

**LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**1930 WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Sophie Walters (SW) – chairman.  
Cllr David Burnfield (DB)  
Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG)  
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)  
Cllr Rebecca Griffiths (RG)  
Cllr John Milne (JM)  
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)

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

1. **Apologies.** County Councillor Andrew Gibson (AG).
2. **Affordable Housing.** Chairman welcomed Catherine Kirkham, Rural Housing Enabler, who gave a brief presentation on the Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARAH) that aims to identify local need for such housing and work with parish councils to find potential sites. In answer to questions, she said that under the HARAH scheme houses would be ‘affordable’ in perpetuity; that the typical timescale after finding a site was two years from applying for planning permission to completion of build; that the exception site policy allowed HARAH to build outside the settlement boundary (a policy that she assured did not open floodgates to more general development); and that, in the event of some houses being unfilled, HARAH would look first at immediately neighbouring villages. She was reminded of Longstock’s fruitless quest since the 1990s to identify a suitable site for six to eight houses, and said she would do an independent check of potential sites in the village over the next few months and report back to the parish council. Chairman thanked Ms Kirkham for her visit and she left after half an hour.
3. **Minutes of Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> October.** Agreed for adoption and signed.
4. **Matters Arising:**
  - a. **Highways.** (1) A month after the degraded road by Hazeldown had been marked by Highways, repair work had not started – clerk to alert AG; (2) the road from Windover Farm to Bottom Road would be closed for up to five days during the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> November for installation of services; (3) the defective street light #14 on Salisbury Hill had been repaired; (4) ‘keep left’ signs on Salisbury Hill had been flattened by traffic recently – repairs awaited.

**ACTION:** Clerk
  - b. **Henry Smith Charity.** The full grant of £2,000 had been received for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> October. The charity was looking to see if they could increase the grant. The date for the annual pensioners’ lunch was agreed as Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**ACTION:** Clerk

c. **Neighbourhood Plan.** All agreed Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7 pm in the village hall for the open meeting to gauge support for a Plan for Longstock. Liz Bourne was ‘on standby’.

**ACTION:** All

5. **Correspondence.** In addition to regular e-updates from HALC we had heard from: (a) TVBC, with slides from their Community Resilience workshop at Longstock, passed to JM; (b) HCC, with notice of footpath workshops in the new year, passed to CG; (c) HALC, notifying plans for Hampshire Pride’s LGBT flag week in February; (d) HALC, with copy of Precept capping letter sent to Local Government Minister, passed to all; (e) HALC, re training session on ‘Better Outcomes in Planning’ at Winchester guildhall in January.

**ACTION:** Clerk

6. **Kiosk Library.** SM said that she had been approached by another village with a similar scheme to see if we would agree to swapping books with them from time to time. Councillors had no objection to the idea; SM would place a note in the newsletter. She also reminded councillors that they all shared responsibility for maintenance of the library, its appearance and tidiness.

**ACTION:** All

7. **Finance.** The mid-year interim internal audit had been completed satisfactorily and finances were in a healthy state

**ACTION:** Clerk

8. **Councillors’ Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). Nothing to add after Item 2 above.

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). (1) Allotments – IG floated an idea to dispose of excess vegetables next summer (that cannot be sold), which the council supported. He would report back to the allotments committee. (2) Cemetery – badgers had recently caused damage in the cemetery, and seemed to have come through a hole in the fence. CM would assess if the fence was Leckford’s responsibility and take action accordingly.

**ACTION:** Cllr Gibson, Mr McIntyre

c. Footpaths and Transport. (CG). The footpath signs demanded were still somewhere in the supply chain.

**ACTION:** Cllr Grieve

d. Test Valley School. (RG). Following the suggestion last time for getting pupils to write something for the newsletter, a Year 7 student had written the first one, which RG would pass to the editor.

**ACTION:** Cllr Griffiths

e. Environment. (JM). He deplored the prevalence of litter and dog mess on the recreation ground; after discussion councillors agreed that dogs should be kept on a lead – chairman would arrange for a note in the newsletter and signs to be installed.

**ACTION:** Chairman

f. Village Hall. (SM). The annual fire safety check had been completed and a defective electricity meter replaced. Mosaics – RG had spoken to her contact who had done mosaic repairs at the school, and asked her to be in touch with SM.

g. Playground and Website. (SW). Both Playground Services and Playsafe Playgrounds had sent quotations for repairs to equipment following their recent visits. Councillors agreed to accept the latter’s quotation for necessary work on the aerial runway and swings in its entirety, and to do ‘self help’ repairs on the slide mound and ball wall/netball post. CM generously suggested that the council should apply to Leckford Estate for a share in one month’s ‘green token’ community scheme to offset the cost of repairs. Clerk to reply to the firms concerned and to apply to Leckford Estate.

**ACTION:** Clerk

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). Chairman gave a vote of thanks to CM for arranging that afternoon’s Estate tour for the parish council. CM hoped to offer public tours from next spring. He drew attention to the two Christmas craft and gift events at the Farm Shop in December.

**ACTION:** Mr McIntyre

9. **Planning Applications.** **Sindle Cottage** (retention of internal works) – objection from Conservation Officer. **Church Farm** (fell sycamore) – TVBC no objection. Land at **Little Manor** (change of use of existing building from agricultural to residential) – with TVBC for decision. **Langtry House** (erect separate 2-storey dwelling in grounds) – application withdrawn.

10. **Any Other Business/public comment.** (1) Chairman would write to thank the Peat Spade for their support on Remembrance Sunday. (2) Neither DB nor IG would be able to go to the TVAPTC meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**ACTION:** Chairman, Clerk

11. **Date of Next Meeting.** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Cheques Signed:

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The Chairman closed the meeting at 2110.