

**LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**1900 WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 (Item 2 only) Liz Bourne & Becky Hopkinson, Neighbourhood Planning Facilitators. County Councillor Andrew Gibson (AG) joined the meeting during Item 7.

1. **Apologies.** Nil; all present.

2. **Neighbourhood Planning.** Liz Bourne and Becky Hopkinson explained what was involved in Neighbourhood Planning (NP), which under government legislation passed in 2011 enables communities to develop a shared vision for their local area and shape its development and growth, where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the Borough Council's strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area. It cannot stop development that is identified within the Local Plan, but it can influence where that development takes place and what it looks like. NP carries statutory legal weight and sets out policies for developers who must conform. A grant of up to £9K would be available to put a Neighbourhood Plan together and the Borough Council would pay for the required 'examination' of the Plan as well as providing up to £5K technical support. This was a useful introduction should developments such as that proposed for Roman Road in 2013 and 2014 come forward again. With many hoops to go through in a process that could take 18 months, councillors would discuss further whether we want a Plan in Longstock and, if so, the composition of the steering group to take the process forward. The Facilitators would be ready to advise further if required, and were thanked for their presentation.

**ACTION:** All

3. **Minutes of Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> July.** Agreed for adoption and signed.

4. **Matters Arising:**

a. **Highways and Lengthsman.** (1) Highways – the road by Hazeldown was seriously degraded, especially at the edges. Clerk would contact Highways. (2) Lengthsman – he had done a good job clearing the path from Whiteshape bridge down to the Test Way, and weeded in and around the bus shelter. IG agreed to cut back encroaching growth on the north side of the school bus bay.

**ACTION:** Cllr Gibson, Clerk

b. **Henry Smith Charity.** With two weeks to go in this grant year, councillors agreed a further single payment of £200 which would reduce the carry forward balance to £434.

**ACTION:** Clerk

5. **Correspondence.** In addition to regular e-updates from HALC we had heard from: (a) West Tytherley PC reps with Powerpoint slides from their ‘Cable My Street’ presentation in Stockbridge town hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, passed to councillors; (b) HALC, calling for nominations for Parish & Town Council Awards 2016, passed to councillors; (c) HALC, with Community-led Housing Survey, completed by DB; (d) HALC, with Councillor Age & Gender Profile Survey, passed to councillors for completion; (e) National Flood Forum, seeking nominations to their Board of Trustees, passed to councillors; (f) HCC, with report on Electoral Review of Hampshire – on which subject CG and clerk would attend presentation on Local Government in Hampshire in Andover on 27<sup>th</sup> September; (g) Rural Housing Spotlight for July – passed to councillors; and (h) TVAPTC with agenda for next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, passed to DB and IG.

**ACTION:** Cllr Grieve, Clerk

6. **Finance.** (1) Audit - clerk presented the annual return for 2015/16 on its return from the external auditors, who had completed their review, found the information reported to be in accordance with proper practices and had no other comment. Councillors approved and accepted the annual return and external audit certificate. As required, the completed return was made available for examination by electors for a two week period from 4<sup>th</sup> August. (2) Insurance - councillors accepted the terms of the insurance renewal with Aviva. The premium showed a 1% increase for index linking and the expected rise in IPT from 6% to 10%. The Long Term Agreement had one more year to run. (3) Ring-fenced money - councillors were content to let the playground money (balance £118) waste naturally, which it would do in the next few months; and for the balance of £135 for the Parish Plan, which had not altered in over five years, to be transferred to the STOPPIT account.

**ACTION:** Clerk

## 7. **Councillors’ Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). He had e-mailed a short report to councillors following HARAHA’s presentation at Micheldever on 14<sup>th</sup> July.

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). (1) Allotments - Councillors agreed to pay £250 to Gus Penfound for his work on the trees on north boundary of the allotments. (2) Cemetery – clerk would get a legal ruling from the Commissioner of the Diocese for the dependants of two brothers evacuated here in the war, to deposit their ashes into the grave of the family that housed them.

**ACTION:** Clerk

c. Footpaths and Transport. (CG). He reported flytipping again at the west end of Church Road. Paths 1, 3, 6 and 12 were looking good after being cut by HCC.

**ACTION:** Cllr Grieve

d. Test Valley School. (RG). She reported another year of good GCSE results. The school was launching a ‘Years 7, 8 and 9 Challenge’, based on the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and pupils would have the academic year to complete their challenge to achieve Bronze in Year 7, Silver in Year 8 and Gold in Year 9. Councillors agreed £100 sponsorship of the ‘celebration event’ at year end, when

there would be a presentation evening for successful pupils and their parents.

**ACTION:** Cllr Griffiths, Clerk

e. Environment. (JM). He noted that the occupiers of the site by the A30/A3057 north roundabout had appealed against their eviction order. Enforcement was bound to happen, but it might not be easily accomplished.

f. Village Hall. (SM). NTR. CM would send a team to do further work on Estate land round the hall.

**ACTION:** Mr McIntyre

g. Playground and Website. (SW). Following receipt of the annual safety inspection report, clerk had asked both Playsafe Playgrounds and Playground Services who had installed equipment to visit and assess deterioration identified in the report. It was hoped the warranty would cover any repairs required.

**ACTION:** Clerk

h. Leckford Estate. (CM). He reported a good summer and a harvest that was progressing well. The farm shop was conducting a customer satisfaction survey.

8. **Remembrance Sunday**. CG confirmed that the Peat Spade would again offer coffee and cakes following the annual commemoration at the war memorial on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November; and would also host a curry lunch to limited numbers at about 12 noon, names to CG. Clerk would arrange for police presence at the memorial service or, failing that, at least traffic control signs.

**ACTION:** Cllr Grieve, Clerk

9. **Planning Applications**. **20 Roman Road** (convert one house into two) – TVBC permission. **Sindle Cottage** (retrospective internal works) – still with TVBC for final decision (Conservation Officer part objection). **Langtry House** (erect separate 2-storey dwelling in grounds) – PC support.

10. **Any Other Business/public comment**. (1) RG asked if consideration could be given to a footpath or traffic calming measures at the north end of Houghton Road, which was too narrow for comfort of pedestrians. (2) AG said that four firms were tendering for the new highways contract. (3) SM reported on Stockbridge Neighbour Care funding; CM suggested they write to him to bid for a grant from the farm shop's monthly community support scheme. (4) JM remarked that rubbish collection in Church Road had been a bit hit-and-miss, with some drivers seemingly ignorant of any houses above the allotments; moreover they were now using a much smaller vehicle for fear of knocking the lychgate again. (5) IG complained about flytipping in Hillside Cottages layby; chairman would speak to TVBC.

**ACTION:** Chairman, Cllr Musters, Clerk

11. **Date of Next Meeting**. Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Cheques Signed:

996	Sarsen Press	Newsletter printing	£ 197.36
997	SLH Walters	HM 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday event	£ 234.40
998	Playsafety Limited	Annual RoSPA inspection	£ 109.20
999	IR Gibson	Playground mowing	£ 80.00
000	Stockbridge PC	HM 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday event	£ 185.18
001	IR Gibson	Cemetery maintenance	£ 325.00
002	Came & Co	Annual insurance premium	£ 999.87
003	PC Longstock – STOPPIT	Transfer of PP ring fence money	£ 135.46

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2120.