

**LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**
Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 3rd August 2021
At The Latchen Rooms, Longhope

Present:

Parish Councillors: Chairman Gary Nicholas, Audrey Toomey, Richard Gough, Vicky Brobyn, Geoff Bick, Dave East, Leigh Stephens and April Seabrook (taking minutes)
Also present: 50 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr East and Cllr Brobyn declared a non-pecuniary interest as they have relatives who are hoping to be allocated one of the affordable houses.
As such they would abstain from any vote on the meetings main item.

3. To approve minutes of meeting held on 19th July 2021

Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2021

4. Public Forum

Members of the public and representatives of Longhope Community Land Trust stated their views to the Council during an extended public forum. Significant Public discussion took place with Longhope CLT representatives seeking to address some of the concerns raised.

5. Planning Matters

- a) P1266/21/FUL – The construction of 12 new affordable homes comprising of 1 bed flatted units and 2 and 3 bed houses, all with associated access, parking, amenity and landscaping on land adjacent to Church Road, Longhope.

Council agreed by a majority decision to raise no objection to this planning application, however it would like the following conditions to be considered;

- The Stormwater drain connection must be new and not repaired, and the Council would recommend that a drain survey be carried out from the development to the final outlet point adjacent to the Forest Bakehouse, rather than just the anticipated connection point. This should establish whether the designed flow rate, to the final discharge point, is achievable.
- A maintenance regime should be set up for the water storage tank, and on-site drainage needs to be put in place.
- Each parking bay should have its own electric vehicle charging point.

- There should be an additional planting scheme allowing for additional native trees to be planted in front of the properties, e.g. Silver Birch which would lessen the visual impact and maintain privacy for the dwellings opposite the development without losing any light.
- There should be more variety in design of the front elevations of the dwellings e.g. brick quoins, different window and door styles, this may lessen the perceived visual impact of the current design.
- Given the gradient of the site, and positioning of the car park, there are concerns regarding disabled access to the properties.
- We would recommend adoption of the road by the County Council so that refuse vehicles can access the development.
- We would also seek clarification, from the developers, of the site plans for residents refuse/recycling storage.
- The transplanted hedge must be maintained and if it dies it must be replaced, with equivalent native species.
- All other existing hedgerows should be protected during the development, to ensure no damage is caused. Should any part of these hedgerows fail, as a result of site works, they should be replanted with equivalent native species and maintained until such time as full reinstatement is achieved.
- The temporary access to the builder's storage compound, at the rear of the site, needs to be reinstated once the development is completed.
- The Council would be seeking a contribution from the developer towards the provision, and refurbishment, of recreation facilities within the Parish, under s106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Such Facilities have been historically underfunded. The impact and additional pressures of new residential developments within the Parish make such funding crucial.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 6th September at the pavilion, Longhope Recreation Ground at 7.00pm.

7. Council Business - Staffing

Pursuant to 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during the consideration of:

Council agreed to employ the new Clerk as agreed by the Staffing Committee and change the date of their regular meetings to the first Monday of the month

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm

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