

19th February 2015

LONGSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 19th February 2015 at 7.15pm
in Longstowe Village Hall

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

Also present: Cllr S Kindersley, Mr R Murden.

Mr R Murden reported on his meeting with the Tree Landscape Officer of the SCDC: elm suckers and brambles to be cut down; oak tree needs dead-wooding; pair of elms to be removed; rest of SCDC woods to be surveyed. It was also reported that the street lighting had not been completed.

90 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr B Holland, Cllr B Smith, PCSO John Coppard

91 THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of 15th January 2015 were agreed and signed.

92 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND PCSO

Cllr S Kindersley reported that the street lighting contract between the CCC and Balfour Beatty was confidential; he is attempting to get more details. He also reported that the CCC budget / business plan is under financial pressure and that by 2020 there would be no Government money for Councils. A 1.99% increase in council tax is the maximum without an expensive referendum. There are demographic pressures of older people with long-term problems and new births. All Cllrs are involved in the budget, facing a £29m reduction: "the worst is still to come". Cllr Kindersley suggests a consortium of villages to hire a person or persons to do what is expected of the Councils.

93 MATTERS ARISING/TO REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Access/footway at Middle Farm: ongoing.
- b) Flooding by St John's Farm: ongoing: photographs to be taken at next flood.
- c) Street Lighting: should have been completed in January 2015.
- d) Trees, various, on SCDC land: Mr R Murden met with the Tree Landscape Officer of SCDC.

94 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None received.

95 FINANCE

- a) Noticeboard grant confirmed at £1,000.00.

96 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

None received.

97 TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

- a) Village Hall: continuing with talks on funding.
- b) Noticeboard at the Village Hall: see Finance.
- c) Longstowe speed limits: speed signs have been installed
- d) Speedwatch: group training at Caxton Village Hall, 7 March.

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

A selection from e-Cops to be published.

100 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19th March 2015 at 7.15

Signed by:.....
Chairperson

Date: