

**Minutes for the Extraordinary Meeting of
LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL**
Held on Monday 13th of February 2023 at 7pm
At The Latchen Room, Longhope

Present:

Parish Councillors – Gary Nicholas (Chair), Richard Gough, Dave East, Lee Haines, Jackie Barker, Geoff Bick, Rob Seabrook

Also Present: 22 Members of the Public

1. Welcome from Chair of Council (including Safety Evacuation Notice)

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Council Members Cllr Vicky Brobyn.

Apologies also received from County Councillor Philip Robinson

District Councillors Brian Robinson and Brian Jones not in attendance, no apologies received.

3. Public Forum

Several members of the public raised concerns in relation to planning application P1266/21/FUL. These concerns related to the location of the proposed development, possible increased flood risk, the environmental impact resulting from disturbed (through noise and light)/lost habitat and the removal of historic hedgerow. Concerns over increased traffic and general highway safety (for both motor vehicles and pedestrians) were raised. Concerns were also raised over the nature of the development, with apparent uncertainty (amongst the public) as to whether the development was for rental or sale, 'social' or 'affordable' housing, and who might be housed within the development. There were also concerns raised over a general lack of infrastructure to support additional development within Longhope. There were several concerns raised as to the need for such housing. At this point the Chairman read out the conclusion of the February 2020 Housing Needs Survey, conducted by GRCC. This survey stated that it was "reasonable to conclude there are potentially up to 23 households with a local connection and in need of affordable housing".

A representative from the Longhope Community Land Trust addressed the Council, and public present, and gave a brief explanation of the history of the Longhope CLT and how the development had come about.

4. Declaration of interest in any agenda items

None

5. To receive requests for Dispensations

None

6. To Consider Planning Applications Received:

- P1266/21/FUL | The construction of 12 no. new affordable homes comprised of 1 bed flatted units and 2 and 3 bed houses, all with associated access, parking, amenity and landscaping on land adjacent Church Road, Longhope. | Land At Church Road Longhope Gloucestershire - **Objection: by majority vote – Councils objections to the LPA to echo the concerns raised in the public forum. Objection also to include the Councils**

previously agreed requests/recommendations for Conditions as per its August 2021 response, should the LPA Grant consent for the application.

- P0002/23/FUL - Construction of permeable surfaced car park with marked bays and timber bin store with associated works. | Brook Lodge Latchen Longhope Gloucestershire GL17 0QA - **No Objection**
- P1553/22/FUL - Erection of No.2 dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and works. Demolition of dutch barn. | Stepps Farm Monmouth Road Longhope Gloucestershire GL17 0PD – **No Objection – Council considered sites planning history and past approvals which had now expired.**
- F/23/00048/PRMA – Application for new Premises License at Unit 1F Longhope Business Park, Monmouth Road, Longhope, GL17 0QZ – **No Objections in principle – However some concerns raised over the application being for an ‘on’ and ‘off’ licence when no apparent ‘on’ use had been specified, along with extended opening hours when compared to the rest of the site. As such these points would be raised, seeking clarification.**

7. To consider the need for an Extraordinary Parish Meeting to consider the impact of future development and growth within the Parish of Longhope, along with the need to form a steering group to assist with the (previously agreed) review of the Longhope Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Council agreed a meeting should be called by the Chairman. Several members of the public, present at the meeting, indicated that they would be willing to join a working group/steering committee to review the NDP. Chairman will liaise with the individuals and a date shall be agreed for a meeting to discuss next steps.

8. Adoption of two village Defib units and cabinets

*Council agreed, in principle, to adopt two public use defibrillators that were installed in the village by Longhope WI. The adoption, from the WI and the Latchen Room Committee would include adding the units to the Councils asset register, as well as responsibility for insuring the equipment and future maintenance costs (batteries and pads etc). **Action:** Cllr Nicholas*

9. To consider adopting the draft Financial Risk Assessment Document presented by Cllr Nicholas.

*Following minor rewording of the salaries section, Council agreed to adopt the Financial Risk Assessment Document drafted by Cllr Nicholas. **Action:** Cllr Nicholas*

10. Adoption of the Councils Online Banking Policy document

*Council agreed to adopt the Online banking Policy as drafted by Cllr Nicholas **Action:** Cllr Nicholas*

11. Adoption of the Councils Volunteer Policy document

Council agreed to adopt the Volunteer Policy as drafted by Cllr Nicholas **Action:** Cllr Nicholas

12. Adoption of the Councils Absence and Leave Management Policy

Council agreed to adopt the Absence and Leave Management Policy as drafted by Cllr Nicholas **Action:** Cllr Nicholas

13. Adoption of the Councils draft Home Working Policy document

Council agreed to adopt the Home Working Policy as drafted by Cllr Nicholas **Action:** Cllr Nicholas

14. Adoption of the Councils Flexible Working Policy document

Council agreed to adopt the Flexible Working Policy as drafted by Cllr Nicholas **Action:** Cllr Nicholas

15. Council to receive update on Play Park Installation Works

Cllr Nicholas informed the Council that installation of the 'missing' part on the new spinner item of equipment was scheduled to take place on the 14th of February. As such the Safety Inspection had now been booked and Cllr Nicholas was waiting for an exact date, but this should be within approx. 5 working days. The agreed safety signage had now been ordered by Cllr Nicholas. Council discussed the timeline for reopening the park, and it was agreed that this should happen once the safety report was received, and any issues raised were reviewed. It was also felt that the safety signage should be installed first, so that the park was fully compliant. **Action:** Cllr Nicholas

16. Council to consider options for play park fencing and the associated costs.

Cllr Gough has approached a business with a local connection with a view to obtaining a quote for new play park fencing. Similarly, Cllr Haines has also approached a business within the village for a price for metal railings. Council will be updated once prices are received. **Action:** Cllr Haines, Cllr Gough and

17. Public Forum

No matters raised.

18. Next Meeting of the Council scheduled for Monday 6th of March 2023

19. Meeting closed at 20:47

Signed:

Date: