

# Longstanton Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council,  
held at Longstanton Village Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 19:35.

**Present:** Cllr. Wycherley (Chair), Cllr. Ferreira, Cllr. Street, Cllr. Brash-Hall

**In attendance:** J Sinclair (Clerk). Two members of the public.

**23-24/30 Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr. deLaMare-Lyon and Cllr. Chapman.

**23-24/31 Councillors' Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Street declared interest in matters relating to Wilson's Road bridle way.

**23-24/32 Public Participation (10 minutes in total)**

A resident spoke to highlight concerns from themselves and other residents regarding the changes being made to the northern section Wilson's Road bridle way.

It was agreed that the order of agenda be rearranged to discuss item **23-24/37 b)** at this point in the meeting.

Cllr. Brash-Hall provided the resident in attendance with a background to the use and changes of Wilson's Road bridle path. It was noted that the matter is ongoing and would continue to be discussed in future meetings.

**23-24/33 Anonymous comments, questions & suggestions**

None.

**23-24/34 Approval of Minutes**

- a) The minutes from the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and the extra ordinary meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were approved as an accurate record by all members present.

**23-24/35 Co-option to fill vacancy**

The Clerk reported that interest in Co-Option had been raised by two residents, one of whom was in attendance at this meeting.

**23-24/36 Planning**

- a) No comment made.

**23-24/37 Regular Reports – to receive an update on**

- a) Cllr. Wycherley provided an update on groundwater issues following a walk-around of Kingfisher Pond with representatives of HR Wallingford. It was confirmed that the water inlet reported at the last meeting comes from the MUGA and Pitches adjacent to the pond and was actively filling the pond at the time of inspection. Cllr. Wycherley noted a proposed method of water testing which would utilise boreholes made in the Homes England site. A health and safety inspection is required before further action can be taken, the estimated time frame is one month.

**ACTION:** Cllr. Wycherley to contact Dean Harris.

- b) This item was covered during discussion of Wilson's Road bridleway. Cllr. Wycherley updated the Council on the regularisation of the ponds and noted that L&Q are to work on the landscaping. Cllr. Wycherley proposed that LPC writes a letter to Simon Manville at Cambridgeshire County Council regarding this matter.

**ACTION:** Cllr. Wycherley to draft letter to Simon Manville.

- c) Cllr. Wycherley reported from the recent Northstowe Open Spaces meeting. The proposed costs for a lawn mower at the Bowls Green had been approved and pitch hire fees are being investigated with the Football Association. It was also noted that Anglian Water wish to exclude horses from the water parks.
- d) Cllr. Wycherley gave an update from Homes England, the Southern Access Road West is due to open on the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> July. It was noted that the Phase 2 lakes will open later in the summer. Cambridgeshire County Council will be accepting the responsibility for the airfield road.
- e) The council received an update on the Heritage Building situation from Cllr. Wycherley. Homes England are due to meet with Quinton Carroll of Cambridgeshire County Council later this week. The council were also asked to review the 'Northstowe Social Values' document circulated by Cllr. Wycherley by email. Any comments or views to be forwarded to the Clerk.
- f) No update received.
- g) No update received.

Cllr. Brash-Hall reported on the use of Moped style electric bikes on passageways intersecting Prentice Close and the potential for associated anti-social behaviour.

After discussion it was agreed that the installation of kissing gates on these passageways would deter use such vehicles in this area.

**ACTION:** Clerk to investigate ownership of the passageways and costs of installing kissing gates.

District Councillor Bygott arrived at 20:22

District Councillor Warren-Green arrived at 20:24

Cllr. Wycherley brought the District Councillors up to date on the Wilson's Road situation.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ferreira that the Clerk invites County Councillor Thompson to future meetings. The proposition was unanimously approved.

**ACTION:** Clerk to invite Cllr. Thompson to future meetings.

It was noted that further discussion on this point would take place in a closed session at the end of the main meeting.

Cllr. Warren-Green provided the council with background information on the recent issues surrounding parking at Longstanton Co-Op. Councillors were brought up to speed on progress to arrange meetings with Co-Op, St. Andrews Bureau, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, and the affected residents. Cllr Warren-Green will provide potential dates for the meeting in due course.

Cllr. Wycherley asked for Cllr. Warren-Green's views on the Wilson's Road Bridle way works. Cllr Warren-Green highlighted that time is still on Longstanton's side and suggested that residents' views and opinions are collated.

Cllr Ferreira proposed that the Clerk collates these opinions before forwarding them to Cllr. Warren-Green. This was passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Clerk to promote the request for residents' views and collate the responses for Cllr. Warren-Green.

Cllr. Brash-Hall proposed that Longstanton Parish Council holds a public meeting regarding Wilson's Road Bridle Path issues.

It was agreed that Longstanton Parish Council will oppose the decision made on Wilson's Road works and the Council welcomes the support of District Councillors. Cllr. Bygott offered his support, based on his experience with similar issues in the past.

District Councillors Warren-Green and Bygott left at 20:55

## 23-24/39

- a) Payments were approved by Cllr. Wycherley and Cllr. Ferreira.
- b) It was agreed by all Councillors that the funding for the Home Farm Central Open Space improvements be moved to the CCLA account.
- c) Councillors were in favour of continuing the three mobile contract, if no problems had been experienced by the Clerk. The Clerk reported that there was no issue with the provider, but the phone handset was starting to show its age.

**ACTION:** Clerk to research prices for replacement handset.

Cllr. Wycherley proposed that the Clerk should be delegated the power to process regular payments to be made by Longstanton Parish Council in the month of August, in lieu of a Full Council Meeting. This was approved unanimously.

## 23-24/40

- a) This item was discussed earlier.
- b) No update.
- c) The Clerk reported that Father Christmas has been booked to appear at the Christmas Light Switch on in December.
- d) The clerk reported on collated responses from residents.

**ACTION:** Clerk to post findings to Facebook and Longstanton Parish Council website

- e) This item was discussed earlier.
- f) Cllr. Street noted a report made to him of a potential Ancient Oak on Wilson's Road.

**ACTION:** Clerk to bring this matter to the attention of Cllr. Chapman

- g) Cllr. Ferreira reported on recent communications with local businesses to discover what they could do to help Longstanton. Discussions are ongoing.
- h) The Clerk reported on the received quote for repairs to the play equipment at the recreation ground. After discussion it was decided that replacing the equipment should be investigated.

**ACTION:** Clerk to seek quotes/designs to replace play equipment at the Recreation Ground Play Area.

- i) The Clerk presented a letter from a Resident in Willingham, regarding the effects of Over Road's closure. Following discussion, it was decided that Longstanton Parish Council is in support of the resident's letter.

**ACTION:** Clerk to make contact with resident.

- j) The Clerk reported on historical donations to local charities and groups. Cllr. Ferreira proposed that as it has been some time since a donation was last made, that Longstanton Parish Council grant Over Day Centre the sum of £1000.  
**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Over Day Centre.
- k) This item was deferred until after the Longstanton Life meeting has been held.
- l) The Clerk reported on the Park Play update received from Northstowe Town Council. It was noted that Longstanton Parish Council had agreed to pay half of the first year's Park Play costs. An invoice from Northstowe Town Council for £2500 is awaited.
- m) Cllr. Wycherley reported on a recent meeting with the Clerk regarding the Clerk's training and proposed targets. After discussion, the suggested training courses were approved and Cllrs.  
**ACTION:** Clerk to book approved training courses.  
**ACTION:** Cllrs. to review targets and provide feedback before September's Full Council Meeting.
- n) Cllrs. approved St. Michael's Church's request to hold an outdoor performance in the churchyard. No further comments were made.
- o) No update provided.

On a proposition by Cllr. Wycherley and resolved unanimously that the public (including any members of the press) be excluded during further discussion from matters arising from item **23-24/38** due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. The meeting was closed at 21:44.

The meeting reopened at 22:12 and closed at 22:13.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date .....