

LONGSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 18th December 2014 at 7.15pm
in Longstowe Village Hall

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

- 68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr S Kindersley.
- 69 THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
Minutes of 20th November 2014 were agreed and signed.
- 70 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS
Cllr B Smith: (1) The new housing association set up by SCDC is 'Ermine Street Housing', it has so far purchased 22 houses, mainly in Cambourne, to be let at affordable rents; it hopes to raise £100,000 pa; 1,600 people on the housing list. (2) There is still money in the community chest. (3) The Green Bins will be collected monthly during winter, saving money; wrap green bin waste and put in Black Bin. (4) The A428 will be upgraded from Caxton to Black Cat. (5) If your Doctor has a long waiting list, please contact Cllr B Smith. (6) The problems with the Local Plan continue with a shortfall of 1,500 houses. (7) Northstowe: stage 2 is being rushed through.
- 71 MATTERS ARISING/TO REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
- a) Drainage problems on the Old North Road: Anglian Water to renew valve.
 - b) Access/footway at Middle Farm: ongoing.
 - c) Flooding by St John's Farm: photographs to be taken at next flood.
 - d) Rushbrook Close trees: The previously circulated letters and e-mails from Accent Group were discussed. The only action taken to date by the Parish Council was the survey and the circulation of the results to those parties concerned. As the Parish Council had taken no action on the rescinded agreement to remove the trees, the legal letter was a surprise. It was noted that Accent Group's own contractors were responsible for the removal/cutting back of the trees in late November/early December, as witnessed by a Parish Councillor.
 - e) Street Lighting: ongoing.
 - f) Trees, various, on SCDC land: ongoing.
- 72 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None received.
- 73 FINANCE
- a) Precept: Appendix A was circulated for discussion at the next meeting.
 - b) Village Hall insurance: received £357.54.

- c) A sum of £4,685.90 to be moved from the current account to the savings account. This is the S106 agreement and money collected for the speed limit fund: this money cannot be used as part of the Precept.

74 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
None received.

75 TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

- a) Village Hall: funding applications are being completed.
- b) Parish Paths Partnership Scheme: Cllr B Cooper is applying for a grant.
- c) Longstowe speed limits and Speedwatch: Cllr B Cooper is organising a meeting in January 2015. It was also decided that the application for a reduced speed limit on the A1198 should be re-visited, requesting that the view of the Village rather than that of the drivers should be considered.
- d) Village Pound: Cllr B Holland has completed the replacement fence.

76 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.

77 SKYLARK – TO CONSIDER ANY EDITORIAL ISSUES

78 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15th January 2015 at 7.15

Signed by:.....
Chairperson

Date: