

LONG COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 6th April 2021 by Zoom

Present: Councillors Simon Bing (Chair), Lindsay Forbes, Bill Cook, Harry Dodds and Linny King, Janet Blackwell, County Councillor Jo Barker, Sara Billins and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** District Councillor Sarah Whalley-Hoggins
2. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** None declared
3. **To approve the Minutes of 1st March 2021**
Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Forbes and carried
4. **To Consider co-option of Councillor**
Councillor Bing introduced Sara, although Sara had provided the Parish Councillors with a short resume of why she would like to be a Parish Councillor, Councillor Bing asked her to say a few word and introduce herself.
Councillor Bing invited questions which Sara addressed.
Councillors vote; For 4, Against 0, Abstain 2. Carried
5. **Public Forum**
No one wanted to address the Parish Council
6. **Report from the District Councillor**
Councillor Barker spoke about the importance of how we come out of Covid and as public figures making sure we lead the way. Councillor Barker also gave updates from highways and complaints about hedge flailing. There was also a discussion on how to decrease the speed of traffic through the village and it was agreed to have a separate meeting about this going forward to discuss ideas.
7. **Matters Arising**
 - i. Councillor Bing has the name of a manufacturer who he will be contacting directly
 - ii. Councillor Blackwell suggested that the Transport Consultation Survey can't be completed as a Parish Council and Councillors should take part individually if they wanted to
 - iii. Chosen contractor for grass cutting has pulled out, so have now have the services of SW Services. It was noted by Councillor Cook that he was incredibly neat and tidy and praised Councillor Bing's efforts in securing him
 - iv. Councillor Bing, Councillor Forbes and Councillor Blackwell had an informal meeting with allotment association. It was agreed the tenancy agreement needed revamping and Councillor Dodds agreed to take this on and send the allotment association the draft agreement before finalising

8. Future Meetings

Government Guidance says that as of Midnight 6th May there can be no more virtual meetings. May Parish Council meeting and Parish Annual Meeting (AGM) to be held at the same time on the 4th May. Parish Assembly is TBC but needs to be before the 1st June. Councillor Bing to meet with Village Hall re Covid regulations

9. Village WiFi

Councillor Bing reported that we are paying a lot of money for a service we are not getting much back from, and the Village Hall could have their own WiFi for what they are paying us. Councillor Cook suggested we facilitated the transition as we suggested the Wifi in the first place and Councillor Bing agreed he would open up the lines of communication on the matter.

10. Planning

Councillor Bing reported that we are able to put a holding comment on applications that fall outside of Parish Meetings until we have the meeting and the comment can be changed later. Holding comment to be written but may be along the lines of; 'This application fails to meet the requirements of the Long Compton Village Neighbourhood Plan'.

21/00486/FUL	King Stone Farm	No Objection
21/01013/TREE	Wedgewood	No Objection
21/03578/FUL	Kingham House	No Objection
21/00363/FUL	2 Barncroft	Objection to 2

lanterns/window lights. Firstly to object on basis of Dark Skies policy and secondly refer them to previous planning application at Saffron house referencing sunglass and blinds

11. Finance

- a. To approve the Budget Tracker and Bank Reconciliation
Proposed by Councillor Blackwell, seconded by Councillor Forbes and carried
- b. To consider end of year accounts
Proposed by Councillor Bing, seconded by Councillor Forbes and carried
- c. To consider revised budgets
Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor King and carried
- d. To approve the payments as listed.
Proposed by Councillor Bing, seconded by Councillor Forbes and carried
- e. Receipts
- f. Grants
 - i. To consider grant for Ebenezer
Sally Franklin was asked how much the chapel has raised so far and it amounts to about £500, also looking at another grant. Councillor Cook raised concerns about contributions to church buildings and the amount of money asked for. Agreed to contribute once phase one was up and running with note of intention
Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Forbes and carried

12. Village issues

a. Report on Safe Speed

Discussion moved back to how we slow traffic through the village and the need for a separate meeting reiterated

b. To consider Hollows progress

Tenancy agreement needed. Councillor Cook offered to put this together, Councillor Forbes will ask Gavin and Councillor Bing a commercial estate agent so hopefully we can come up with something that suits

c. Councillor Cook to report on Defibrillators.

Anyone dialling 999 is directed to the nearest defibrillator and given the code to unlock it. The problem is ongoing maintenance, Shipston first responders are happy to take on responsibility for maintenance but who pays for it?

d. To consider dog waste bins

Parish Clerk to research the purchase of extra dog waste bin(s)

e. To consider Dar Skies

To adopt Dark Skies policy

Proposed by Councillor Blackwell, seconded by Councillor Forbes and carried

f. Update on Village project

Councillor Cook proposed that we change title and objectives to 'A Village living with covid' and he would update National Heritage Lottery Fund on our new plan

Proposed by Councillor Forbes, seconded by Councillor Blackwell and carried

g. Flood Report

Councillor Forbes reported that there have been further updates on the Walton's land improving the leaky dams and enlarging the pond and further works commence in May on Shawnbrook

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

Consider re-joining of WALC

