

Longstanton Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, held at Longstanton Village Hall on Monday 11 April 2022 at 7.32pm.

Present: Cllr delaMare-Lyon (Chairman), Cllr Burns, Cllr Wycherley, Cllr Ferreira, Cllr Baker.

In attendance: 2 members of the public and B Stoehr (Locum Clerk)

21-22/146 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the Councillors and public to the meeting.

21-22/147 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr McPhater (family visiting), Cllr Street (out of parish), Cllr T Brash-Hall (out of parish) and Cllr A Brash-Hall (personal matter).

21-22/148 Councillors' Declarations of Interest

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

Requests to speak: None.

To receive requests for dispensations: None.

Grant of dispensations: None.

21-22/149 Public Participation Session (10 min)

Daniel Fulton of Few's Lane Consortium reported that the decision notices for Northstowe Phase 3A & 3B have been published by SCDC. There is no other recourse unless the decision is contested by legal challenge. There is support from environmental groups, but they need to know if the Parish Council supports them taking legal action.

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n) It was noted that Brookfield have recommended removal of the overhanging trees at a cost of £490 +VAT. RESOLVED to accept this quote noting that they are a non-native species, and that replacement planting should not be necessary as the surrounding trees and hedges would fill the space.

21-22/150 Anonymous comments questions & suggestions

None received.

21-22/151 Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the 14 March 2022 are approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman subject to changing Cllr delaMare-Lyon as absent rather than Cllr Burns.

It was noted that the decision notice for 6 Magdalene Close had been received and the Parish Council was concerned that the decision was contrary to the Parish Council's recommendation. It was also noted that the application for 155 High Street, which the Parish Council had been supportive of, had been withdrawn due to a lack of SCDC support. Cllr Baker declared an interest as a joint owner of the property and left the meeting at 7.44pm. It was agreed to seek feedback from SCDC about the Council's responses.

Cllr Baker re-joined the meeting at 7.48pm

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m) It was noted that the SCDC and CCC Cllrs are looking for possible locations. It was noted that there was not sufficient space in the Village Hall.

21-22/152 County and District Council Matters

None in attendance, written reports noted. It was agreed that Cllr delaMare-Lyon would write about the deteriorating state of the highway and the outstanding streetlight repairs. It was reported that the bridge from the Central Open Space to Few's Lane was damaged again and needed a more permanent repair.

21-22/153 Planning

- a) 22/01032/HFUL 78 High Street - Alterations, extension, and garage conversion (Part retrospective)
RESOLVED to support the application
- b) 22/01183/HFUL 64 Thornhill Place - Front porch, single storey rear extension & additional window
RESOLVED to support the application.
- c) 22/0416/TTCA 43 St Michaels - T 1 - Storm damaged Leylandii (split down the main union) Fell to ground level
RESOLVED to support the application
- d) SCDC decisions for Northstowe Phase 3A & 3B
The decision notices were noted. It was reported that Stephen Kelly had indicated that there was some S106 funding which could be available for use in Longstanton. The Parish Council considered the request to provide a letter of support for the legal action. It was noted that the Parish Council's support for the water level issue being resolved is public record and is not satisfied with the decisions due to the unresolved hydrology issues. The Council was reluctant to explicitly support legal action when it did not have the full facts or details available for consideration. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to SCDC and ask for a guarantee that the Phase 3A and 3B works won't have further impact on Longstanton if they won't review the Environmental Impact Assessment data.

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- a) Home Farm Adoption of Roads, Sewers, and Streetlight Repairs.
It was noted that the overall adoption issues are still outstanding. The Parish Council's solicitor is dealing with Barratt Homes regarding the registration of the Central Open Space which will deal with some of the adoption issues.
- b) Longstanton water level issues
It was noted that the last update is the meeting with Anthony Browne MP and the Environment Agency that took place.
- c) Hatton Road Ponds & B1050 Cycle Route
Cllr Wycherley reported that he was unable to attend the last meeting. The new SCDC officer appears to be productive. SCDC have formally proposed the cycle route to be designated as highway which L&Q are considering.
- d) Northstowe Open Spaces Report
Anglian Water have taken control of the water park and are planning works on the Northstowe allotment drains.
- e) Homes England – Northstowe, terms of reference
The Parish Council would prefer monthly meetings rather than quarterly and a commitment to document S106 commitment and progress. The Council is happy for this group to merge with the existing group if the developers can co-operate.
- f) Heritage Building update
It was noted that planning permission has been granted.
- g) Sustainability Working Group
Cllrs Baker and Ferreira attended the meeting. It was reported that attendance was low. It was

noted that the Terms of Reference should be reviewed. The Central Open Space should be discussed at a future working group meeting.

- h) No Mow May
The Parish Council agreed in principle to supporting the scheme provided there were no safety issues or impact on existing maintenance issues. Cllr delaMare-Lyon is to meet with Brookfield to discuss suitable locations.
- i) Central Open Space Transfer & Home Farm Adoption
It was agreed to form a working group to discuss Cllr Wycherley's report and the immediate issues. Membership of the group Cllrs delaMare-Lyon, Wycherley, Ferreira, Burns and Baker plus any other councillor who wishes to join.
- j) Clerk recruitment update
It was noted that there were currently no applications. Additional advert locations and strategies were discussed, it was agreed to amend the advert to include the community projects. It was agreed to set up a working group to manage the advertising role with up to £1000 delegated to the Clerk in conjunction with the Working Group for any fees. Membership Cllrs delaMare-Lyon, Wycherley, Ferreira, Burns and Baker plus any other councillor who wishes to join.
- k) Village Events – Jubilee
It was noted that there was no response from the community. It was agreed that Cllr delaMare-Lyon and Cllr Burns are to reach out to the Sports Clubs and Northstowe Town Council to see what their plans are and if they can help.
- l) Queens Green Canopy
It was noted that the PC has permission in principle for planting on the opposite side of Home Farm Road. Cllr delaMare-Lyon to check on CCC funding rumour. Cllr Ferreira has the Pear mapping software up and running.
- o) Overhead Rotator
The quote for further repair was considered. It was felt the cost was too high and it was agreed to seek quotes for replacement equipment.
- p) Fire at Pillbox in Magdalene Close – proposal that it is sealed off to the public
It was agreed to ask Homes England to make the pillbox secure.
- q) Hatton Park School Parking
It was noted that a parent has complained to the SCDC & CCC Cllrs about an incident relating to parking. The Parish Council will review if the residents are unsatisfied.
- r) Resident communication difficulties complaint
The incident and the subsequent actions and noted the changes that have been implemented as a result. There is no further action required.
- s) Longstanton Life submission
Items to include Sustainability Working Group/Central Open Space Working Group, tree planting, clerk recruitment, Rec extension and Christmas event.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.57 pm.

SignedChairmandate.
