

**LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
1930 MONDAY 21st MAY 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs David Burnfield (DB)
Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Rebecca Griffiths (RG)
Cllr John Milne (JM)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)

Clerk John Musters, Mr Colin McIntyre (CM) (Leckford Estate) and two members of the public.

1. **Election of Chairman.** SW was absent on business. Having in advance declared her willingness to stand again, and there being no other candidates, DB proposed and RG seconded that Cllr Walters be elected chairman for the year. This was supported unanimously by councillors, and she was duly re-elected. Cllr Walters would sign to declare her acceptance of office on her return. The chair for this meeting was taken by DB.

2. **Apologies.** Cllr Sophie Walters (SW).

3. **Minutes of Meeting of 9th April.** Agreed for adoption and signed.

4. **Matters Arising:**

a. **Highways & Traffic.** (1) Three months had now passed since the contractor was told about the broken warning signs at Blue Ridge junction but they still had not been repaired; the potholed stretch of road south from Fullerton towards Longstock Park had been patched, but it was not a complete job. Clerk to take up both issues with Highways. (2) A 'Not suitable for HGVs' sign had been placed at the Whiteshape Bridge end of The Bunny. (3) Councillors had no sensible solution to the continuing deterioration of the grass 'triangle' by South Lodge and delayed any decision on it until after the summer to see if it got worse. Meanwhile clerk would speak to Highways to see if they felt a responsibility for it and had any solutions. (4) DB said he had not forgotten the undertaking made at the February 2018 meeting to clear the drain outfall at the sump by the centenary bench, and would get onto it.

ACTION: Cllr Burnfield, Clerk

b. **Lengthsman.** Clerk confirmed that the scheme had been funded for a further year from this month, at £1,000 per parish. One footpath fingerpost remained to be placed, and one new one needed to be re-fixed. Now with the growing season the Lengthsman would begin strimming the grass area by the centenary bench. DB as chairman for the evening signed the annual Agreement with Stockbridge PC on behalf of Longstock PC as 'Associate' parish.

ACTION: Clerk

c. **Recreation Ground Car Park.** Action was still awaited from Charity Farm House to reinstate the party fence and remove the dog hatch before work began on extending the car park.

d. **Membership of HALC.** Councillors had been alerted to the 2018/2019 Membership Document by e-mail and approved its contents.

5. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.** Councillors reviewed their 2015 Declarations; no changes were made. Clerk to e-mail the results to TVBC.

ACTION: Clerk

6. **Planning Applications. Upper Manor Farm** (internal alterations in house, part retrospective, Listed Building consent required) – with TVBC for consideration. **Barn Cottage** (replace ancillary building, link and extension; internal works and landscaping – amended scheme) – TVBC permission. **Boundary Cottage** (demolish and replace garage; part demolish and replace areas of house - resubmission) – PC support. **Test Lodge** (replace existing with extension to provide kitchen and new porch; internal alterations) – PC objection to materials proposed. **Longstock Park Nursery** (resurface overflow parking area) – PC no objection.

ACTION: Clerk

7. **Finance.** (1) Clerk took councillors through the end of year accounts. JM proposed, IG seconded that the Accounting Statements 2017/18 be approved; all agreed. (2) The internal audit of accounts had been completed and councillors agreed unanimously on the same remuneration as last year of £45. Accounts would be available for public inspection for 30 working days (4th June to 13th July).

ACTION: Clerk

8. **General Data Protection Regulations.** CM was thanked warmly for providing the council with a stand-alone laptop to ‘factory standard’. David Parkinson attended the meeting briefly for this item to ensure councillors were all able to set up and access their new contact addresses. He had set up the laptop with the clerk and downloaded all current parish council documents and e-mails and he too was thanked warmly for his time and efforts; his charge of £50 for the work was accepted as very reasonable and councillors agreed unanimously to its payment.

9. **Councillors’ Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). NTR.

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). He agreed chairman’s request to reduce the small trees and saplings growing up above the cemetery hedge to the top of hedge height.

ACTION: Cllr Gibson

c. Footpaths and Transport. (CG). CG had checked the status of the tarmac stretch of Church Road and the path off Whiteshape Bridge. The former is a restricted Byway from the lych gate all the way to the Danebury Road, but HCC accepted responsibility for maintenance of the tarmac lower part. The latter is not an authorised footpath and there should not be a sign in place. In event of an accident the person installing any sign would be responsible. It could be designated a footpath, but the conversion process was long and complex.

d. Test Valley School. (RG). A quiet time with GCSEs in progress. RG reported ‘continuing problems’ over funding the swimming pool.

e. Environment. (JM). NTR.

f. Village Hall and Street Lights. (SM). NTR on hall, except to say the AGM had been held on 26th April. A report can be read in the Newsletter. On lighting, SM had enquired of other firms that could provide replacement lights that would be more affordable than quotations received so far. (PMN: one likely firm would visit on 1st June).

g. Playground and Website. (SW). The playground annual RoSPA inspection was due again. SW sent thanks to CM for the Estate’s work in cutting back overhanging branches by the zipwire.

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). Farming had caught up well after wet February and March. The Estate had put some scalplings into the worst holes in the Bunny passing places, and would lay some more. CM was thanked warmly for that work.

10. **Correspondence.** In addition to regular e-updates from HALC we had heard from: (a) TVBC, with notes of presentation to 17th March Community Resilience Workshop, passed to JM; (b) Dept of Communities and Local Government consultation into unauthorized development and encampments, passed to JM for comment; (c) Hampshire Access April newsletter, passed to CG; (d) TVAPTC re AGM 24th May, passed to DB and IG; (e) various e-mail exchanges with TVBC Head of Planning & Building, confirming his visit to parish council meeting 9th July to discuss contentious planning decisions; (f) e-mail exchange between SM and Virgin Media re poor trench repairs in Roman Road after SFBB installation; (g) TVBC, confirming ‘no change’ to current parish boundary between Longstock and Stockbridge under Community Governance Review.

11. **Any Other Business/public comment.** (a) JM hoped that a tribute to the late Geoff Smith might be written for the Newsletter. It was agreed that it should be done by somebody on the council who knew him well, but nobody appeared to accept the task. (b) Tim Nedas from the public asked what the parish council’s reaction had been to the proposed anaerobic digester at Sparsholt College. Clerk would send him copy of our August 2016 comments.

ACTION: Clerk

12. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 11th June.

Cheques Signed:

060	SSE	Street lighting supply	£ 35.19
061	HPFA	Annual playing fields association sub	£ 40.00
062	HALC/NALC	Annual affiliation fee	£ 217.00
063	D Parkinson	Council laptop installation	£ 50.00
064	APR Coates	Internal audit fee	£ 45.00

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2110.