

LONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Longham Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 19th November 2018 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Sue Douglas (Chair)
Cllr Phil Collins (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Margaret Dye
Cllr Anne Kerry
Cllr Donna McLeod
Cllr Roddy McLeod

County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris
District Cllr Richard Duffield
District Cllr Robert Richmond
Six members of the public
Sheryl Irving (Clerk)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.

2. To receive any declarations of interest.

There were none received.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2018.

Cllr Douglas proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Kerry and agreed by Council. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. To receive County and District Councillors reports.

D/Cllr's Duffield and Richmond gave the following report:

- It is hoped that the issues with Capita and Planning are being resolved, they are now fully staffed, although the Director is currently off sick and a T/Director has been appointed.
- The recent Garden Town proposal was not supported by Breckland who held the view that any Garden Town application should be situated either along the A47 or the A11. There was inadequate infrastructure in the vicinity of the proposed site.
- A recent police operation had put an end to a rural crime spree which had taken place during the summer months.
- Doctor surgeries are struggling to recruit but eight new doctors have been appointed locally.

D/Cllr Kiddle-Morris gave the following report:

- The budget consultation is ongoing and the precept will go up by 2.99%, three is the maximum permitted by Government. There will be no increase in respect of Adult Social Care.

- The Boreas consultation is ongoing and there is little new or different to the recent Vanguard application. The public meetings regarding Vanguard are due to take place in 2019.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their inputs.

5. Meeting open for public participation.

The following issues were raised:

- The gruts on Litcham Road needed urgent clearing.
- A large pile of sand/cement had been dumped on the Litcham Road.

These issues will be reported to Highways.

6. To discuss any matters from the September minutes (not on the agenda).

There were no matters to discuss.

7. To discuss planning issues:

a) Applications for consideration.

- 3PL/2018/1324/F – New dwelling, land off Ostrich Lane – The applicant was granted permission to speak and he detailed the energy efficient credentials of the proposed dwelling together with his personal circumstances. Cllr Kerry proposed that Council do not support the application as it was outside the settlement boundary, this being Council policy. This was seconded by Cllr Douglas with 4 votes for the proposal and 2 against – the proposal was carried.

b) Decisions to note.

- 3PL/2018/0903/HOU – Rosedene, Litcham Road - pool enclosure and revisions to existing annex – no objections but request for condition re change of use – permission granted – noted.
- 3PL/2018/0912/F – Land Adjacent The Old Rectory - proposed dwelling and garage – objections, outside settlement boundary – application refused – noted.
- 3AG/2018/0020/AG – Grainstore off Reed Lane – a steel portal frame grain store – no objections – agricultural approval – noted.
- 3PL/2018/0902/HOU – Fourways, Chapel Road - demolition of existing garage and new double garage – no objections – permission granted – noted.
- 3PL/2018/0987/F – Foxburrow Barn Wendling Road - build a menage in front of current stable land to be used in a paddock currently menage to 40x 20 metres to include boundary fence post & rail also no lights – no objections – permission granted – noted.

c) To discuss any new issues.

There were no new issues.

8. To discuss Highway issues.

Cllr Douglas reported a large dip at the t-junction onto the Wendling Road – this will be reported to Highways.

9. To discuss any issues relating to the Playing Field.

There were no issues raised.

10. To discuss issues relating to the Clay Pits.

a) To consider registering with Land Registry.

It was noted that the boundary was proving difficult to establish as records were limited. Council agreed to consider registering all parish land, dependent on costs.

b) Any other issues.

There were no other issues raised.

11. To discuss issues relating to the Village Hall.

There were no issues raised.

12. To receive an update regarding the installation of a defibrillator.

Receipt of the monies is still awaited – the Chairman continues to press this matter. Cllr Collins confirmed that the landlord of the White Horse had approved the unit being situated on the building.

13. To consider the Norfolk Boreas consultation document.

This item had been dealt with at item 4.

14. To consider approval of the Clerk's attendance at an Election training course (£4.00).

Council approved the Clerk's attendance at the training course.

15. Financial Matters

a) To receive a financial report for the year ending 31st March 2019.

The financial report was noted.

b) To receive an update regarding internet banking.

It was agreed to make a cheque transfer of the majority of the funds remaining in the Barclays account to the new Unity Trust account and then to transfer the remainder and close the Barclays account.

c) To authorise financial payments as set out below:

Cllr Douglas proposed approval of the following payments, this was seconded by Cllr Kerry and agreed by Council. All payments will now be made by bank transfer.

- Clerk – Salary/Allowance (Oct/Nov) £224.40
- HMRC £22.40

- Brisley PC (CiLCA/SLCC Membership) £82.05
- Sheryl Irving (CiLCA Ref Books) £19.42
- Norfolk County Council Records Office £12.00 (BACS)
(approved at previous meeting)

d) To consider the draft budget for the year ending 31st March 2020.

Cllr Collins proposed acceptance of the proposed budget, this was seconded by Cllr Douglas and agreed by Council.

Cllr Douglas proposed that the precept remain at its current level of £6,000, this was seconded by Cllr Kerry and agreed by Council.

16. Correspondence for circulation

- Norfolk Constabulary Newsletter – October & November editions - noted.
- Norfolk County Council Budget Consultation – noted.

17. To receive items for the next agenda.

There were no new items received.

18. To note the date of the next meeting which will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 21st January 2019 in the Village Hall.

The date of the next meeting was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed:

Date: