

LONG ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Wed 3rd December 2014, at 7.30 p.m.

in the community centre, Stockton Road, Long Itchington

In attendance:

Ian Briggs (Chair IB)	Russ Wheatley (RW)
Barbara Atkins (BA)	Richard Jackson (RJ)
Sally Shillitoe (SS)	Wendy Charles(WC)
Linda Clark (LC)	Rosie Reeves (RR)
Liz Bonney (Clerk- LB)	

County Councillor: Cllr Stevens

District Councillor: Dave Riches (DR)

MINUTES

		Action
1.0	Apologies: None	
2.0	Questions from members of the public: Mr Tony Grimes seeking an update on the potential number of houses for the Marton Road development and to express his concern for the flooding risk in the area. The various ditches that cross his farm have been dug out but the reduction of grass and places for water to drain elsewhere in the village will leave the village susceptible to storm flash flooding. Cllrs Briggs, recounts the current planning situation with the Marton Road site, the Water Margin and the Alan Ford site all in the area being looked at for new housing. If all the current applications go ahead it adds up to 302 extra homes (excluding the Dallas Burston development). Mr Grimes asserts the village will be one third larger if these developments go ahead and the drainage simply can't cope. Suggestions are made to contact the Environment Agency, the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and the National Farmers Union. The focus needs to be on keeping villagers motivated to respond and to keep responding to these applications.	
3.0	<p>Declaration of Interests</p> <p>Each member of the Council is responsible for determining if they have a personal interest in any item on the agenda and should declare it at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.</p> <p>Councillors are reminded that they must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person or act to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, friends or close associates:</p> <p><i>Cllr Jackson – Wishes it to be known that he is a neighbour of the proposed development at the Marton Road Site.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Reeves – Wishes it to be known that as a farmer the Marton Road site has a ditch that drains directly on to her land.</i></p>	<p>RJ RR</p>
4.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November to be approved: Proposed by Cllr Atkins and seconded by Cllr Charles – the minutes were approved as a true record.	
5.0	Police items/Neighbourhood Watch: A letter has been sent to the P.C from a resident who is concerned about the speeding in the village and has been conducting his own speed checks with a hand held camera. P.C Cramp has been informed and he does need to be in high visibility, with road signs. He	

	has been directed to the community forum and community surgery. Cllr Atkins mentioned that Ufton P.C have recently bought all the equipment for monitoring speed and would be willing to share it with us for a contribution to the cost. They have also recently got some flashing road signs. Clerk to contact Ufton to discuss. Suggestion to have a speed awareness group set up in the village and to invite members of the community who have expressed an interest or concern about traffic and speed.	LB
6.1	Report from County Councillor Stevens: Lots of WCC committees are waiting on election results before major decisions are made. This is the second year of the WCC and savings are on track for 20% saved. Although transport is overspent due to moving children to care homes and special schools. The government report on the care act is still working to keep all care in the communities, recent scandals mean a move away from care homes. Lessons show authorities need to work better together and share information. A community grant consultation is out and this will hopefully streamline the process. The Cllr fund may be increased in the future. Cllr Briggs believes these consultations are often one way, feedback is given but the results never filter back down. HS2 select committee will be in this area after Christmas, they will look at the parish petition.	
6.2	Report from District Councillor Riches: A dog warden has been recruited – owners will receive an on the spot fine for fouling. A sign is coming from SDC for Pudding bag lane. The house with the overgrown garden in Leigh Crescent is to be given a planning enforcement notice to sort the garden out. The recent confusion with the land supply allowed an appeal to be won by the developer, the land supply is sound. The core strategy is currently out for public scrutiny. Cllr Briggs wanted to thank both the Cllrs for their time spent on these time consuming planning issues the village is facing.	
7.0	Committee Reports:	
7.1	Communications: Cllr Atkins feels the website is going well and would like to show the group at the end of the session, the intention is to launch on the 19 th December. There is some concern over a mirror village website which may be confusing. L.I.P.C has little control over its content once in public domain. PC to monitor and raise profile of own website. Articles for the diary needed, thanks to be given to Richard Reeves for his help with getting the tree for the village.	BA
7.2	Community Centre: The Christmas fundraiser for the community centre went well, raised lots of money and was well organised. £150 has been received from the carnival committee with thanks. The squirrel's problem has hopefully been dealt with and the lights repaired. A proposal for gaining access to school in the event of an emergency has been developed and keys held with Chairman of L.I.P.C. Future of the community centre, the chair will be resigning in May and Jean is looking at the constitution. The next meeting will be on the 5 th January. Community centre is having a tree in the church for the first year. IB stated the CC has thrived with experienced and committed people running it and we need to encourage more people to get involved and have a managed succession plan. The P.C are the trustees and with both committees being potential unstable with the election in May, we need to be thinking about this issue now. Clerk to order new signs a.s.a.p.	All LB
7.3	Emergency Planning: Following on from Diary article, two people in village have come forward with specialist all weather equipment, Clerk keeping list.	LB
7.4	Finance - Cheque list for approval: The cheque list was presented for approval. Proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Clark. Agreed unanimously.	

7.4.1	Monthly Financial Report: Clerk explained report, new format will make budgeting issues clearer.	LB
7.4.2	Budget 2015-16: Clerk has recommended deferring this issue until the January meeting when tax base and grant support issues will hopefully be clearer.	LB
7.5	Environmental Party working meeting: Matters arising from meeting of 17 th Nov, arrange a working party to tidy the main road through village. Concern around the amount of trees being cut down on Marton Road Farm from neighbours. Bus shelter, options are to contact a solicitor or file a case with the small claims court. Concern around the safety, RW proposes the shelter is cut down and we chase bus company after. This is agreed by all Cllrs, Clerk to arrange with handyman. Some confusion around roadworks in village and a bus diversion, unfortunately road works are subject to change and resident could not see the diversion signs. Colin Timms is happy to make bird boxes for the pond.	LB
7.5.1	LILAC Project: LILAC to produce a report for the P.C in January to explain the 4 projects they are looking into with costs. RW had a meeting with WREN and CALOO , some quotes will be sent hopefully by next meeting. The Rod Stewart event was very successful raising £1500 for LILAC, thanks to Keith Turnecliff for organising this event. BA suggests LILAC should have a page on the new website. IB and RW had a meeting and will present a report at the next LILAC meeting.	RW/RJ IB/RW
7.5.2	Footpaths: see notes attached, no matters arising. Thanks to Brian and the team for their continued hard work.	
7.6	Planning- Monthly report: See note below. A proposal for a Solar Farm at Manor Farm in church Road, group to hold a public consultation in the community centre at the end of January. Planning meeting to be held on Monday to discuss the large development proposals. All formally object to the Marton Road development, discuss issue on Monday All formally agree to object to the Water Margin site on the grounds of visual impact.	ALL
7.6.1	Neighbourhood plan/Village design statement: P.C needs to move on with this and take the next step.	ALL
7.6.2	Enforcement matters: None	
7.6.3	Stratford planning meeting: No issues in relation to Long Itchington	
7.6.4	Planning rota: WC, RR and SS, keep same Cllrs and review in new year	LB
8	Meeting attended/forthcoming meetings: Cemex Liaison 2nd December: RJ attended main topics were tunnelling under the Rugby road will begin in 2017. They will be making an appeal for the Stockton Road development with maybe 5-10 houses less. They will not be having clima-fuel so that means no landfill tax so less funding available but some small funding can be applied for from the "pink lorry" company. Southam Community Forum Monday 8th December: WC to attend.	
9	Correspondence for circulation: Blue envelope	

10	<p>Other items: Clerk hours: Clerk to reorganise hours from January, will be working every morning, less work from home. Potential to increase hours from April. Youth Shelter: Response to concerns from residents, meeting was held to talk through the concerns. Ideas to investigate are moving shelter or painting it to a neutral colour, need to cost ideas.</p>	<p>LB BA/RW /IB</p>
11	<p>Any other business- Information only Christmas Tree: event planned for 6th Dec- help with setting up lights required. Defibrillator: Elaine Newman is interested in spearheading a group with P.C backing. Life: group are happy to leave funds to be looked after by P.C and have some say on how they are spent. Planning Consultant: The help from Neil has been very useful and Cllr Jackson proposes we ear mark a £3000 to be used for consultation, Cllr Wheatley seconds this proposal and it is agreed by all.</p>	<p>WC SS SS RJ</p>
12	<p>Date of future Parish meetings: 7th January, 4th February, 4th March</p>	

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10:30

Planning Applications - November

14/03155/TREE	18/11/2014	Pending Consideration	Four Farthings Church Road Long Itchington Southam CV47 9PR	<p>- T1: Silver Birch: remove - T2: Walnut: remove - T3: Acer: remove - T4: Apple: routine winter pruning, removal of small branches and twigs in centre of the tree, reduce crown by up to 20% - T5: Cherry: remove small/crossing branches and twigs from centre of tree, 5% crown reduction - T6: Silver Birch: remove 3 no. limbs from top of tree (removing no more than 5% in height) - T7: Beech: remove - T8: Weeping Willow: 40% crown reduction - T9: Mixed fruit: fell.</p>
14/03065/FUL	18/11/2014	Pending Consideration	Marton Road Farm Marton Road Long	Residential development of 59 dwellings, including 21 affordable units, a new vehicular and pedestrian

			Itchington Southam CV47 9PY	access onto Marton Road, public open space, infrastructure and associated landscaping
14/03161/TREE	11/11/2014	Pending Consideration	Pear Tree Cottage The Green Long Itchington Southam CV47 9QJ	- T1: Thorn Hedge: reduce height to 2m - T2: Horse Chestnut and Cherry: remove overhanging branches - T3: Holly: reduce crown by 15% and reshape - T4: Oak: 15% crown reduction - T5: Conifer: reduce height by 40% to 2.5m and trim sides - T6: Walnut: 30% crown reduction - T7: Elder: fell - T8: Conifer: 15% crown reduction and trim sides - T9: Conifer: 15% crown reduction and trim sides.
14/03089/FUL	07/11/2014	Pending Consideration	Fox Farm Bascote Heath Southam CV47 2DZ	New shelter over existing horse walker for humane equine exercising during winter months

**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT GROUP
PARISH COUNCIL
17th November 2014**

Minutes

1.0	Football Pitch: Clerk explained concern about bad debts, Clerk to write to teams.	LB
2.0	Grass verges: Resident concern about people parking on verges, has been referred to WCC patch	LB
2.1	Grass cutting contracts: Clerk to arrange a meeting with our grass contractors to look at contracts for next year, Clerk to get hold of maps from SDC and work with Richard to get tenders ready.	LB/RJ
3.0	Trees: Christopher explained report and will arrange a time to talk to clerk about outstanding items that need attention.	LB/CP
4.0	Footpath from Model to Village: This is in poor condition, Clerk will refer to WCC to try and get path trimmed back. Rosie to investigate who owns land along the Southam road from Model	LB/RR
5.0	Bird boxes: Phil would like to get some bird boxes for around the pond, these are to be aimed at small birds so position important. Work to destroy bamboo is still be investigated, will need to commence in spring. Website is developing well.	PC
6.0	Village maintenance: Bus shelter, Clerk to formally pursue stagecoach and give until end of November for them to respond and if	LB

	not place in hands of solicitor.	
6.1	Highways issues to be reported: Weed killer needed for the LILAC car park	RJ
6.2	Lighting issues to be reported:	
7.0	Any other business: Flood wall breaches, important for residents to be aware how damage to the wall can affect rest of village and for everyone to be vigilant and report damage. Article for diary or letter to all residents around the river. New Vodafone mast for Snowford hill, needs supporting.	LB RR

LONG ITCHINGTON FOOTPATHS (Report To Parish Council – Nov. 2014)

The wood chip has been delivered and laid in three kissing gates between Thorn Way and The Two Boats. Once again, a magnificent effort by volunteers including the use of a vintage Massey Fergusson.

A couple of way marker post have been victims of hedge trimming – we will look at these over winter or leave them until we have a work day in Spring.

Please take every opportunity to advertise the walks planned for New Year’s Day.

Keith has produced a new version of the footpaths website :-

www.longitchingtonwalks.co.uk

Please have a look at it and encourage others to do so and to contribute.