

LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14 MARCH 2011

A MEETING OF LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL was held on Monday 14 March 2011, at 8p.m. at Longney School

PRESENT: Cllrs. Chamberlayne, Dempster, Finzi, Godwin, and Williams; P.C. Mackie, and one resident

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Blackburn, District Councillor Littleton, and Mrs. Bullock

DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA: None

POLICE REPORT: PC Mackie reported that since the beginning of 2011 there had been no reports of anti-social behaviour and no reports of crime in the Parish. There had been three calls to Police from residents, two of which related to men touting for scrap metal which in this instance had not led to thefts, but he stressed that vehicle registration numbers should always be taken and reported to Police. Patrols of the parish were being made by day and night, checking for burned out vehicles, recreational drug taking and at the time of the Severn bore. A 'rave' appears to have been planned to take place in Elmore on an unknown date, of which the landowner denies knowledge. Any information which comes to light should be reported to Police. Police Information Points will take place in Longney if this is what residents want. Residents will be asked how they would like Police to be available to them in a newsletter and on the website

THE MINUTES of the Meeting of Monday 21 February 2011 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting. It was noted that the Environment Agency Meeting on flood risk on 21 March will take place at the Farmers' Club, Gloucester, not in Tewkesbury as stated

MATTERS ARISING:

NOTICE BOARD IN EPNEY: A notice board is in place. Thanks will be sent to Mrs. Downton for organising this and to Mr. White for making the notice board

NEW DRIVEWAY TO THE GRAINSTORE, EPNEY: A reply had been sent to the resident who criticised the Parish Council, Councillors and District Councillor for not insisting that Stroud District Council should take enforcement action over the new driveway. The District Council considers that this matter is settled unless any further development takes place

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY QUESTIONNAIRES: The Parish response had been sent to EA. A resident questioned why residents had not been invited to attend the meeting held in Longney on flood risk. It was explained that Severn Voice meetings are not public meetings, but are meetings for Councillors and Clerks from nine parishes in the Severn Vale. Specific questions were sent from the Parish Council following the Severn Voice meeting. The consultation period ends on 18 March 2011. A request was made for continued consultation. A reply from EA is awaited. A further letter will be sent requesting a reply if one has not been received by the end of March

STROUD RAMBLERS: Cllrs. Finzi and Dempster have spoken to landowners responsible, who have agreed to deal with the problems highlighted. Penny Fernando will be notified that this has been done

GAPTC - BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY NOMINATIONS: Notice had been received that the successful nominees are Bourton-on-the-Water and Randwick

PLANNING: There had been no new planning applications and no permissions granted

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Councillor Blackburn had e-mailed a report stating that he had spoken to John Kay at Highways about repairs to Waterend Lane, Longney and the road from Epney

Cross to the Anchor, which will be persued. He had also contacted Stan Waddington, John Kay and Stonehouse Cllr. Lesley Williams concerning parking at Stonehouse station which residents from the parish use. He also mentioned the Javelin Park waste plant on which a decision will be made on 16 March

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr. Littleton had reported that SDC had stated that it is not expedient to persue enforcement action over the driveway on land opposite Highgate House, Epney, although the requested planning application had not been made

CORRESPONDENCE:

SDC - RE ACCESS, THE GRAIN STORE: Dealt with under matters arising

SDC - MAPPING LICENCE CHANGE: SDC will be informed that the PC may wish to use the service

GAPTC - CONSULTATIONS, PAYE: Discussed. GAPTC will be asked for advice

GAPTC - SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL: Councillors agreed to a cheque value £59.28 being written

VILLAGE PLAN:

a) GARDEN GROUP: The machinery owned by the Parish Council had been borrowed 15 times in 2010/2011 and 14 times in 2009/2010. The Parish Council will have to pay for maintenance of the equipment which together with insurance needs to be covered by the hiring fees received. Cllr. Chamberlayne will make enquiries about local help with maintenance to keep costs down

b) HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE: Dealt with under County Councillor's report

c) EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM: One addition has been made since publicity through the newsletter

d) VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT: There will be a six week consultation period in the Parish. This will be publicised, on boards and on the website, on the information e-mail, and with a leaflet distribution

e) WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER UPDATES: No further information

CLERK'S FEE AND EXPENSES 2010/2011: Councillors agreed to payment to the Clerk of £2706.68, (£2422.20 in fees and £284.48 in expenses)

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

RH & RW CLUTTON, PLAYING FIELD RENT: Councillors agreed to a cheque value £50.00 being written for rent for the playing field for 2011/2012

SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY: A junior resident had asked the Vicar if he could be found work in the churchyard to count towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, and since nothing appropriate could be offered, the Parish Council was asked whether it could offer anything. After discussion, litter picking was suggested, but enquiries need to be made concerning PC liability if this is offered. GAPTC will be asked for advice

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Longney and Epney Parish Council, the Annual Meeting, will take place at 7.30p.m. on Monday 16 May 2011 at Longney School. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.25p.m.