



# Longstanton Parish Council

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Full Council Meeting, held at  
ONLINE via Zoom Meeting  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.32pm

Present: Cllr delaMare-Lyon (Chairman), Cllr Owen, Cllr Brash-Hall, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Castelino,  
Cllr McPhater, Cllr Owens, Cllr Burns, Cllr Pokala

Clerk: Libby White, Parish Clerk

In attendance: 1 member of the public

## 20-21/214 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

## 20-21/215 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE<sup>i</sup>

Apologies were received from Cllr Street (personal)

Absent: Cllr Mukadam

## 20-21/216 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**Declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda:** None

**Requests to Speak:** None required

**To receive requests for dispensations:** None

**Grant of dispensations:** None.

## 20-21/217 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION (10 min)

None

## 20-21/218 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) 21/00527/LBC – repair, maintenance and sensitive conservation work to Pillboxes 443, 444, 445 (including air raid shelter), 462 and 439 to enable the reuse of four of the five pillboxes as bat roosts while retaining the fifth pillbox with the attached air raid shelter for controlled public access at Northstowe Phase 2

It was **proposed** by Cllr Owen, seconded by Cllr Owens and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the application be recommended for Parish Council SUPPORT and pleased to see preservation of the heritage and to increase biodiversity.

**Action:** Clerk to liaise with SCDC.

## 20-21/219 ENVIRONMENTAL AND OPEN SPACE MATTERS

- a) It was **noted** that the Clerk has contacted both the Wildlife Trust (Cambourne) and RSPB (Fen Drayton Lakes) to see if anyone would be willing to come and look at the Central Open Space to provide ideas on how to make into a diverse habitat whilst providing an open space for residents. It was also noted that a resident in a motorised wheelchair had become stuck on the COS as the ground was so wet and it would be prudent to ensure that there was a section that is accessible for all.
- b) Following the recent Sustainability Working Group meeting, it had been suggested to hold a 'Litter Picking Weekend' on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April across Longstanton and Northstowe. After some lengthy discussion it was **proposed** by Cllr Burns, seconded by Cllr delaMare-Lyon and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that 30 litter pickers be purchased at a maximum of £15.83 + VAT each. Cllr Brash-Hall noted that she is keen to see the community become more actively involved and to taken on ownership of these events.

**Action:** Clerk to order items

Cllr Pokala left at 8:10pm

## 20-21/220 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH MATTERS

- a) The Clerk noted that Barratts have provided an update on the adoption of Phase 2 roads as follows:  
*Central Open Space (COS)* - the COS is the key to getting the roads and sewers adopted. Solicitors are now talking to each other and it is being suggested to the landowner that he register the land in advance of the transfer.

*Sewer Adoption* - Anglian Water's (AWS) solicitor 'on hold' while COS transfer is completed. AWS to confirm fees due which is anticipated to be in region of £750-£1,000. A sewer inspection has been completed. A maintenance certificate is to be issued for a period of 6 months. If the Deed of Grant for outfall headwalls is completed then AWS will adopt the sewers at the end of this period.

*Highway Adoption* – signed land transfer to the Crown Estate has been received by the Crown Estate's solicitor, transfer will conclude once all monies have cleared. Highway inspections and remedial works can only be arranged once AWS adopt the sewers.

- b) Following the February discussion about the state of the Woodside pavement, the Clerk noted that she has chased SCDC for Woodside, Rampton Road and High Street/Station Road from Brewers Close to the old golf course entrance to be swept as they are particularly bad with debris. Though the issue of 'double taxation' had been noted at the February meeting the Clerk had been asked to get a quotation from Brookfield Groundcare to clean the pavements.

After some discussion it was requested that further quotations be sought to sweep the pavements. The Clerk reiterated the request had been to ask for a quotation from Brookfield only.

**Action:** Clerk to seek further quotations.

- c) It was **noted** that it was hoped to get a further Highways meeting in with the C Cllr and Local Highways Officer before C Cllr Hudson retires though it was not guaranteed that it will be possible. The Clerk asked that members let her know of any issues they feel needs addressing. Cllrs raised the B1050 to Bar Hill which is getting bad with potholes, private hedges overhanging footpaths, pot holes and the length of time before they are marked and surfacing of roads including Prentice Close and Spiggots Close.

**Action:** Clerk to liaise with C Cllr Hudson and Local Highways Officer

#### **20-21/221 COMMITTEE MATTERS**

It was **noted** that the draft minutes for the Finance Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 and had been circulated between meetings.

#### **20-21/222 MOTION TO EXCLUDE**

It was **proposed** by Cllr delaMare-Lyon, seconded by Cllr Brash-Hall and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the public (including any members of the press) be excluded during consideration of the following items 223 and 224 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Meeting closed at 8.19pm.

#### **20-21/223 LEGAL MATTERS**

During a confidential discussion it agreed to hold a further extra ordinary closed meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

Clerk left meeting at 8.50pm.

#### **20-21/224 EMPLOYMENT MATTERS**

This item was covered under a confidential discussion.

#### **20-21/149 MOTION TO RE-ADMIT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

To resolve that the confidential business having been concluded, the press and public be readmitted to the meeting.

The Clerk returned to the meeting at 9.32pm.

Meeting re-opened at 9.33pm

Next meeting to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed: .....

Chairman

Date: .....

<sup>1</sup> LGA 1972, s.85