explained issues with website and with lack of a clerk • Closure of PO – need to discuss (see agenda item) Colin Timms – Closure of PO Dave Berry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on War Memorial. Meeting 26th Jan 8pm in back room of Green Man. Positive feedback so far • Flooding: obstructions in River Itchen – whose responsibility is it to clear river? Please could PC contact Environment Agency? Christopher Purser: matters dealt with already	PC to contact EA 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. There were no declarations	
4.0	Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd December 2015 approved .	
5.0	Police items/Neighbourhood Watch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamie Cramp reported increase in crime in the village. House break-ins prior to Christmas (all on one day, 12th December), trailer stolen, vans broken into, tools stolen 	BA to put item in Diary (don't leave tools in vans and report crime)

	<p>plus attempted break-ins. Some good leads – 2 young men in a black vehicle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamie encouraged all to report crime or suspicious behaviour using 101 • Cllr Charles suggested that we could email Jamie with concerns • Motorcyclists on Railway line – Jamie has put in a bid for the team to tackle this. • Cllr Charles thanked Jamie for his support with the speed gun 	
6.1	<p>Report from County Councillor Stevens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial settlement and impact on budget concerning CC. Adult Care will result in a rise in council tax, non-mandatory services will be hit (roads etc) • Combined authority proposals continue to tax CC • Harbury is having improved PO facilities • Grant for LILAC obtained, plus improvements to footpath through allotments 	
6.2	<p>Report from District Councillor Riches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now have a robust 5 year land supply which is now a material consideration for CEMEX appeal and informal hearing for Gladman. Impacts on Codemasters • Pledged to take 12 families of Syrian refugees into the district unless Home Office issues a directive • Funding cuts mean a rise in Council Tax (approx £5 a year) in order to deliver services but we are one of lowest council taxes in the country (with high satisfaction rating) • Tithe Lodge care home officially opens on 24th April • 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death this year – lots of events planned in Stratford • U-bus needs support to promote it. Cllr Atkins requested more info about it for Diary. Cllr Briggs suggested the bus should be here for APM – Cllr Riches agreed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibilities of Training course on informal planning hearings 	<p>BA to put entry in diary DR to book Ubus for APM IB to inform DR of date of APM</p> <p>DR to contact PC about training course</p>
7.0	Committee Reports:	
7.1	<p>Communications: Cllr Atkins distributed logins and passwords for new PC email addresses news@longitchington is working well</p>	All councillors to activate emails
7.2	<p>Community Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting next Weds 6.30pm • Film Night in December very good • Annual report from 100 Club – profit of £1058 	
7.3	<p>Emergency Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood alerts revealed that systems not robust • Contact and response systems are weak • Need a meeting for volunteers and Cllrs • SS proposed renaming it Emergency Response group 	<p>BA & SS to put item in Diary IB to arrange date for meeting</p>

7.3.1	Environment issues / Bus Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance company (Tesco) do not respond Propose to remove bus shelter and get a new one, then pursue insurance EWP meeting TBA 	BA to sort insurance IB to arrange EWP meeting
7.4	Finance: Cheque list for approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BA added 2 extra items Proposed BA, seconded LC, all approved 	
7.4.1	Monthly Financial Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cumulative spend up to end of December 2015 All on track, with reasonable variance BA asked about spending on street lights – RJ said there were funds available 	RJ to discuss with LB about budget for next year
7.4.2	Annual Precept <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB confirming details with Stratford Grant for Council tax reduction will go DR said we do not need a referendum for an increase above 1.99% Cllr Shillitoe proposed an increase in the precept of no more than 4% (with the exact amount to be determined by the Finance sub-group and then ratified by the full council). Seconded by Cllr Charles, unanimously carried 	Finance sub-group to determine exact amount Councillors to ratify
7.5	LILAC Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Jackson had circulated new projects list Colin Constable has started digging out the wetland feature, grant received for plants Leigh Crescent play area – residents being surveyed about what they would like Beavers and Scouts want to do some planting and woodwork Memorial Garden – Tesco bid now at second stage Cllr Briggs expressed thanks to all involved for their hard work Youth Shelter meeting – Cllr Atkins has heard nothing Cllr Reeves proposed that WI got involved and volunteered to liaise 	
7.5.1	Footpath report: see below Cllr Briggs thanked Brian	
7.6	Planning- Monthly report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rhine Hill Cottages latest plans – Cllrs Briggs and Clark to meet on Friday Cllr Atkins to look at drafting a response to 15/04232/OUT 15/03618/OUT Cllr Atkins to draft an objection to this based on previous local objections Cllr Briggs handed HS2 documentation to Christopher Purser for him to peruse and report back 	
7.6.1	Dealt with in previous item	
7.6.2	Neighbourhood Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Shillitoe reported that all is progressing on track 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting next Thursday 10am 	
7.6.3	Enforcement matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheds in Bascote Polo grounds access near cattery on Bascote Road 	
7.6.4	Housing Development Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Wilson Homes: names for whole development and roads (thank you to Christopher Purser for his research into names) Legal issues around car park progressing – no financial impact on PC PC objected to Water Margin Solar Farm – no news as Sarah Luckham on annual leave 	
7.6.5	Planning rota: LC, IB, SS (until March)	
7.6.6	Post Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting held on 29th December at the Green Man PC writing to Heart of England exec Jeremy Wright MP aware – Cllr Briggs meeting him on Fri 15th (10 minutes!) PO very keen to retain a presence in the village (have visited the CC), but currently no obvious alternative to the Coop. Individual letters carry more weight than signatures on a petition 	BA to contact Mark from Green Man RJ to send off letter
8	Co-option of parish councillor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IB explained process Two candidates addressed the council After a secret ballot, Anne Fessi was co-opted Thanks were expressed to both candidates for their interest and enthusiasm 	
9	Meetings attended/forthcoming meetings: Post Office: a date needs to be arranged Cllr Venn to organise HR meeting Community Forum 16 th March – venue TBC	BA to draft item for diary
10	Any other business- Information only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Atkins brought up issue of parking at Coop Thanks to Richard and Rosie Reeve for the Christmas Tree – very successful lighting event Cllr Reeve talked about ex-army volunteers assisting with floods – possible here? Cllr Stevens informed the council of a grant for roads – Cllr Briggs expressed concern about Bascote Road beyond the bridge 	IB and BA to visit Coop
11	Date of future Parish meetings: 3rd Feb, 2nd March, Sat 12th March (APM), post meeting notes that 12th March cancelled. 6th April Meeting Closed 10.10pm	

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10:10pm

Signed **Date**.....

Planning Report- December

15/04432/LDE	17/12/2015	Pending Consideration	Dallas Burston Polo Grounds Stoneythorpe Southam CV47 2DL	Retention of an existing access
15/04450/FUL	16/12/2015	Pending Consideration	Rhine Hill Cottages Marton Road Long Itchington Warwickshire CV47 9PY	Construction of a building for agricultural purposes.
15/04276/OUT	02/12/2015	Pending Consideration	Land Adjacent To Nightingale Place Nightingale Lane Long Itchington Southam CV47 9QL	Outline application with all matters reserved except access for the erection of up to five dwellings with access and parking and associated works.
15/04232/OUT	02/12/2015	Pending Consideration	Land North Of Leamington Road Southam	Residential development (up to 60 dwellings), access, open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure

15/03618/OUT	01/12/2015	Pending Consideration	Lower Farm Southam Road Stoneythorpe Warwickshire CV47 2DL	Outline planning application for an innovative zero carbon sustainable community of up to 800 dwellings including live/work units employment land of B1, B2 and B8 uses; mixed use community hub comprising communications and IT centre, local convenience retail unit of up to 2,200 square metres; up to 1,200 metres of other A1 retail, A2 financial and professional services, A3 food and drink, A5 hot food takeaway, B1 business and D1 assembly and leisure uses; a primary school; strategic open space;
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			flood mitigation and sustainable drainage areas; ecological mitigation zones; access roads and associated works. Principal means of access from the A425 to be determined, with all other matters (internal access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) reserved for subsequent approval
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LONG ITCHINGTON FOOTPATHS (Report To Parish Council – Dec. 2015)

During the last month we have continued focussing on vegetation clearance and litter picking. Fly tipping at the northern end of SM7 – near to the Severn Trent Pumping Station – has been reported to SDC who are arranging to pick up the dumped tyres etc.

A fresh supply of wood chip has been delivered and placed in some kissing gates between Thorn Way and The Two Boats. We are looking to place compacted stone in another gate.

Earlier in the year we reported to you that we had requested that a WCC Rights of Way Officer should make a site visit to look at issues of access over parts of SM6a. This happened and the landowner agreed to make the necessary alterations. This has not happened and we have asked WCC to make a return visit.

SUSTRANS have informed us that the issue of access for those with reduced mobility to the railway track is on the January meeting agenda of the South Warwickshire Volunteer Group. SUSTRANS are also producing a wildlife management plan. This would open up the railway line from Model Village along to the viaduct over the Grand Union Canal. If the scheme goes ahead local volunteers to help with the initial work and on going maintenance would be appreciated. However, there is no requirement for this or for the parish to undertake a financial commitment.

Our next planned walk is the now annual New Years Day walk/s starting at the Green Man at 11.00am.

Thank you to the team who work with me and all the volunteers who have helped this year. Thanks also to the Parish Council (and especially Liz) for the help and support offered this year.