

Longstanton Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, held at Longstanton Village Hall on Monday 3rd June 2024 at 19:35.

Present: Cllr. Wycherley (Chair), Cllr. Chapman, Cllr. Street, Cllr. Brash Hall

In attendance: J Sinclair (Parish Clerk), one member of the public

2425/25 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. delaMare-Lyon

2425/26 **Councillors' Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

2425/27 **Public Participation (10 minutes in total)**

Public Participation covered item **2425/33 c)**. A member of the public acting as a Director to the Leas Residents Company explained that the Residents Company is looking to find a new management company for the estate, or alternatively for the estate to be adopted by the Parish Council. It was noted that each household which is a member of the Residents Company pays approximately £200 per annum for maintenance and management of the estate.

It was explained that residents are dissatisfied with the service provided by the current management company, so investigations into an alternative are being conducted. It was noted that the contractor maintaining the areas does a good job, the problem sits with the management company itself.

Cllr. Wycherley highlighted that if the Parish Council was to adopt one area which is currently privately managed, other areas or residents' associations may wish to make similar requests.

Cllr. Brash-Hall noted that in the past, estates which have been adopted by the Parish Council from a developer, come with a sum of money to fund maintenance.

The Leas Residents Company is also looking into alternative management companies and would report back on discussions with alternative providers.

The member of the public left at 20:00

2425/28 **Approval of Minutes**

a) The minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

2425/29 **Co-option to fill vacancy**

- a) The Clerk reported that no further applications or interest had been received. It was agreed that the Co-option banner should be displayed outside the Village Hall.

ACTION: Clerk to hang banner at Village Hall.

2425/30 **Planning**

- a) It was noted that no comments had been made on the planning portal. The Parish Council did not wish to make comment.

2425/31 **Regular Reports – to receive an update on**

- a) **Longstanton Groundwater issues.**

Cllr. Brash-Hall reported that discussion is going back and forth with South Cambridgeshire District Council re: the minutes from the last meeting. It was noted that water levels in village ponds have dropped.

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

Cllr. Wycherley reported that there appears to be positive work being done around the B1050 cycleway. However, the most recent plan shows the cycle route hugging the road, and not being located within the landscaped area away from the road.

Cllr. Brash-Hall raised concerns about the amount of roadkill seen along the B1050 recently, linking the increase to the installation of the fencing.

ACTION: Cllr. Wycherley to raise this concern at the next meeting.

- c) **Longstanton & District Heritage Society / Heritage Building update.**

Councillors discussed the request from Longstanton & District Heritage Society to find a new home for the Longstanton Snow Plough. It was agreed among Council members that the plough is of historical significance, however the cost of restoration and upkeep is not something the Parish Council would like to undertake. It was suggested that the Plough could be displayed on the Village Green, along with an information board explaining its significance.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Longstanton & District Heritage Society, explaining that a home could be found for the plough if restoration and maintenance could be undertaken by the Society.

- d) **Central Open Space Working Group.**

The Clerk reported that a meeting is due on 4th June with Proludic Play, manufacturers of play equipment at the central open space.

- e) **Highways matters.**

Cllr. Brash-Hall reported on a poorly maintained section of pavement in Hadow's Close.

ACTION: Clerk to add to highways reporting

- f) **Anti-Social Behaviour – Response and Prevention.**

Dog attack, after discussion it was agreed to forward the request from 100 Housing to the Police.

Councillors were welcoming of the report of drug dealing reaching the County Council.

2425/32 County and District Council Matters

- a) **To receive the reports from County and District Councillors.**
No reports were received from County or District Councillors.

2425/33 Parish Council Matters

- a) **To consider proposal for revival of village market**
Councillors were supportive of a proposition of a new market starting up in September.
- b) **To receive an update on Wilsons Road bridleway.**
No update provided.
- c) **To receive a proposal from the Leas Residents Company regarding adoption of the estate by LPC.**
This matter was discussed during the Public Participation section of the meeting.
- d) **To receive an update on the flooding in Hattons Road Cemetery.**
In the absence of the District Councillor, no update was received.
- e) **To consider quotes email replacement.**
This item was deferred in consideration of the Clerk’s workload.
- f) **To receive an update on village maintenance works**
Following recent discussion of the village water pump on Facebook, a volunteer has made a start on clearing the Ivy. Cllr. Brash-Hall is keen to engage a local handyman in the work.

ACTION: Clerk to contact handyman for quote.

2425/34 Finance

- a) **To review Finance Reports.**
Finance reports were reviewed and approved.
- b) **To approve payments.**
Payments were reviewed and approved by Cllr. Wycherley and Cllr. Street.
- c) **To consider loan to Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity.**
Cllr. Wycherley proposed the Parish Council makes a loan to the Longstanton Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity to cover the costs of the pavilion project. It was agreed that a loan of £10,000 could be made, at this point, as required.

2425/35 Close of Meeting

The Meeting closed at 21:25

Signed Cllr. delaMare-Lyon 1 July 2024
 (Chair) Date

Initials
