

LONGSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday **20th January 2011 in Longstowe Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Zoe Burton
Cllr William Bevan
Cllr Peter Hemmins
Cllr Geoff Hemmins.
Cllr Alan Waldron

Also present District Councillor Bridget Smith.

PCSO Carly Freed attended to report that, at the Gamlingay Panel meeting on 19th January 2011, speeding and parking were highlighted as concerns around the district and would be treated as priorities. She also confirmed that she had served a notice on the High Street resident who had been reported for parking on the pavement and will continue to monitor the situation

- 75 An Apology for absence was received from Cllr Sebastian Kindersley (prior meeting).
- 76 The MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were agreed and signed.
- 77 MATTERS ARISING/TO REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
- a) Footpaths in Rushbrook Close- work completed.
 - b) The resident car parking problem - PCSO Carly Freed had served an illegal parking notice- to be monitored.
- 78 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda – Cllr W Bevan declared an interest, as the adjacent land owner, in the planning application below – Agenda item 80.
- 79 FINANCE
- a) Budget/Precept – Further to Minute 69 a (9th December 2010), the Clerk had received notification that SCDC required details of the 2011/12 Precept by 2nd February 2011. Accordingly she submitted updated budget information for the Council's consideration, together with details of the Council Tax Base. Members agreed that the budget for 2011/12 be approved including the following:
 - i) The 'Skylark' budget be reduced by £50 by restricting contributors to 1 A4 page each in 2011/12.
 - ii) Maintenance of the Village budget be reduced by £100 as expenditure in 2010/11 had included insurance excesses
 - iii) Election costs be deleted as this was a contingency only
 - iv) Provision for a replacement Bus Shelter in 2011/12 -£750
 - v) Hosting of Web site - £130 plus additional hours budgeted for Clerk for m/t of site.
- It was agreed that SCDC be advised that a Parish Precept of £4,200. will be required in 2011/12 – Copy attached as Appendix A.

- b) The following cheques were signed:
- i) Mr P Hemmins – Skylark printing - £57.60
 - ii) Mrs M Sharp – Salary and expenses to 31/12/10 - £307.87.

80 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

The Clerk submitted a Copy of the Decision Notice approving planning permission for Infilling of bridge, Formation of Embankments and replacement of existing Metal/brickwork Parapets with timber and rail fencing.

81 TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

Further to Minute 71a (9th December 2010), the Clerk reported that she had met with Holly Adams, Democratic Services Team Leader at SCDC, to progress the Longstowe PC web site. It was agreed that the Clerk would collate the information required and report back to the next meeting for Councillors views and approval.

82 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

For the information of Members, the Clerk submitted the following:

- a) NALC - Briefing Paper on The Localism Bill.
- b) Journal of Local Planning – Localism Bill – Real planning powers handed to the Parishes.

For information – details available from Clerk

Parish Monthly update – Information to assist Parish Councils to plan their involvement in plan-making (already circulated by email)

SCDC – Weekly bulletins for Dec/Jan

- Standards Committee Agenda – 19th January 2011
- Parish Forum Meeting – 19th January 2011 .(circulated by email)

CCC - Further information on budget proposals from Chief Executive

- Invitation to Localism Events – circulated by email
- Early application for Road Closures for Events.
- Winter Service report
- Older Peoples Newsletter January 2011.

CPALC – Newsletter for December and January.

- Briefing Paper – Prayers at Council meetings.

Rural Services Network – Weekly News Digest – Dec/Jan

Cambs ACRE – Community Action magazine – Winter 2010- passed to Village Hall for information.

Sustainable Communities Act – Update on decisions on the short-listed proposals by Secretary of State

Gamlingay Neighbourhood Panel – New dates for 2011/12} (circulated
- Agenda and papers for meeting – 19th January 2011 } by email)

BMCG – Locality Newsletter

A copy of Clerks and Councillors Direct

Royal British Legion – ‘Great Poppy Weekend’ brochure – in celebration of The Royal British Legion’s 90th birthday- passed to Village Hall Committee.

Cambs Community Service NHS – Consultation on becoming an NHS

Foundation Trust – distributed for completion by Councillors

83 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Smith reported that CCC had announced that they were axing Rural Bus Service subsidies. This would have a big impact on the villages with a huge reduction in services.

She also reported that she had been on the Joint area partnership and was able to champion the case for Longstowe for reducing the speed limit on the A1198 between Caxton and Longstowe. This had been approved at 40mph and would be referred back to the Cabinet for ratification.

Cllr Bevan reported that kissing gates had been installed on the Longstowe Estate as agreed by the Parish Path Policy.

Cllr P Hemmins reported that there had been some vandalism in the Fox bus shelter – ZB/WB to follow up.

Cllr Burton asked whether the Village Hall Committee was planning any celebrations for the Royal Wedding on 29th April 2011 – WB responded that there were no plans at present.

74 DATE OF NEXT MEETING- Thursday 17th February 2011

Signed by Date
Chairperson