

**LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
1930 MONDAY 19th JUNE 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Sophie Walters (SW) – chairman.
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, County Councillor Andrew Gibson (AG).

1. **Apologies.** Colin McIntyre (Leckford Estate).
2. **Minutes of Meeting of 15th May.** Agreed for adoption and signed.
3. **Matters Arising:**

a. **Highways and Lengthsman.** (1) No potholes had been reported recently, but it was noticeable that several holes through the village had been ‘marked’. AG said that showed they were within the work schedule for repair. (2) The Lengthsman had cleared round the Bunny bench and the adjacent salt bin; it was agreed that he should strim that area each month during the growing season. He would meet CG this coming Wednesday to assess vegetation clearance needed round footpath fingerposts/stiles.

ACTION: Cllr Grieve, Clerk

b. **Henry Smith.** Of the options for a summer minibus trip for pensioners (Museum of Army Flying and Longstock water gardens) there had been no enthusiasm for the first and only three takers for the second, which did not make it viable. Another option was Heale House garden, which had been suggested at the May soup & sandwich lunch. That seemed to have greater potential; clerk would contact Dane Oliver to see if he would be prepared to drive the bus on a date to be selected. SM would confirm support at this month’s lunch once a visit date was known.

ACTION: Cllr Musters, Clerk

4. **Planning Applications.** Land at **Langtry House** (erect single storey house in grounds – resubmission) refused at Planning Control Committee. **Carbery House** (reconstruct two external chimneys) –TVBC refused. **Drovers House** (demolish and rebuild extension; part replace roof) – TVBC permission. **Barn Cottage** (1) (internal works, plus replacement of extension and car port - revised application) and (2) (demolish and replace ancillary building) – both with TVBC for consideration. **Leckford Estate land** (tree works) – PC no objection. **Churchside Cottage** (tree works) – PC no objection.

CG was thanked for representing the parish council at the Planning Control Committee (re Langtry House); chairman would e-mail the householder to see if he was planning to appeal.

Councillors were concerned at the protrusion of the hedge at Barn Cottage into the road – clerk would contact the householder.

ACTION: Chairman, Clerk

5. **Finance.** The Annual Return for 2016/17 would be sent to the Audit Commission auditors this week. Accounts were available for inspection by the public now until 17th July.

ACTION: Clerk

6. **County Councillor Report.** (1) The Allotments committee had asked AG for funding from the Community Grants scheme for a deer-proof fence. This request would not meet the grant criteria, but AG intended to give £500 towards the fencing from his devolved budget and suggested that the Borough Council be asked for matching funding. (2) HCC was about to consult Hampshire residents to gauge priorities in view of the need to save £140M over the next two years. (3) The Lengthsman scheme would continue for another two years. (4) On Broadband, AG said that if a core of around 50 residents indicated a non-binding interest then a quote could be got from BT. He thought that when BT provided a quote and possibly it could be part funded by HCC directly. AG would be happy to support such an initiative. If there were no action by residents, then there was no plan for Super Fast Broadband in the northern section of Longstock. Chairman said she would ask Geoffrey Wort to do the survey.

ACTION: Chairman

7. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). NTR.

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). **Allotments and Trees** – NTR. **Cemetery** – (1) Chairman commented on the family bench that been placed without permission among graves in Plot A. Councillors agreed it could be the thin end of the wedge and asked IG to move it nearer to the hedge. (2) Councillors agreed to have a working evening to clear out under hedges, remove saplings etc on a date to be arranged (PMN: Wednesday 28th June at 5.30 was agreed). (3) A generous cheque had been received from the family of the late Nicholas Tatton-Brown; councillors agreed to put it towards purchase of a new cemetery notice board and to re-locate the existing one, perhaps to replace the dilapidated one at Upper Manor. Clerk to investigate suitable boards.

ACTION: Cllr Gibson, Clerk

c. Footpaths and Transport. (CG). Finger posts would be available for delivery in late-July.

ACTION: Cllr Grieve

d. Test Valley School. (RG). RG would attend the annual presentation evening on 30th November.

ACTION: Cllr Griffiths

e. Environment. (JM). NTR.

f. Village Hall. (SM). NTR.

g. Playground and Website. (SW). (1) In order to satisfy the householder of Charity Farm House by stopping cars overflowing onto the grass, Leckford Estate was prepared in principle to extend the existing carpark at the recreation ground to the south east, effectively doubling the number of parking spaces. However according to TVBC this would need planning permission. Clerk would draw up the necessary papers and pass them to the Estate for approval before submission. (2) Councillors were concerned by the amount of giant hogweed appearing on the recreation ground; IG would trim and remove it.

ACTION: Cllr Gibson, Clerk

h. Leckford Estate. In his absence, CM reported on (1) details of the planned tree works on its land behind the recreation ground (the ‘Danish Dock’), to be carried out in September after the nesting season when the ground would likely be driest. Tree and scrub growth would be controlled or removed, then fenced to allow sheep grazing; and (2) the Open Farm Sunday that had been hugely successful with over 3,000 people attending, as well as The Countess of Wessex as Honorary President of LEAF.

8. **Correspondence.** In addition to regular e-updates from HALC we had heard from: (a) Hampshire Countryside Access Forum re meeting this week in Winchester – passed to JM; (b) The Conservation Volunteers, informing that their handbooks were now on line – passed to JM and CG; (c) TVBC, re Electoral Review of Test Valley – draft recommendations now out for public consultation until 14 August; (d) more e-mail exchanges on Broadband provision – HCC’s Superfast Broadband programme leader had said they would have a better idea of the roll-out plan for ‘Wave 2 extension’ by the end of June.

9. **Any Other Business/public comment.** Nil.

10. **Date of Next Meeting.** Monday 24th July at 7.30 pm.

Cheques Signed:

029	IR Gibson	Cemetery maintenance	£ 500.00
030	Bulpitt Print Ltd	Newsletter printing	£ 198.00
031	Playsafety Ltd	Playground safety inspection	£ 109.20

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2115.