

LONG COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on held on 1st November 2021 7pm at Long Compton Village Hall

Present: Councillors Bing (Chair), Forbes, Blackwell, Cook and Billins; District Councillor Sarah Whalley-Hoggins and County Councillor Jo Barker

1. Apologies None

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: None

3. To approve the Minutes of 4th October 2021 and Extraordinary minutes 25th October 2021
Proposed by Councillor Forbes, seconded by Councillor Billins and carried

4. Matters Arising
None

5. Public Forum
None

6. Report from the District Councillor (County Cllr not present)

- i. County Cllr Barker spoke about the planning for the Ellen Badger hospital being approved with works starting in the spring. She asked the Parish Council about the rain fall at the weekend and how the village was effected, this led to a further request for a meeting with highways which Cllr Barker will action, along side a further gully sweep including culverts
- ii. District Cllr Whalley-Hoggins thanked the Parish Council for their 'phenomenal' email in regards to the proposed merger, this comes to the fore on December 13th so if we have any further questions please let her know. The fly tipped asbestos has been removed and Robert Weeks (planning) left on Friday. Cllr Whalley-Hoggins also made the Parish Council aware of a financial hardship grant for heating

7. Planning

New Applications:

21/03431/AGNOT Parish Council will support the application but ask that the applicant uses a dull, Matt, dark grey colour and the Dark Skies Policy is Dark skies policy E3 is adhered to.

21/03098/FUL Holding statement to be issued objecting on the basis of the Village Design statement and Neighbourhood plan. This will be discussed further in the December Meeting

Existing Applications:

21/02615/FUL Remove objection but would like our concerns noted

21/02834/FUL The Parish Council continue their objection to this application as they feel the Planning officer has not answered their concerns.

Other Applications:

8. Finance

- a. To approve the Budget Tracker and Bank Reconciliation
Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Blackwell and carried
- b. To approve the payments as listed.
SW Services invoice for Grass cutting added to payments (£360 as quoted)
Payment for materials for School bench added to payments (£65.81)
Proposed by Councillor Forbes, seconded by Councillor Cook and carried

9. Council Policies

Policies to be discussed at December meeting

10. Taking the Council forward

Discussed during agenda item to discuss the budget and will be added to December's agenda

11. Village issues

i. HSBC Parish Bank Account

HSBC closing their community account and will start to charge for services. Council discussed move to Unity Bank which is set up for Parish Council accounts. Parish Councillors agreed this was the right move and the Clerk will start the process

ii. Parish Land:

Allotment Hedge: Parish Council agreed to use S106 grant money to improve the allotment hedge and thicken out with Whips

Revised tenancy for Weston Court: Cllr Bing to circulate final draft ready to be sent to tenant for signing

Queen's Green Canopy: Queens Green Canopy Parish council have applied for hedging for a new hedge row to link existing on porkys piece. PC discussed purchasing a tree to plant to commemorate the event. Cllr Bing to look into.

iii. Over Grown Hedges

Clerk to write to various Parishioners re over grown hedges

iv. Villager Project

Now have a 25 minute film, with 1 more full day for editing but on track to have project completed by the end of November

v. Draft Budget

Parish Council approved the first draft. Cllr Bing and Clerk to meet to put together a formal draft for consideration

vi. Notice Boards

Clerk to contact company who provided board to source stays

vii. Standing Orders/Financial Regs

Parish Council agreed changes and these will be edited ready for sign off at December's meeting

12. Other Business

None

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

Budget

How to refresh & rejuvenate the Parish Council

Training