

Longstanton Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council,
held at Longstanton Village Hall on
Monday 5th February 2024 at 19:27.

Present: Cllr. Wycherley (Chair), Cllr. Street, Cllr. Chapman, Cllr. Smith

In attendance: District Cllr. Bygott, District Cllr. Warren-Green

In the Clerk's absence, minutes were taken by Cllr. Wycherley

23-24/88 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr. de la Mare-Lyon, Cllr. Zargar, J Sinclair (Clerk)

It was noted that Cllr. Ferreira has resigned his post as Parish Councillor. Councillors expressed their thanks for his contribution and look forward to seeing him at future village events.

23-24/89 Councillors' Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Street and Cllr. declared an interest in Item 23-24/93 a. Cllr. Street citing a friendship with applicant and Cllr. Smith citing her parents know the applicant.

23-24/90 Public Participation (10 minutes in total)

None

23-24/91 Approval of Minutes

a) **To approve the minutes of the meeting dated 8th January 2024.**

Minutes and closed minutes proposed as true record by Cllr. Wycherley and seconded by Cllr. Street.

23-24/92 Co-option to fill vacancy

a) **To receive an update on progress made in filling Councillor vacancies.**

No update.

23-24/95 County and District Council Matters

- a) To receive the reports from both the County and District Councillors.

Discussion with DCs on

- Heritage Centre – Cllr. Bygott chasing this through 14th March meeting with County.
- Wilson's Bridleway - raised issues.
- Starship – COOP.
- County councils revised position on Weed spraying.
- Funding for B1050 cycleway.
- Email to Cllr. Warren-Green on Groundwater survey from Stephen Kelly.

Concrete barriers in front of COOP pavement too narrow. – Cllr. Bygott

Youth Engagement team, presentation NTC work together on Youth engagement strategy - Ask Clerk to get into contact with NTC Clerk and find more information.

23-24/93 Planning

- a) **24/00140/HFUL 27 Mills Lane Longstanton**

Cllr. Wycherley and Cllr. Chapman had no objections, Cllr. Street and Cllr. Smith did not comment, as per declaration of interest.

- b) **24/0079/TTCA T 1 51 St Michaels, Longstanton**

It was agreed to leave this matter to the tree officer.

23-24/94 Regular Reports – to receive an update on

- a) **Longstanton Groundwater issues.**

Update that meeting was held by LEGG that Annmaria attended last week. Via Northstowe Open Spaces meeting informed that continuity testing had not been commissioned but a survey of the depth of the swales had. Noted that Stephen Kelly's email to Cllr. Warren-Green implied this had been agreed with LEGG to the understanding of LPC this is not the factual and LEGG are still awaiting an update on when continuity testing will take place. Noted that the environmental report commissioned by Greenbelts on behalf of the Northstowe Open Spaces Steering group was still outstanding as of the January meeting. Next meeting is on 8th Feb.

- b) **Hatton Road Ponds & B1050 Cycle Route.**

Noted that the Landscaping work had started on Hatton's road ponds as per the timescales provided by L&Q to Northstowe Open Spaces meeting. L&Q had indicated that the present agreed activities with County would likely exceed the £30M contribution cap.

- c) **Northstowe Open Spaces Report.**

Cllr. Wycherley provided an update and acknowledged the positive contribution to this meeting from Niki Wagstaff and her team at Homes England. Other relevant items covered in a) b) and d)

d) Homes England updates.

Homes England engagement meeting is Wednesday 7th Feb, the following items were agreed to be raised by Cllrs. attending the meeting :

- i. Wilson's Bridleway
 - a. LPC objection to it being changed to a hard surface
 - b. Concern over anti-social behaviour bikes, vehicles, etc. (link to drug selling in other areas on similar rat runs e.g. Prentice Close)
- ii. Visibility of Bore Hole ground water level data
- iii. Heritage Centre – what's the latest plan?
- iv. Airfield road – what is the latest on the management and development of this link between Oakington and Longstanton
- v. Out of interest as we keep being asked what is the plan for the Phase 2 lakes will they be used for swimming, canoeing etc. as there are mixed messages

e) Heritage Building update.

Heritage building Tom is leading on this as noted above, Cllrs. to raise as point above. Tom asked but did not require any further support from LPC.

f) Central Open Space Working Group.

The Clerk not being present this was deferred to the next meeting.

g) Hatton Park Primary School – Projects, parking issues, pupil transport and highway safety.

Cllr. Brash-Hall and the Clerk not being present this was deferred to the next meeting with the exception that the Chair noted that County Councillor Thompson has asked parking enforcement to attend the school to help address parking issues. LPC were due to consider making the same request but given Firouz has will instead support her request.

h) Highways matters.

The Clerk and Cllr. delaMare-Lyon not being present this was deferred to the next meeting.

i) Anti-Social Behaviour – Response and Prevention.

The open action on this is for Cllr. Brash-Hall and Clerk to contact Police, Cllr. Brash-Hall and the Clerk not being present this was deferred to the next meeting.

j) Community Upkeep.

This was an initiative Cllr. Ferreira was leading who resigned earlier in the day, deferred to next meeting to determine if this should be dropped.

23-24/96 Finance

- a. **To approve the payments and to note the associated finance reports.**

Approved by Cllr. Street and Cllr. Wycherley, except for mileage and salary as insufficient supporting information to pass audit. The council unanimously voted to authorise Cllr. delaMare-Lyon and Cllr. Wycherley to authorise these payments outside of the meeting based on appropriate due diligence.

23-24/97 Parish Council Matters

- a) **To receive an update on Wilsons Road bridleway.**

Discussed feedback to Cllr. Wycherley from Luke Mills that present view was that a proposal for a narrow path would be made at the future meeting on this subject which DCs had advised about.

- b) **To approve the date for the 2024 Summer Event and consider quote from cinema provider.**

The clerk not being present the meeting did not know a proposed date or costs.

- c) **To approve a date for the tree planting event.**

The clerk not being present the meeting did not know a proposed date.

- d) **To consider quote for planting new tree in place of removed Beech on the village green and installation of additional bollard.**

The clerk not being present this was deferred to the next meeting.

- e) **To consider quotes received for website/email replacement.**

As the clerk was not present this was deferred Cllrs. also consider this may require a meeting of its own given the cost implications and complexity of the proposals.

- f) **To approve and sign papers relating to the deed of easement with Anglian Water**

This required the papers to be signed by the Chair in the presence of the Clerk so was deferred to the next meeting.

- g) **To receive an update on the relaunch of the ParkPlay scheme.**

This was reviewed by the Councillors who noted the low value of the ParkPlay scheme to date, it was considered a launch in warmer weather may be helpful. Overall Cllrs view was without significant positive response from Longstanton community financial support for this project from LPC would be withdrawn.

The Meeting closed at 20:21

Signed (Chair) Date

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