

**LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
1930 MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Sophie Walters (SW) – chairman.  
Cllrs David Burnfield (DB)  
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  
for Item 8 Mr Peter O’Gorman.

1. **Apologies.** Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG), County Councillor Andrew Gibson, Borough Councillors Peter Boulton and Daniel Busk.

2. **Minutes of Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December.** Agreed for adoption and signed.

3. **Matters Arising:**

a. **Highways.** (1) There was a large pothole near the entrance to the track leading to Charity Down Farm – clerk to report. He would also talk to Wherwell PC about holes on the road to Fullerton Mill (assuming it is in their parish). (2) The holes reported by Windover Farm were not on the highway – DB would look at filling them with scalping. (3) Leckford Estate had come to an agreement with HCC about the Church Road culverts; HCC would look at the problem. (4) The owner of Ivy Cottage had told the clerk that he would talk to HCC about clearing the culvert onto his land.

**ACTION:** Clerk

b. **Lengthsman.** The scheme would continue for at least another year from May, but it was emphasised that between 20% and 25% of the Lengthsman’s time should be allocated to footpath maintenance since some of the funding for the scheme came from HCC’s Rights of Way budget. CG would provide clerk with a priority list of paths to be included in the Lengthsman’s task list.

**ACTION:** Cllr Grieve, Clerk

4. **Neighbourhood Plan.** The presentation given by Liz Bourne and Becky Hopkinson on 6<sup>th</sup> February had been thinly attended, and it was not clear what interest there might be in the village for a Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that a further note would be put in the Longstock News calling for support; if nobody volunteered to serve on the project team and help work up a Plan, it would be concluded that there was no interest and the idea would be shelved.

**ACTION:** Chairman

5. **Correspondence.** In addition to regular e-updates from HALC we had heard from: (a) West Tytherley Broadband Group with press release – passed to SW and RG; (b) TVBC with update on eviction from the A3057/A30 roundabout site – passed to all; (c) TVBC, with details of Mayor’s charity ball and Commonwealth Flag Day – passed to all; (d) Hampshire Countryside Access Forum, looking for new members to

represent interests of off-road cyclists and the disabled; (e) Museum of Army Flying, re briefing day for local communities on their refurbishment programme; (f) Citizens Advice Test Valley, with annual report and appeal for financial support; (g) TVBC re Borough Electoral Review; (h) Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner's office calling for inputs into their 'proactive scrutiny into rural crime'.

6. **Finance.** The Precept bid for £6,500 agreed at the December meeting had been submitted to TVBC.

**ACTION:** Clerk

7. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). Chairman and DB had walked round some potential sites with Catherine Kirkham, RHE, and Alison Thompson, English Rural, and agreed on the most promising. RHE would ask planners to update their thoughts on a few others and return to the parish council.

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). **Allotments** – all plots were now taken and there was a waiting list. **Cemetery** - the cemetery fence was not the Estate's responsibility, but CM would be happy to walk round with IG to see where the problem with badger ingress was. **Trees** – clerk had looked at the cherry tree by 33 Roman Road and said it was not worth diverting the Lengthsman for such a small job. He suggested it could be tackled in 10 minutes by a resident; RG said she would deal.

**ACTION:** Cllr Gibson, Cllr Griffiths

c. Footpaths and Transport. (CG). CG had found jerry cans and a length of tubing in hedges up Church Road and reported to the local landowner and the police. The latter had shown no interest.

d. Test Valley School. (RG). NTR.

e. Environment. (JM). NTR.

f. Village Hall. (SM). The hall floor had been successfully re-sealed the previous week and could now be used once more.

g. Playground and Website. (SW). DB had repairs on the slide mound and ball wall/netball post in hand once the weather improved. Playsafe Playgrounds had encountered a problem over warranty of the defective supports on the aerial runway and 'A' frame wall, but replacements would be installed at an early date.

**ACTION:** Cllr Burnfield, Clerk

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). CM was thanked by the chairman for the donation of £250 from the Waitrose Community Giving scheme towards playground repairs. He drew attention to the talk to be given in Broughton village hall later this week by the Estate's General Manager on the history and role of the Leckford Estate. He said the Estate was two years into its three year plan and the situation was much improved.

8. **Planning Applications. Test Valley School** (re-clad ROSLA block) – HCC approved. **Barn Cottage** (internal works, plus replacement of extension and car port) – PC site meeting arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> February.

9. **County Councillor.** In his absence Cllr Andrew Gibson had sent the following comments:

- HCC would shortly be announcing a new approach to Highways maintenance.
- HCC had bought new pothole filling technology in the form of several new large vehicles which fill sections of roads and not just individual potholes.
- The Devolved Budget for Councillors had been agreed in the budget for next year but without any roll-over. The scheme closes in February and re-opens in May, after council elections.
- He had received an application for funding from the Longstock Allotments Committee, and would consider after May (if re-elected).
- The Lengthman project would be renewed for another couple of years.
- Funding had been allocated to re-furbish the Andover Library.
- Council Tax would rise 4.99% to include 3% allocated solely for Adult Social Care.

10. **Any Other Business/public comment.** Following a complaint from a Church Road resident about her inability recently to get round a funeral cortege outside the cemetery, it was agreed the clerk should have a word with church wardens and funeral directors on each future occasion of weddings or funerals to ensure that vehicles involved were not blocking normal passage for residents.

**ACTION:** Clerk

11. **Date of Next Meeting.** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Cheques Signed:

012	SSE Contracting	3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr routine lights maintenance	£ 123.58
013	SSE Contracting	Ditto, non-routine maintenance	£ 63.10
014	SSE	Street lighting supply	£ 77.75
015	Bulpitt printers	Newsletter 228	£ 198.00
016	JBA Musters	Clerk's fee 2016/17	£1200.00

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2100.