

LONG COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on held on 1st July 7:30pm at Long Compton Village Hall

Present: Councillors Bing (Chair), Billins, Cook, Wright, Sparrow, District Councillor Sarah Whalley-Hoggins and 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** County Councillor Jo Barker
2. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** 9ii Cllrs Bing & Billins
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting on the 3rd June 2024**
Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Wright

4. **Matters Arising** None

5. **Public Forum**

The Council were saddened to hear of the death of Colin Empson. Colin has been a major figure in the village for decades. With his wife, June, he managed the Manor House Hotel for many years; he ran the (much missed) Long Compton Post Office until its untimely closure; with his brother-in-law, Andy Carty and his sister-in-law Marianne, Colin and June ran the General Stores - keeping open throughout COVID and delivering essentials to people across the Parish. Colin served on the Parish Council and Chaired the Council for several years. The village will not seem the same without him. The Council offered its deepest sympathies to June

6. **Reports from the District and County Councillors**

District Cllr Whally-Hoggins discussed items raised at the overview and scrutiny committee which included Severn Trent speaking about flood management & sewage and also roadworks across the district and the 'highway plan'

In regards to cabinet, 1.5 million on interest has been made from CIL payments which has not been paid, however a significant amount has been put aside for Ellen Badge GP surgery Cllr Whally-Hoggins also mentioned the Warwickshire local council charter in which planning is a hot topic

7. **Planning**

New Applications:

24/01582/TREE – no objection

24/01583/TREE – no objection

Existing Applications:

Other Applications:

8. **Finance**

a. **To approve the Budget Tracker and Bank Reconciliation**

Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Sparrow and carried

b. **To approve payments as listed for July**

Proposed by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Sparrow and carried

c. **To approve payments as listed for August**

Proposed by Councillor Billins, seconded by Councillor Sparrow and carried

9. Village matters

- a. Allotments – water up and running. The available plot has been taken on temporarily. The council discussed the splitting of plots and agreed that a tenant can sublet their plot but they remain responsible for the rent
- b. Lengthsmen – Clerk spoken to Kingham PC and will explore the option further
- c. Hollows Building – Clerk to start conversations with tenant about a modest increase to the rent from March 2025
- d. Rents on Parish Land – Cllr Bing handed the chair to Cllr Cook
Clerk to notify allotment holders that there may be a modest increase on plots for the 2025/26 period
The Councillors discussed increasing the parish land rent from October 2025 for the 2025/26 period. Cllr Cook proposed 5%/acre increase for pastureland and 10%/acre equestrian land, all Cllrs in agreement
The Clerk will notify plot holders accordingly

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

Insurance (TBC)
Lengthsmen
Allotments increase
Highways

