

LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 APRIL 2010

A MEETING OF LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL was held on Monday 12 April 2010, following the Annual Parish Meeting at Longney School

PRESENT: Cllrs. Chamberlayne, Dempster, Finzi, Godwin, and Williams; District Cllr. Littleton; and six residents

APOLOGIES: P.C. Mackie

DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA: None

THE MINUTES of the Meeting of Monday 15 March 2010 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting

MATTERS ARISING:

GAPTC SUBSCRIPTION: A cheque was signed as agreed at the previous meeting for the sum of £56.92

TREES IN CASTLE LANE: Cllr. Dempster questioned the cost incurred by Cllr. Godwin in providing men and machinery to assist with work carried out. A payment of £50 was proposed for which an invoice will be raised

HIGHWAYS: A problem of a disabled resident being unable to use a buggy to leave their own residence due to the condition of Waterend Lane was discussed and will be taken up with GCC

PARKING: The problem of parking in Longney had become a police matter, but P.C. Mackie had insisted that no law was being broken by the vehicles being parked. However, it was suggested that Section 22 of the Traffic Act states several issues which Parish Councillors consider are being contravened. The car horn being sounded near the parked vehicles has been used as a warning to other motorists, not as a protest. P.C. Mackie will monitor parking at Epney and Stonebench at the time of future large bores

CORRESPONDENCE:

GAPTC - STANDING ORDERS: Councillors agreed that the information included in Part 2 which had been circulated, is useful

SDC - CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM: Discussed. Copies will be forwarded to Councillors for reference

RH & RW CLUTTON - INVOICE: A cheque value £50 was signed for the annual rent for the playing field

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr. Littleton reported that the Core Strategy Roadshows which Councillors commented on at their previous meeting, were simply keeping to a procedure of informing the public. Councillor's complaint had been that too little notice had been given of these events taking place. He also commented that the members' expenses issues had been a storm in a teacup

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: No report was given at this meeting

VILLAGE PLAN: a) GARDEN GROUP: No further information

- b) HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE: No further information**
- c) EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM: No further information**
- d) VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT: In progress**
- e) WEBSITE UPDATES: Parish Councillor details now on the website.
Election details will be added**

PLANNING: One new planning application had been circulated, for converting Ellis House into two residences. Councillors are concerned about access for additional vehicles, and questioned whether permission has been granted for conversion into a dwelling. There had been no new planning permissions

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

POLICE REPORT: P.C. Mackie had sent a printed report detailing the eleven incidents which had taken place during the past year to which the Police had been called. These had included escaped farm animals, a suspicious call to a livery yard, an incident between a car and a ridden horse, a car fire, suspicious van occupants, criminal damage to a house, giving assistance to ambulance personnel with a patient suffering from a drugs overdose, and the discharge of a shotgun near the road. Other issues which have attracted police time are the road races and parking. There having been no serious crimes in the parish, it was suggested that it is a safe place to live

LITTER ON RIVER BANK: A considerable amount of litter on the river bank north of Longney Crib as a result of recent high tides, was reported to Councillors. This will be reported to the Environment Agency for action

CAR PARK: Mrs. Bullock thanked Cllr. Godwin for having organised the repairs to the car park surface, and asked whether further filling to the right hand side of the exit could be done

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Longney and Epney Parish Council will take place at 8p.m. on Monday 17 May 2010 at Longney School. If there is no election this will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting. In the event of there being an election on 27 May, the Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place in June

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.47p.m.