

Longstanton Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, held at Longstanton Village Hall on Monday 09 January 2023 at 19:32.

Present: Cllr. Wycherley (Chairman), Cllr. Ferreira, Cllr. Chapman, Cllr. Street and Cllr. Brash-Hall

In attendance: County Cllr F Thompson, District Councillors Warren-Green & Bygott plus J Sinclair (Clerk) and B Stoehr (Locum Clerk)

22-23/72 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr. delaMare-Lyon (Work Commitment), Cllr. Baker (Out of Parish)

22-23/73 Councillors' Declarations of Interest.

None.

22-23/74 Public Participation (10minutes in total)

None.

22-23/75 Anonymous comments questions & suggestions

None.

22-23/76 Approval of Minutes

Deferred to the next meeting, as only one member who attended the last meeting was present.

22-23/77 Co-Option to Fill Vacancy

The Clerk reported that there have been no applications made to the Parish Office.

22-23/78 Planning

The Clerk reported the application for the installation of the digital screen has been withdrawn.

22-23/79 Regular Reports

a) Longstanton Groundwater Issues

Cllr Wycherley noted a meeting is due to be held with District Cllr Bygott and the Parish Council. Cllr Brash-Hall reported there had been no activity regarding Groundwater Issues. Cllr. Brash-Hall to chase details of meeting with District Cllr. Bygott.

b) Hatton Road Ponds and B1050 Cycleway

Cllr. Wycherley reported that the previous assessment had been carried out by a Flood Officer and not a Groundwater Officer.

c) Northstowe Open Spaces Report

It was reported that L&Q were not present at the last meeting.

d) Homes England Meeting

It was reported that there had been no updates and the next meeting is scheduled for 02/03/2023.

- e) Heritage Building Update
No update provided.
- f) Sustainability Working Group
No update provided.
- g) Central Open Space Working Group
Cllr. Wycherley to provide Clerk with information pack outlining the project so far.
- h) Hatton Park School – Parking Issues, Pupil transport and highway safety
Cllr. Brash-Hall reported that a letter has been drafted to be sent to parents. Cllrs. to monitor parking in person, will be provided with hi-vis vests. The Clerk read an email (dated 09/01/23) from Tam Parry (CCC) which confirmed Northstowe Mitigation Funds could not be used to fund road sound barriers. Still awaiting details from Tam Parry regarding traffic flows on the bypass.

22-23/81 Finance

- a) To approve the payments and to note the associated finance reports
Approved by Cllr. Street, Cllr. Ferreira and Cllr. Wycherley.
- b) To approve charitable donation to be made from funds raised at Christmas Event and Christmas Tree Shredding
Deferred to the next meeting.

22-23/82 Parish Council Matters

- a) To agree the tree planting and wooden bollard installation on Nelson Crescent POS
The Parish Council accepted the quote from Brookfield Groundcare for the planned works in Nelson Crescent.
- b) To receive and update on Wilsons Road, the public pathways and bridleways (CCC)
Cllr Brash-Hall reported that papers had been requested regarding the decision making process and noted that more details are needed.
- c) To consider condition of School Lane road surface (CCC)
Cllr. Street reported on the surface condition and circulated photographs of School Lane’s surface to other Cllrs.

Cllr. Street proposed that LPC meet with CCC or highways to walk School Lane together.
- d) To consider quotes for works to trees on the recreation ground (backing onto Colesfield).
Brookfield Groundcare meeting with the residents awaited.
- e) To consider quotes for tree works on the open space between 3 and 23 Eaton Way.
Quote awaited.
- f) To consider feedback to NATS regarding the Air Traffic Control changes to Luton Airport approach path and the impact on the village.
No update provided.

- g) Request for “clean up after your dog” signage on Over Road
Clerk reported that appropriate signage was delivered to the Parish Office by the Previous Clerk. Cllr. Brash-Hall reported that the problem is ongoing.
- h) To consider the period submission of a Parish update to ‘Longstanton Life’
Deferred to the next meeting.

On a proposition by Cllr Wycherley and resolved unanimously that the public (including any members of the press) be excluded during consideration of items i and j due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. The meeting was closed at 20:30.

The public were readmitted at 21:00.

22-23/80 County and District Council Matters

- a) To receive reports from the County and District Councillors
County and District Councillors arrived 21:00. District Cllr. Warren-Green confirmed SCDC are holding Groundwater meeting on 26/01/23, but didn’t know why LPC had not been invited. Cllr. Warren-Green to follow up on this matter.

Cllr. Brash-Hall reported on LPC raising an FOI regarding Wilson’s Way surfacing work.

Cllr. Street reported on the poor state of the road surface in School Lane including historic plans to rectify the problems. County Cllr. Thompson reported that ‘Dragon Patcher’ would be patching the cracks in School Lane, with other patching to be completed by the end of this financial year. Full resurfacing works brought forward from 2027 to 2024. County Cllr. Thompson to provide Highways management contact details for Clerk.

Cllr. Brash-Hall raised the allocated S106 funding for Longstanton. County Cllr. Thompson stated that no requests had been put forward. Cllr. Brash-Hall reported that historic requests had been rejected.

Clerk to check minutes for historical requests on resurfacing proposals.

Clerk was requested to research previous traffic calming requests made by LPC.

Clerk was requested to run a Facebook Q&A for residents to submit questions to Cllrs.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 21:35.

Signed (Chairman)

Date