

**Minutes of the Meeting of
LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL
held on Monday 19th October 2015**

PRESENT: Cllrs. C Tilling (Chair), A Toomey, L. Isko, S Stephens and Mr A Maliphant (Clerk) with District Cllr. D East, and 3 local residents

1. Apologies for absence were received from T Barnes, M Phelps, D Attrill, S Collins and County Cllr. Brian Robinson
2. SS declared an interest in the extension to the pavilion.

3. Public Forum

A Little London resident gave a summary of traffic problems on the A4136:

- Her garden wall had been damaged several times over the years
- The neighbours opposite had also had their railings damaged
- Problems began following carriageway changes in 2007
- The nearby solar-powered warning light was not working
- Rumble strips had been proposed but not by her house
- Her house insurers now required a high claims excess

The clerk read out a recent email from County Highways in response to the concerns expressed by a large number of local residents at the previous parish council meeting. LI noted that the residents had been planning their own committee, and that she had been in touch with the local police sergeant with highways responsibilities about residents carrying out their own speed survey. The recent County Highways survey carried out in advance of the current traffic calming measures was now available, and a follow-up survey to test the effect of the measures was expected in February.

It was agreed to invite the police sergeant to the next parish council meeting, and to ask County Highways for a copy of the final designs for the traffic calming measures.

ACTION: LI

4. The minutes of the meeting on September 21st were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly

5. Members' Reports

LI advised that Gary Sutton had been successful in gaining funding for the youth club, which was expected to start meeting again on Wednesday 4th November. She also reported a concern from DA that some resurfacing of the A4136 had been carried out after the rumble strips had been put in, thus wasting money. The drain at Nupend Lane had been unblocked, and LI would ask County Highways whether a camera had been put down to identify the cause of the problem. She had also asked about the trimming of trees that were causing visibility problems to drivers coming out of Velthouse Lane, and DE advised that County Highways were getting them trimmed.

AT reported that someone had stolen the Edwardian post box at Dursley Cross. AT added that the allotment holders were making good use of the new mower, but that work was needed to cut back the boundary hedge by the bus stop.

ACTION: AM

LI reported that a local resident had offered to organise a working party to clear out the brook. It was agreed to go ahead with this, and for the clerk to double-check that suitable insurance cover was in place.

ACTION: LI/AM

6. Committee Reports

(a) Latchen Room Management Committee

There was nothing to report.

(b) Recreation Ground Management Committee

SS reported that there had been a pause in work on the pavilion extension while aspects of the new roof were resolved. It was agreed to follow up the inquiry from a company wishing to place a mobile telephone mast on the recreation ground.

ACTION: AM

7. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

The clerk presented three quotes for the tree surgery work required at Brookend, and it was agreed to appoint Joe Rose to carry out the task.

ACTION: AM

The clerk introduced discussion about access to the new notice board at Dursley Cross, and it was considered that of the three panels one should remain for parish council use, one for the neighbourhood watch and police notices, and one to be freely available for public notices.

There were a number of items of correspondence, including:

- Notice of a planning course on January 8th, which it was considered MP and AM should attend
- A customer satisfaction survey for County Highways contractors Amey, which it was felt DA was the best person to reply to
- The district council had asked for recommendations for local housing sites
- Affordable legal advice was being offered to parish councils if required
- The path over May Hill had been adopted as a public bridleway
- The district council had written to parish councils advising that neighbourhood development plans would not be given full weight until the formal adoption process had been completed

8. Finance

The clerk reported payment of the council's insurance premium, within the council's budget and agreed with the chairman the previous month, in between parish council meetings:

Came & Company	1472.52	Annual premium
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The following current invoices were approved for payment:

Came & Company	46.28	Balance of annual premium
PATA (UK)	19.80	Payroll costs
HMRC	24.20	PAYE
Glebe Contractors	113.47	September grass cutting
Merlin Waste	33.90	Dog waste collection
Nick Thomas Landscapes	2040.00	10 cuts to recreation ground
Severn Trent Water Ltd	87.75	Allotment water rates

Andrew Maliphan	556.80	September salary & expenses
Michael Phelps	26.74	Neighbourhood plan expenses

The latest financial report was received with thanks.

9. Planning

The circulated progress report on planning applications was received with thanks. It was agreed that if no comment came to the clerk from the planning committee, no comment on planning applications would be sent to the district council.

10. Localism and Neighbourhood Plan

MP had joined the meeting, and reported that some small changes were being made to the plan text before final comments were sought. There would then be formal review by an external examiner and the district council before it went to a public referendum for approval.

11. Next Meeting - Monday 16th November at 7.15 pm

Signed:.....Chairman. Date:.....