

20th February 2014

LONGSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 20th February 2014 at 7.15pm
in Longstowe Village Hall

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

Also present: Cllr S Kindersley

- 90 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
PCSO Karen Mahoney 7238, Cllr B Smith, Cllr Ben Holland, Cllr David Rolls
- 91 THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
Minutes of 16th January 2014 were agreed and signed.
- 92 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS
Cllr S Kindersley: Details of Council Tax rises and Council cuts in expenditure. Park&Ride charges being discussed. Community Chest Grants of £1,500 available to community groups and small charities. Cambridgeshire Energy Switch, supported by CCC, uses collective bargaining power to bid for better prices for electricity and gas (www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch); there is no obligation and the service is free-of-charge. South Cambs Tenants can apply for bird and bat boxes: contact 03450 450 500. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to see the full report.
- 93 MATTERS ARISING/TO REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
- a) The Parish Council would like to express its gratitude to Ms Sue Barlow for all her time given so generously for several years as the internal auditor for the Parish Council.
 - b) Longstowe speed limits: Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2014/15 has granted the request for reduced speed limits. Information will be made available at the Parish Open Meeting on 17th April, 7.15pm.
 - c) Visibility at the Fox junction following the installation of the olive-green box for telecommunications: still waiting for a report.
 - d) Parish Paths Partnership Scheme: to be discussed further at a later date.
 - e) Bus Shelter on the A1198: Derek Saunders responded to the problems raised, suggesting a rechargeable battery-operated leaf blower.
- 94 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None received.
- 95 FINANCE
- a) A new internal auditor is required.
 - b) No financial support available for Royston & District Community Transport (RDCT) as the budget has already been set and there are no surplus funds. The following were missing from the January minutes:
 - c) Credit of £5 for Christmas message in *Skylark*.

- d) Credit of £25 for Fen Feeds advertising in *Skylark*.
- e) Victoire Press Ltd: printing *Skylark*: £30.
- f) Hire of Village Hall for PC meetings: £144.
- g) Longstowe bus shelters: cleaning: £100.
- h) Caldecote Parish Council: Councillor training: £140.

96 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
None received

97 TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

- a) Village Hall: plans will be displayed on 8th March 2pm–5pm.
- b) Longstowe Bus Shelters: we require someone to clean these.
- c) Longstowe Emergency Plan: Clerk to complete draft copy.
- d) It was noted that the Chairperson has moved to Bourn. Clarification was obtained that it is acceptable for Cllr B Cooper to remain as Chairperson of the Longstowe Parish Council.

98 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.

99 SKYLARK – TO CONSIDER ANY EDITORIAL ISSUES

100 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27th March 2014 at 7.15pm – N.B. this is one week later than usual

Signed by:.....
Chairperson

Date: