

LONGSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

Present: Cllr Barbara Cooper (Chairperson)
Cllr Will Bevan
Cllr Geoff Hemmins
Cllr Ben Holland
Bobbie Coe – Clerk

Also present: the residents of 48 Old North Road, who informed the Council that the house is now complete and the annex has yet to be completed; demolition of the bungalow is not mentioned in their planning approval so they are hoping to keep it as a studio (non-residential); the bungalow has been re-roofed as a matter of urgency for the current occupant and solar panels fitted which can be moved if necessary. Mr R. Murden raised the issue of the new street lights in Rushbrook Close: although the work has been completed, the lights do not have reference numbers on them; the street light outside the Church is not working.

- 87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr David Rolls, Cllr Bridget Smith.
- 88 THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
Minutes of Thursday 17th December 2015 were agreed and signed.
- 89 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND PCSO
Cllr Sebastian Kindersley reported on the increased savings that must be made by SCDC and CCC, and the housing problems that will arise from the forced selling of council houses and the withdrawal of tax relief on buy-to-let mortgages which will encourage owners to sell, preferably with vacant possession.
- 90 MATTERS ARISING/TO REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
- a) Oak and several Elm trees needing attention, Rushbrook Close: Completed.
 - b) Access/footway at Middle Farm: work has started.
 - c) Re: Decision S/2014/15/FL Golden Miller House: Clerk has been informed that it is “considered to be unnecessary to require additional drainage measures in this instance”. Cllr B. Cooper will contact the occupants.
- 91 MEMBERS’ DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None received.
- 92 FINANCE
- a) Victoire Press Ltd: printing December Skylark: £56.00.
 - b) Cambridgeshire County Council: LHI 2014/15 contribution for Longstowe, Project no: 14550, as agreed: £420.81. As the project was not completed, it was suggested that this is kept as payment in advance of the next grant.
 - c) Longstowe bus shelters: cleaning and materials: Mr Michael Murden: £107.00.
 - d) BT openreach Wayleaves: cheque £10.00. Council to set up BACS for future payments.

93 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

It has been reported that water draining from the land at 48 Old North Road is causing some concern (photos available). The Council was informed by the residents that the green roof, when completed, might help, along with the water tank and more water butts.

94 TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

- a) Coalition of Parish Councils: response to the amended Local Plan (circulated). Cllr B Cooper to respond.
- b) Village Hall update: the cost of renovating the village hall against the cost of rebuilding it is being considered.

95 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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

96 SKYLARK – TO CONSIDER ANY EDITORIAL ISSUES

- a) Spinal Injuries Association has asked for an advert article: “Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury” on Friday 20 May. Council agreed.
- b) Council also requested that information on the Council and dates of meetings should also be included.

97 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18th February 2016 at 7.15pm

Signed by:.....
Chairperson

Date: