

LONG COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 4th May 2021 by Zoom

Present: Councillors Bing (Chair), Forbes, Cook, Dodds, King, Blackwell and Billins, County Councillor Jo Barker. 10 members of the public.

1. Election of Chair

Councillor Bing proposed by Councillor Blackwell, Councillor Forbes seconded and carried

2. Apologies

District Councillor Sarah Whalley-Hoggins

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

None declared

4. To Receive Chairman's Declaration of Office

Chair Signed Clerk witnessed

5. Election of Vice Chair

Councillor Forbes proposed by Councillor Blackwell, Councillor Dodds seconded and carried

6. To note new Councillors accepting office and vacancies for Co-option

All Councillors present confirmed they would like to continue in office

There is currently 1 vacancy for Co-option

7. To approve the Minutes of 6th April 2021

Proposed by Councillor Blackwell, seconded by Councillor Forbes and carried

8. To agree Dates and Venues for Council meetings for the year 2021/2022

Noted and approved. 17th May we will make a decision on June meeting depending on Covid regulations

9. To appoint Councillors particular responsibilities, working parties etc. and as representatives on outside bodies

- i. Village Hall - Councillor Cook
- ii. Aunt Phoebe's Trust – Councillor Bing
- iii. Combined Charities – Councillor Billins
- iv. Play Group Inspections – Councillor Bing and Councillor Blackwell
- v. Planning – Councillor Dodds, Councillor Blackwell and Councillor Forbes
- vi. Personnel – Councillor Bing, Councillor Forbes, Councillor Billins and Councillor Blackwell

10. To agree cheque signatories and confirm banking arrangements.

It was agreed to continue as we are for the time being, but Councillor Bing and Clerk to address later in the year

11. To receive report on the capital assets and liabilities vested in the council

Noted and approved

12. To approve or confirm:

- i. Standing Orders - To be reviewed later in the year by the Clerk in the Autumn
- ii. Financial regulations - To be reviewed later in the year by the Clerk in the Autumn
- iii. Annual Governance statement – Councillor Bing and Clerk to complete relevant forms and submit to the internal auditor
- iv. Insurance policies – Still in place and functioning. Still 18 months left on the current agreements

13. To Confirm annual review date of Clerk's Employment Terms

Noted and approved date of March 2022

14. Public Forum

A Parishioner raised concerns about land at the rear of Woodway, concerns raised that land is undergoing a change of usage as a fence and hedge have been erected/planted.

Councillor Bing said this has been noted and the Clerk will follow up with the enforcement officer.

Concern was raised about Kinches Orchard, and the continuing works going on in there.

Councillor Bing said that the PC were aware of activity, but have not received positive reinforcement from Stratford District Council as of yet. Councillor King and Councillor Forbes to look in to this

15. Report from the District Councillor

Councillor Barker spoke about the strange year we have had and how she has missed the contact with people. She discussed the merge of the CCGs and how this should benefit us, but if there was any feedback on health and GPs then to let her know. Councillor Barker thanked everyone for their continuing support of the food bank. She then discussed the need to lead people back to normality and prove things can be as they were before.

16. Planning

New Applications:

21/00945/LBC Mill Farm No Representation

21/00764/FUL Clements Cottage Objection. Dark Skies policy and ecological impact on Babistrel Bats. PC would be happy to withdraw objection if these issues are addressed/conditioned.

21/00905/FUL Great Rough Brow Objection. Dark Skies policy. PC would be happy to withdraw objection if this issue is addressed/conditioned.

MW.0047/21 Oxfordshire Mineral Group Ltd. Cause of great discussion and public concern. Councillor Forbes and Councillor King to write an objection to be submitted.

Members of the public would also like to email with their objections and wish the possibility of the media being involved to be explored.

17. Finance

- a. To approve the Budget Tracker and Bank Reconciliation
Proposed by Councillor Forbes, seconded by Councillor Cook and carried
- b. To approve the payments as listed.
All payments agreed apart from the renewal of WALC
Thank you to Clive Everett for rebuilding the wall at The Hollows

Proposed by Councillor Forbes, seconded by Councillor Cook and carried

9:00pm Councillor Bing Proposed suspension of standing orders to allow completion of meeting, Councillor Forbes Seconded and carried

18. Village issues

a. National Code of conduct

PC have been advised not to take up until our Principle Authority does so. Defer until later in the year.

b. Dog Waste Bins

Larger bin to be installed at the Recreation ground. Clerk to arrange purchase.

c. Roadside railings by Shop

Councillor Barker to speak to Michael Rogers

d. To consider Tenancy Agreement for Allotments

Draft agreement approved by Council and to be sent to the individual tenants to consider.

Councillors discussed a proposal to raise the yearly rent for coming year which led to a vote. Councillors vote; For 3, Against 2, Abstain 1. Proposal carried and will be put to tenants for comment.

e. The Villager Project

Councillor Cook updated the Council on his progress and intention to meet with Jamie Wright to start editing

f. Long Compton Highways and traffic

Defer till the council could have a separate face to face meeting to discuss this

g. Update on hollows project

Councillor Bing updated the council on progress. The poplars are down and are being removed. The building has been ordered but we are still awaiting the discharge of conditions. Andy Carpenter has started works.

h. Village Hall Wifi

Village Hall happy to change, but the Parish Council will continue to be the bill payer. Councillor Bing will speak to the village hall and then end contract with Pink Connect and change to Vodafone. Councillor Bing happy to help with installation and ongoing running as necessary.

i. Other

Councillor Forbes thanked Andy Carpenter and Parish Clerk for removal of fly tipped Fridge in Nethercote Brook

19. Urgent information for Councillors and Items for the next Agenda

Removal of temporary changes to Council procedures put in place for Covid 19