

LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17 MAY 2010

A MEETING OF LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL was held on Monday 17 April 2010, at 8p.m. at Longney School

PRESENT: Cllrs. Chamberlayne, Dempster, Finzi, Godwin, and Williams; District Cllr. Littleton; and one resident

THE CHAIRMAN welcomed re-elected Councillors, and congratulated District Cllr. Littleton on his re-election to Hardwicke Ward

APOLOGIES: County Cllr. Blackburn

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chairman: Cllr. Godwin, proposed by Cllr. Finzi, seconded by Cllr. Dempster; Vice Chairman: Cllr. Finzi, proposed by Cllr. Godwin, seconded by Cllr. Williams; Responsible Financial Officer: Cllr. Finzi, proposed by Cllr. Dempster, seconded by Cllr. Godwin; Internal Auditor: Mrs. M. Bullock, proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. Godwin; Footpaths Officers: Cllr. Dempster and Cllr. Finzi, proposed by Cllr. Godwin, seconded by Cllr. Williams; Snow warden/Snow plough operator and Emergency warden: Cllr. Godwin, proposed by Cllr. Finzi, seconded by Cllr. Williams; Clerk: Colin Squire, proposed by Cllr. Godwin, seconded by Cllr. Dempster. Cllr. Godwin thanked Councillors and the Clerk for their work over the past year

DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA: None

POLICE REPORT: None available at this meeting

FINANCIAL STATEMENT/ANNUAL RETURN: Councillors approved the accounts for the year 2009/10, and the Annual Governance Statement on the Annual Return was completed

THE MINUTES of the Meeting of Monday 12 April 2010 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting

MATTERS ARISING:

HIGHWAYS: A meeting had taken place between Cllrs. Finzi and Godwin and John Kay and David Portlock from GCC Highways re: Waterend Lane. Obstructions to the culvert have been removed, and it is proposed that the ditch will be dug out and the culvert under the road will be enlarged

PARKING IN LONGNEY: Numerous e-mails have been exchanged between Cllr. Godwin and P.C. Mackie, which are reported as taking up too much Police time. Cllr. Godwin has e-mailed Inspector Fagan who has a responsibility for road safety, but no reply has been received to date

LITTER ON BANK OF THE RIVER SEVERN: The Environment Agency has removed the large collection of litter from the river bank north of Longney Crib

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: District Cllr. Littleton reported that the proposed Scheme of Delegation is unlikely to come into effect in the near future. A new Government bill is expected to make County Councils responsible for flood defence. The planning application for Ellis House is likely to be approved, following Highways' acceptance of the proposed new access. Cllr. Littleton will make further enquiries regarding the need for change of use approval and a full flood assessment

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

SDC - PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Councillors agreed that discussion needs to take place in advance of the next election about future nominations for Parish Councillors

GCC - PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY, DOG WALKING: Cllr. Dempster reported that dog fouling is particularly bad on the footpath towards the river from Lynch Cottage. Cllr. Williams will make enquiries about possible signage/ways to deal with this problem

GAPTC - NEW POWER FOR LOCAL (PARISH AND TOWN) COUNCILS TO BOOST AFFORDABLE RURAL HOUSING: Discussed and agreed that this is relevant to ongoing discussions re: affordable housing currently proposed for Whitminster. A subject for further discussion at the next Severn Voice Meeting which will take place in Longney

GAPTC - NEW FINANCIAL GUIDANCE: Suggested that this should be kept for reference

GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY - NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGAGEMENT: Cllr. Finzi will complete the questionnaire

COMMUNITY FIRST - INSURANCE: Discussed and agreed that the premium should be questioned re office contents £2500, and computer reinstatement of lost data (£500), when a copy of computer data is kept on other premises

- VILLAGE PLAN:**
- a) **GARDEN GROUP:** No further information
 - b) **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE:** Dealt with under matters arising
 - c) **EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM:** Cotswold Wireless had agreed to inform Cllr. Dempster by text message when programme maintenance might cause disruption. This can be circulated by text if considered necessary
 - d) **VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT:** With Cllr. Godwin for completion
 - e) **WEBSITE UPDATES:** Councillors' acceptance of office will be announced
 - f) **VILLAGE POUND:** No further information

PLANNING: A variation of condition for Bellamy House, Longney for renewal of permission for a further three years, had been circulated. There had been no new planning applications or permissions

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

ROADSIDE VERGES: Cllr. Finzi will contact Highways regarding mowing the verges now that the cowparsley is in full growth

GLOUCESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST: Rosie Woolley had contacted the Clerk to report that two barn owl boxes will be placed in the Parish, funded by residents. She questioned biodiversity targets in the Parish Plan, about which she also contacted Cllr. Finzi

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARISH COUNCILLORS: A list of possible responsibilities will be circulated for Councillors to consider which they will take on. No Councillor will be available to attend the School Fte to represent the Parish Council

COMPUTER MAINTENANCE: Help with the Parish Council computer had been offered. This was discussed and agreed that it was unnecessary unless a problem cannot be solved internally

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Longney and Epney Parish Council will take place at 8p.m. on Monday 21 June 2010 at Longney School.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.12p.m.