

Longstanton Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, held at Longstanton Village Hall on Monday 20 February 2023 at 19:30.

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

In attendance: SCDC Leader Bridget Smith, District Councillors Warren-Green & Bygott, J Sinclair (Clerk) and one member of the public.

- 22-23/86 Apologies for absence.**
Apologies were received from Cllr. Baker (Sickness)
- 22-23/87 Councillors' Declarations of Interest.**
None.
- 22-23/88 Public Participation (10minutes in total)**
The Council received a request from the Royal British Legion, Over Branch, to consider reinstating the remembrance day parade.
Action: Clerk to investigate training, signage, volunteers and cost sharing with Swavesey and Over.
Cllr. Chapman arrived at 19:39.
- 22-23/89 Anonymous comments questions & suggestions**
a) No comments left in post box.
b) **Action:** Clerk to re-circulate questions from the Facebook Q&A to Cllrs.
- 22-23/90 Approval of Minutes**
It was **resolved** that the minutes of 23 January 2023 be approved and signed.
- 22-23/91 Co-Option to Fill Vacancy**
It was **noted** that no applications had been made. The Clerk reported that one co-option banner had been located and cleaned ready to be installed. It was resolved that Cllrs. Brash-Hall and Ferreira would hang the located banner on the High Street railings, opposite the Co-Op. Clerk to provide cable ties. The second banner remains unlocated, but posts would need to be installed by Brookfield before this could be hung.
Action: Clerk to contact Brookfield regarding posts at Woodside/Rampton Road Junction.
- 22-23/92 Planning**
a) [23/0077/TTCA](#) No comment made.
b) [23/0031/TTCA](#) No comment made.
c) [21/01502/S106A](#) No comment made.
d) [22/02562/CONDA](#) It was **noted** that this application has been withdrawn.
e) [22/0815/TTPO](#) It was **noted** that SCDC had refused permission.
- 22-23/94 County and District Council Matters**
a) It was **noted** that the traffic cones, along with the drain covers are now missing from Home Farm Road.

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Cllr. Chapman reported on damage to verges on Stephenson's Road, believed to be caused by Kelly Communications/BT OpenReach/Virgin Media.

Action: Clerk to make communication with above companies to find identify responsible party.

Cllr. Bridget Smith, SCDC leader introduced herself to the council and received questions from Parish Council members. Cllr. Smith said she is happy to attend further LPC meetings, when invited.

Cllr. Smith left the meeting at 20:19.

Reports were received from District Councillors Warren-Green and Bygott.

It was **noted** that residents have been finding it difficult to obtain medical appointments, with the surgery taking on new patients from Northstowe.

Action: Clerk to arrange meeting with Practice Manager to discuss issues raised regarding appointment availability.

After discussion it was noted that some Cllrs. Believe Longstanton has been neglected by County/District investment following the development of Northstowe. Cllr. Warren-Green proposed that Longstanton puts together a list of issues requirements and report back.

District Cllrs. Warren-Green and Bygott left the meeting at 20:43.

22-23/93

Regular Reports

a)

Longstanton Groundwater Issues

Cllr. Brash-Hall reported on the last groundwater meeting with SCDC and HR Wallingford. No further updates had been received from SCDC. It was noted that Ionic Testing is likely to cost in the region of £2,000. It was noted that HR Wallingford costs to LPC are believed to be under £5,000.

Cllr. delaMare-Lyon proposed that the financial provision for groundwater investigations is increased to £10,000. This was **resolved** by a unanimous vote.

Action: Clerk to see necessary permissions from Anglian Water, Environment Agency and L&Q following testing specifications from by Jonny Keerley. Cllr. Brash-Hall to contact Jonny Keerley.

Cllr. Street left the meeting at 21:01

b)

Hatton Road Ponds and B1050 Cycleway

Cllr. Wycherley reported on an updated non-material amendment to permission.

c)

Northstowe Open Spaces Report

Cllr. Wycherley reported on updates from last Northstowe Open Spaces meeting.

d)

Homes England Meeting

It was noted that Homes England meetings with Parish Councils have been cancelled.

Action: Clerk to make contact with Homes England to enquire why and how contact will be maintained going forward.

e)

Heritage Building Update

No update provided.

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- f) Sustainability Working Group
No update provided.
- g) Central Open Space Working Group
Cllr. Wycherley has brought the Clerk up to date on the project.
- h) Hatton Park School – Parking Issues, Pupil transport and highway safety
It was noted that County Cllr. Thompson had made contact with residents via Facebook to confirm details of those who had volunteered for the Walking Bus scheme, as some had not left their details after volunteering.

22-23/95 Finance

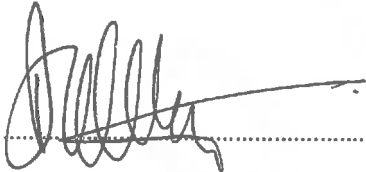
- a) To approve the payments and to note the associated finance reports
Payments were approved and financial reports noted.
- b) To approve charitable donation to be made from funds raised at Christmas Event and Christmas Tree Shredding
Deferred to the next meeting.

22-23/96 Parish Council Matters

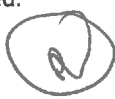
- a) To receive updates on Village Events including Coronation weekend event.
The Clerk reported on the recent meeting of the events committee. Cllrs. were brought up to speed on planning progress. Cllr. de la Mare-Lyon proposed an initial budget of £5,000 for the Coronation weekend celebrations. This was resolved after a unanimous vote.
Action: Clerk to start booking suppliers for events.
- b) To consider quotes for Spice Museum Defibrillator and Installation
The Clerk shared quotes for the Defibrillator and Cabinet recommended by Cllr. Ferreira, also a quote for installation by JLB Electrical and a quote for modification of the phone box, including new Transoms reading 'Defibrillator' All quotes were approved.
Action: Clerk to place orders and organise installation date.
- c) To Consider request from the Royal British Legion to hold a Remembrance Sunday Parade.
This item was discussed during public participation.
- d) To consider the adoption of waste bins on Nelson Crescent.
It was noted that some bins on the Nelson Crescent open space belong to SCDC and may not be located in the most useful positions.
Action: Clerk to research ownership of bins
- e) To consider attendance of Cambridgeshire ACRE EV Charging meeting, 22nd February 2023.
It was noted that neither Cllrs. or Clerk had time available in their schedule to attend.
- f) To receive an update on Wilsons Road, the public pathways and bridleways (CCC)
The Clerk provided a report on these matters.
- g) To consider quotes for works to trees on the recreation ground (backing onto Colesfield)
No update provided. **Action:** Clerk to chase report.
- h) To consider quotes for works on open space between 3 and 23 Eaton Way.
No update provided. **Action:** Clerk to follow up.
- i) To consider feedback to NATS regarding the Air Traffic Control changes to Luton Airport approach path and the impact on the village.
After discussion it was agreed that this item should be removed from future agendas.

- j) To receive an update regarding dog fouling in the village.
Clerk reported that new signage had been displayed around the village. The clerk presented plans to install dog bag dispensers along with an information panel on the Village Green. Bags would be supplied by the PC in hopes that it encourages owners to pick up behind their dogs. In addition to this, new rigid signage to be installed along with the dog bin held at the Parish Office. It was agreed that this project should go ahead and a budget set at a maximum of £500.
- k) To propose a date for community tree planting project.
Cllr. deIaMare-Lyon noted that the next batch of trees are due to be delivered mid-march, so preparations should be made ASAP to circulate details to residents.
Action: Clerk to research dates and create advertising.
- l) To consider the periodic submission of a parish update to Longstanton life.
It was **noted** the next deadline for Longstanton Life is mid-March.
- m) To consider correspondence from Fewes Lane Consortium received since the last meeting.
No update provided.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 22:00.

Signed  (Chairman)

Date 13 MARCH 2023


13-3-23