

## **LONGSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21st July 2016 at 7.15pm  
in Longstowe Village Hall

Present: Cllr Barbara Cooper (Chairperson)  
Cllr Will Bevan  
Cllr Geoff Hemmins  
Cllr Ben Holland  
Cllr Peter White  
Bobbie Coe – Clerk  
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Also present: Cllr Sebastian Kindersley, Cllr Bridget Smith.

- 24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
PCSO John Coppard.
- 25 THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING  
Minutes of 16th June 2016 were agreed and signed.
- 26 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND PCSO  
Cllr B Smith reported that the Devolution is under consultation and requested that LPC respond and encourage individuals to also respond: this is for an elected Mayor as an extra level of local government with many powers in exchange for a £100m one-off payment and £20m per year. Cllr Smith also reported on the Cambridge access study for the City Deal; complaints about lack of grass-cutting; SCDC self-build register of 460 people; housing benefits cuts using a fair formula. There is a housing list of 1,800 people; selling off Housing Associations' properties makes the situation difficult. Planning applications' backlog is currently 830. Radio broadband can be achieved with a mast on the house (£140 installation, £30 pcm). Planning enforcement for 48 Old North Road was raised. The PC needs to contact the Planning section of SCDC.
- 27 MATTERS ARISING/TO REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES  
a) Broadband in the Village Hall: this is still under discussion.  
b) Church entrance potholes: ongoing.  
c) High Street footpath: As a matter of safety, the bus company will be asked to collect Bourn school-children from the bus shelter.
- 28 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA  
Cllr W Bevan declared an interest in the planning application received in item 30.
- 29 FINANCE  
a) VAT refund received £205.85.  
b) SCDC: Direct Debit: Costs incurred in the administration of an uncontested Parish election at the rate of £15 per seat: £75.00.  
c) CAPALC: Affiliation Fee Invoice: £103.07.  
d) Victoire Press Ltd: Skylark: £56.00.  
e) CAPALC: New pay scales for Clerks. Noted.
- 30 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED  
S/1575/16/LB: Longstowe Hall: Alterations, extension and use of Stable Block and Stable Courtyard as ancillary accommodation for wedding and corporate events, to

replace ancillary marquees. Respond by 5th August. Cllr W. Bevan was absent from the discussion. It was agreed to support the application.

31 TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

- a) Whereabouts of the lawn mower insured by LPC: this is kept by Peter Hemmins.
- b) Bourn Primary Academy Grand Piano Appeal. LPC not in a position to offer any financial assistance.
- c) Village Hall update.
- d) Community Chest application for a village map.

32 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A list of correspondence received is printed in the Agenda which is placed on the notice boards and on the web page prior to the Parish Council meeting; details are available from the Clerk.

33 SKYLARK – TO CONSIDER ANY EDITORIAL ISSUES

Sally McCall would like us to find a new editor. One suggestion is to make it a bi-annual publication. This was noted with regret as it was agreed that Sally is an excellent editor. Cllr B Cooper to make enquiries.

34 DATE OF NEXT MEETING (please note: there is no meeting scheduled for August)  
Thursday 15th September 2016 at 7.15pm

Signed by:.....  
Chairperson

Date: .....