

Longstanton Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, held at Longstanton Village Hall on Monday 13th March 2023 at 19:31.

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

In attendance: J Sinclair (Clerk) and no members of the public.

22-23/97 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr. Ferreira (Sickness)

22-23/98 Councillors' Declarations of Interest
None.

22-23/99 Public Participation (10 minutes in total)
None

22-23/100 Anonymous comments, questions & suggestions
The clerk reported on a follow-up query after the Facebook Q&A. Cllrs. agreed to take charge of individual questions on the list of queries previously raised.

22-23/101 Approval of Minutes
a) The minutes from the meeting of February 20th 2023 were approved as an accurate record.

22-23/102 Co-option to fill vacancy.
The Clerk reported that no applications have been made. Cllr. Brash-Hall has collected the co-option banner from the Parish Office and will install it when the weather improves.

22-23/103 Planning
a) [23/00596/HFUL](#) After discussion, no comment was made.

22-23/104 Regular Reports – to receive an update on
a) Cllr. Brash-Hall reported on the South Cambs meeting. South Cambs maintain that no regulations have been broken, but will play for further Hydrology testing. Cllr. Wycherley reported that SCDC had chased the previous drain survey with BDW, this report was subsequently not released as it was considered inconclusive. Another survey will be carried out. Specifications of testing still outstanding from Hydrology expert.

ACTION: Clerk to check procurement process with SCDC.

ACTION: Clerk to request copy of SCDC quote from HR Wallingford.

b) Cllr. Wycherley reported that the flood team are yet to return their findings. Cllr. delaMare-Lyon reported that the HERAS fencing blocking an access point to the southernmost lakes alongside the B1050 have been moved. The area is in regular use by members of the public and this poses a safety risk. It was proposed that the area is made

safe for access or that fencing is secured. It was unanimously agreed that the area should be closed off.

ACTION: Cllr. Wycherley to investigate and make contact with Northstowe Open Spaces.

- c) No update
- d) Cllr. Wycherley reported the Homes England Meetings have been cancelled, and would be replaced by a digital newsletter and/or communication through the Northstowe Forum.

District Cllr. Warren Green and District Cllr. Bygott arrived at 20:10.

It was proposed by Cllr. delaMare-Lyon and unanimously approved that the main agenda was paused at this time so that reports could be received from District Councillors. Apologies were received from County Cllr. Thompson.

22-23/105 a) Cllr. delaMare-Lyon reported on excess speed witnessed recently by himself the Clerk on the B1050 and the proposal to resurface the B1050 with a new specialist surface.

No questions were raised to be sent to County Cllr. Thompson.

Cllr. Wycherley asked if the four-day working week at SCDC was adding strain to their staff workload. District Cllrs. suggested it may be more the matter of staff shortages.

ACTION: District Cllrs. to investigate any departmental strains at SCDC as a result of staffing levels.

Cllr. delaMare-Lyon thanked Cllr. Warren Green for arranging the collection of litter, picked up by the Community Payback team.

District Cllr. Bygott delivered his report, including information regarding Coronation Event Planning and forthcoming surveying of Mobile Phone Coverage by Cambridgeshire County Council.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate information on Facebook.

Cllr. Warren Green asked when the LPC meeting will be held in April, as the Easter Bank Holiday will disrupt the normal schedule.

ACTION: Clerk to check availability with Parish Cllrs. and report decision to District and County Cllrs.

District Cllrs. Warren Green and Bygott left at 20:40.

22-23/104 (Continued)

- e) No update
- f) No update
- g) No update
- h) It was noted that County Cllr. Thompson had reported on the divestment of Parking Enforcement from Police to County Council. Cllr. Baker noted that the Walking Bus was not making progress due to the lack of volunteers.

Cllr. delaMare-Lyon proposed that Finance was moved to the end of the agenda. It was unanimous agreed.

22-23/107

- a) The Clerk reported on progress made in organising the events. Cllr. Wycherley proposed, based on progress so far that preparations for Christmas should be considered soon could be made in co-ordination with Northstowe. It was decided to hold the Christmas Event on the 2nd of December.
ACTION: Clerk to raise suggestion with Northstowe Town Clerk.
- b) Deferred to the Charities Meeting
- c) After discussion it was decided that the application to reduce the speed limit should cover all areas of the village, inside the village gates. This can then be pared down through the process. The application will also be put to residents via digital channels to gather views.
ACTION: Clerk to circulate proposal to residents.
- d) Deferred to next meeting.
- e) After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk's salary and payments to other operatives are paid by means of a pro-forma invoice. The operative is requested to provide us with a proforma invoice and their waste carriers licence details.
- f) It was noted that County Cllr. Thompson had reported on Badger Setts in the area.
- g) After discussion it was decided to inform the resident that LPC and the resident are in joint ownership of the tree.
ACTION: Clerk to contact resident
- h) Cllr. delaMare-Lyon to inspect the trees in question.
- i) The Clerk reported that Brookfield Groundcare are due to install dog bag dispenser in next phase of Village Green Works. No further complaints received.
- j) Cllr. DelaMare-Lyon reported on the meeting held with Land Owners, Cllr. delaMare-Lyon, Cllr. Wycherley and the Clerk. Permission has been given to plant along the outside of the Recreation Ground Extension. Permission was also granted to plant trees on the top of the Soil Bund, located at the Northern park of Home Farm. It was noted that permission was given on the basis that should the land be developed, trees may be removed. It was proposed that a Community Tree Plant should be held on 2nd April.
ACTION: Clerk to confirm permission with Land Owner
ACTION: Clerk to publicise tree planting event.
- k) Cllr. Baker reported The lack of volunteers at Longstanton Life and
ACTION: Cllr. delaMare-Lyon to write an article, topics to be covered: Tree Planting, Coronation Event, Co-option, Volunteering
ACTION: Clerk to provide adverts for events and circulate Longstanton Life's call for volunteers to help.
- l) It was agreed that LPC would provide a similar update to that featured in Longstanton Life.
- m) Cllr. delaMare-Lyon provided an update on communications. The decision from the ICO and the response from FLC was noted. Cllr. Wycherley proposed that all communication is handled by LPC's legal team. After discussion it was agreed to make communication with FLC via LPC's legal team.
ACTION: Cllr. Wycherley to prepare primary communication to provide to LPC's legal team.
ACTION: Clerk to request Solicitor to provide answer to Facebook Q&A Q7.

22-23/106 (Rescheduled)

- a) Cllr. Wycherley and Cllr. deLaMare-Lyon checked finance reports and approved payments to be made.
- b) After lengthy discussion it was agreed that a charity would be chosen at random. The randomly selected charity was Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue to arrange donation.

The meeting was closed at 22:00

Signed  (Chairman)

Date 