

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
1930 WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER 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) and Clerk John Musters.

1. **Apologies.** County Councillor Andrew Gibson; Borough Councillors Peter Boulton and Daniel Busk.

2. **Minutes of Meeting of 14th September.** Paragraph 4b (Henry Smith balance carried forward) should have read £234 not £434. With that amendment the minutes were agreed for adoption and signed.

3. **Matters Arising:**

a. **Highways.** (1) the degraded road by Hazeldown had been marked by Highways for repair; (2) the road from the Peat Spade up to Longstock nursery would be closed for three days at the end of the month for installation of services; (3) a loose drain cover on the Stockbridge – Leckford road had been reported to us by a motorist; although in Stockbridge parish we had informed HCC. (4) clearance of the road culvert by Ivy Cottage had still to be resolved with the landowner.

ACTION: Clerk

b. **Lengthsman.** He had been tasked in October with clearing the drainage ‘grips’ in the verges between Southside Cottages and Bottom Road; and with a complete soap-and-water wash of all wooden structures in the recreation ground.

c. **Henry Smith Charity.** Chairman signed the annual return and 2016 grant application. After discussion, it was agreed to continue the annual pensioners’ lunch each spring as a well-supported community event.

ACTION: Clerk

d. **Remembrance Sunday.** Maddie Sumsion as Lay Worship Leader would again conduct the commemoration, and it was hoped to have an army piper as two years ago. Councillors approved £100 for the wreath, which would be laid again on behalf of the village by Daisy Burnfield if free from military requirements elsewhere. Clerk had been in touch with the police for traffic control. CG confirmed the arrangements for this year at the Peat Spade.

ACTION: Cllr Grieve, Clerk

4. **Neighbourhood Planning.** The necessity or otherwise of a Neighbourhood Plan for Longstock was discussed following last month’s presentation. All felt a Plan was a sound idea for a village in principle, but were divided over whether it was

necessary or desirable here. Some felt that we did not yet know enough about it, some that we might make a rod for our own backs. The upshot which all agreed was that the chairman would write a short piece for the Newsletter and call an open meeting in the new year to see what support there would be for a Plan in the village as a whole. Further action would depend on the level of interest shown.

ACTION: Chairman

5. **Correspondence.** In addition to regular e-updates from HALC we had heard from: (a) Southern Water with a drought study, passed to JM; (b) Access Hampshire newsletter, and small grants application from Countryside Access, both passed to CG; (c) HARA newsletter, passed to all; (d) TVBC, with details of the next Resilience Forum in Longstock village hall; (e) HALC, with results of the Village of the Year competition, passed to all; (f) TVBC, with details of funding from the Prince's Countryside Trust, passed to all; (g) TVBC, with contact info for litter bins and dog waste bins, passed to all; (h) Andover and District Older People's Forum, with offer to join their 'phone a friend' village info directory; we declined; and (i) TVBC, with outcome of the workshop into 'locality working' that CG and clerk had attended.

ACTION: Clerk

6. **Finance.** Clerk took councillors through the mid-year comparison of turnover against budget. Apart from much-increased income from burials, we were on track for the six-month point. RG signed the quarterly bank reconciliation.

ACTION: Clerk

7. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). The new Rural Housing Enabler had not been able to attend this meeting, but she hoped to join us in November. Meanwhile DB had received the updated housing needs list, which he would copy to councillors.

ACTION: Cllr Burnfield

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). (1) Allotments – two plots were currently available. The AGM would take place on 26th October. (2) Cemetery – IG wondered if applicants for burials could be supplied with a copy of the cemetery regulations to deter proliferation of plastic windmills etc.

ACTION: Cllr Gibson

c. Footpaths and Transport. (CG). The flytipping at the west end of Church Road reported a month ago had not been cleared; CG had spoken again at length to TVBC. He had complimented HCC footpaths team on their good work, and said that the footpath signs demanded would be supplied when stocks were available.

ACTION: Cllr Grieve

d. Test Valley School. (RG). Councillors approved £35 for the sponsored prize at the annual presentation evening, when RG would represent the parish council. She would ask the school if they would consider getting pupils to write something for the newsletter, a different year group each time.

ACTION: Cllr Griffiths, Clerk

e. Environment. (JM). He drew attention to CPRE's objections to HCC's

proposals for reorganization of local government (“the integrity of rural Hampshire is at risk”). The occupiers of the site by the A30/A3057 roundabout had brought in a mobile home; clerk would ask TVBC for a progress report on the eviction order.

ACTION: Clerk

f. Village Hall. (SM). She was very depressed by the state of the mosaics, which for several years had been breaking off in patches. There was no easy solution. RG would pass her a contact number of someone who had done successful mosaic repairs at the school.

ACTION: Cllr Griffiths

g. Playground and Website. (SW). Playground Services rep had visited following the RoSPA inspection and quoted for repairs to equipment. Clerk would arrange for the Playsafe Playgrounds rep also to visit and assess what needed to be done, then we could compare quotations and agree necessary remedial work.

ACTION: Clerk

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). He gave an upbeat report following some difficult years, and felt the Estate was in much better shape. CM is very keen to continue to develop relations with Longstock, to which end his suggestion of Estate tours (starting with the parish council) was warmly received.

ACTION: Mr McIntyre

8. **2017 Meeting Dates.** The proposed dates were agreed as follows: 15th February, 15th March, 19th April (APA), 17th May (AGM), 21st June, 26th July, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November, 13th December. There would be no meeting in January and August.

ACTION: Clerk

9. **Planning Applications.** **Sindle Cottage** (retention of internal works) – PC no objection. **Church Farm** (fell sycamore) – PC no objection. Land at **Little Manor** (change of use of existing building from agricultural to residential) – PC no objection.

10. **Any Other Business/public comment.** (1) RG said that street light 14 on Salisbury Hill was not working. Clerk to report. (2) IG would shortly do another cut of the recreation field.

ACTION: Clerk

11. **Date of Next Meeting.** Wednesday 16th November.

Cheques Signed:

004	SSE	Electricity supply	£ 74.22
005	SSE Contracting	Street lights maintenance	£ 123.58
006	Sarsen Press	Newsletter printing	£ 165.36
007	Test Valley School	Sponsored prize	£ 35.00
008	Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal	£ 100.00

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2135.