

Minutes

Name of Meeting	Ordinary Long Itchington Parish Council Meeting
Date, Time and Venue	Thursday 1st April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom Video Conferencing
Meeting Chair	Cllr Jon Venn (Vice-Chairman)
Minute Taker	Mrs Liz Bonney (Clerk)
Attendees	Cllr Ian Briggs, Cllr Linda Clark, Cllr Sally Shillitoe, Cllr Nick Solman, Cllr Louis Adam, Cllr Richard Jackson, Cllr Safi Setchell (from 7:50pm).
Apologies	Cllr Barbara Atkins

Public Forum:

Resident, Rosie Reeve (RR) updated the PC regarding problems on farmland caused by motorbikes leaving the Lias line and damaging crops. RR highlighted that great support had been provided by the police who should be contacted on 101 if bikers are seen on the railway track. If criminal damage is observed phone 999. One biker had been apprehended and the bike confiscated (due to lack of insurance or tax). Sustrans will review fencing at the end of the project. Hunningham Parish have also experienced problems. Motor cyclists are intimidating walkers and animals. Cllr JV expressed concern at the damage caused and stated that the PC has considerable sympathy. Cllr IB reported on damage to signs.

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1.	Apologies Cllr Barbara Atkins		
2.	Declarations of Interests Cllr LA declared an interest in the Caretaker Vacancy update.		
3	Minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings The minutes of the meeting on 3rd March were agreed as a true and accurate account of the meeting. Cllr Jon Venn signed the document.		
4.	Actions from the Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Consider noticeboards with chalk board facility. All were happy for old notice boards to be used in LILAC. b. Update on the order and delivery of additional dog waste bins and signage. Clerk updated on current situation. c. To receive an update on the ‘village sign’, Cllr IB working to progress the issue. d. To be updated on the progression of petition to reduce the speed limit on A423: Cllr LA confirmed there are 108 signatures. LA to approach CEMEX for support. e. To be updated on the enforcement issues with DWH on Spinney Fields. The PC has an early outline plan showing a 3 bedroom house on the plot. However, SDC subsequently agreed to a 4 bedroom property. The house built is therefore largely within the permission agreed but with some internal layout differences. Cllr LA 	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IB and RJ</p>	

	<p>said that it did not appear possible to identify how the discrepancy between the plans had occurred.</p> <p>f. To be updated on the landownership deed of trust development enquiries. Cllr IB had contacted WCC to ascertain advice on how to establish a land trust. Cllr IB and Cllr RJ will develop an outline proposal for the PC to consider.</p>		
5.	<p>District Councillors Report: Cllr LA reported that the LIAS line had been granted planning permission by SDC. Access at Model village is difficult due to Cemex land ownership, other options are being explored. Newts have been discovered on the flooded section of the track.</p> <p>COVID numbers in this area are improving, 2nd lowest in Warks. SDC are working on the election.</p> <p>Cllr Crump sent a report in advance which had been circulated.</p>		
6.	<p>COVID - 19 Update Some activities can now resume with more restrictions lifted from the 12th April. Consultation on virtual meetings, due by 13th June. An item will be included on next agenda to consider PC response. Cllr LA confirmed SDC are looking at legitimacy of hybrid meetings.</p>	Clerks	May
7.	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. To ratify the payments for April 2021: SSH proposed acceptance of the cheque list. LC seconded. All agreed.</p> <p>b. To receive a financial report April 202: RJ, explained the end of year position. For next agenda the current list of projects needs to be reviewed with identified actions to move projects forward. Pump track to be included as a project. SSE confirmed funding opportunities for the pump track were being explored.</p>	Clerks RJ	
8.	<p>Highways Matter, to discuss the poor state of pavements and highways within Long Itchington - IB and LC had collated a long list of highway issues that the Clerks had forwarded to WCC. Feedback to be provided to the community regarding respective roles of the PC, WCC, SDC etc.</p>	Clerks	
9.	<p>Street Lighting To be updated on the progression of the programme to update all streetlights within Long Itchington to LED: Clerk updated the PC on current lighting procedure.</p> <p>Agenda item 12 brought forward. JV summarised the email correspondence received by the PC. LC expressed concerned about potential costs and the requirement to match WCC standards. RJ highlighted the fine balance needed for lighting within a rural community. SSE agreed with the rural aspect and highlighted issues regarding the park at Green End. LA agreed this was a potentially contentious issue and a range of options needed to be explored. SSH highlighted it was also about changing mindsets. IB highlighted the role of the PC in shaping how the village should look and feel. RJ reminded colleagues that the NP survey had clearly demonstrated a desire by residents to retain a village environment. JV proposed that the Clerks should continue to deal with day-to-day issues (repairs</p>	Clerks. IB, NS, LC, SSE	

	<p>etc) and could also liaise with the police to obtain appropriate advice and guidance. The Street Lighting Working Group should be re-established to explore the wider strategic issues that had been identified. IB agreed to lead the group with support from LC, SSE, NS, JV.</p>		
10.	<p>Lias Line – Agenda item brought forward after public forum to address the concerns highlighted by residents regarding the misuse of the Sustrans pedestrian and cycle path by quad and dirt bike riders: Carmen Szeto (CS) from Sustrans apologised for any damage caused to farmland. This was an unintended consequence of the initial clearance work undertaken on lias line. CS reported that the police had apprehended further bikers on 31st March using number plate recognition.</p> <p>It was highlighted that a perception exists that the line is a legal right of way for motorbikes. Work and communication required to change that understanding. The public need to be aware they should call the police (101 for nuisance/antisocial behaviour, 999 for criminal damage). Sustrans have replaced signage, however these continue to be vandalised. CS confirmed that Sustrans could supply leaflets for the PC to deliver to households. CS confirmed that once the final (smoother) surface has been laid to the cycle/walking track this will help to deter bikers. RJ asked about the provision of fencing. CS confirmed that fencing will be part of the main build phase, however, to part fence in one area tends to push the bikers to seek access in other areas. LA requested that the PC be kept informed of issues to enable the community to be kept up to date. The PC thanked CS for attending. CS agreed to keep in touch and reiterated the key messages; publicity, signage, phone 101, or if criminal damage, call 999.</p>		
11.	<p>Reports DOCUMENT</p> <p>a. Community Centre - Tesco bags of help, £1000 had been awarded. Caretaker interviews very successful, Clerk to complete the recruitment formalities.</p> <p>b. Open Spaces - Model village play area, lease issue; agreement needed from Cemex. All agreed the legal process should continue at this stage and accepted that some legal costs are likely to be incurred.</p> <p>c. Neighbourhood Plan – Plan moving forward. Responses to consultation and amendments to wording were being finalised.</p> <p>d. HS2 – LA and other district councillors have met with HS2 regarding the continued road diversion. HS2 are still considering the situation. Pressure will continue to be applied to HS2. IB reported that HS2 may acquire more land in relation to power supply equipment.</p> <p>e. Climate Change - NS working on this and will progress in the next few months. NS exploring options with Warwick University for potential help and funding.</p> <p>f. Planning – Minutes from the planning committee on 29/3 to be circulated shortly. Residents had attended the meeting.</p> <p>g. Communications Group – The Group would be meeting immediately after Easter to discuss preparation for the APM.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>RJ</p> <p>NS and JV</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>BA, Clerk</p>	

12.	<p>Correspondence To discuss and respond to any correspondence received including but not exclusive to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Amelia Freck – Street Lights (taken at item 9). b. Bizzy Tots – Food Bank. Publicise to village. c. Resident concerns – The apparent use of a garage at Leigh Crescent as a delivery/distribution point for Hermes deliveries had caused problems. LA to progress with SDC. 	<p>Comms team LA</p>	
13.	<p>Any Other Business Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is an opportunity to raise any items not already listed on the agenda to be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>IB had attended a briefing regarding boundary commission changes within SDC district area. There was a need consider a response and to get the message out to the community. A task and finish group would be set up and delegated to submit a response on behalf of the PC. IB, JV.</p>	<p>IB, JV</p>	
14.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 24th April at 10:00am - Annual Parish Assembly, virtual meeting. Chairs report, update on the year and a questions and answer session. 5th May at 7:00pm - Annual meeting of Parish Council, approve groups and committees. 5th May at 7:30pm - Ordinary meeting</p>		

Meeting Closed 21.05pm.