

# **LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**A MEETING OF LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL was held on Monday 21 September 2009, at 8p.m. at Longney School**

**PRESENT: Cllrs. Chamberlayne, Dempster, Finzi, Godwin, and Williams; District Cllr. Littleton, County Cllr. Tony Blackburn, and two residents**

**APOLOGIES: Keith Rog**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA: None**

**THE MINUTES of the Meeting of 13 July 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record of the Meeting**

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**TREES IN CASTLE LANE: Stroud Valleys Project have been contacted and following a further telephone call a response is expected within the next few days**

**PUB CLUB: Eighteen people had attended the September meeting and a programme has been arranged for further meetings for the rest of the year**

**TV DIGITAL SWITCHOVER: The dates of the October and November meetings will be offered for a representative of Digital UK to speak about the forthcoming switchover**

**PLANNING, REGENT HOUSE: SDC Enforcement Officer had made two visits to the property and received no answer. A letter had been written, but no reply had been received. Evidence of trading in cars from the property is requested, and details of where vehicles are advertised for sale**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**GCC - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES: Details will be displayed on notice boards and on the website**

**DAVID DREW MP - PLANNING ISSUES: A letter will be sent asking whether Parish Councils will still receive notice of planning issues, or whether these need to be requested**

**MOORE STEPHENS - AUDIT: Discussed, and agreed to await a further request for payment of the audit fee**

**SDC - NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN: Cllr. Dempster enquired whether any payment had been requested from the Parish for the services of the Neighbourhood Warden, which to date had not happened**

**UNLOCK DEMOCRACY - MORE POWERS FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS: This consultation had been received too late for any response to be sent**

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Councillor Littleton reported that he had attended the recent Severn Estuary Partnership meeting which involves the whole riverside area between Weston-Super-Mare and Haw Bridge. The meeting contained several presentations including one by the Chief Executive of The Environment Agency talking about flood defence in relation to climate change. Options for the Severn Barrage have now been reduced to five, and a decision should be made by the end of 2010. He also reported on the proposed incinerator to create power which Severn Energy Recovery is proposing for Severnside. Cllr.**

**Littleton had also spoken to SDC Enforcement Officer about Regent House, and repeated that evidence of trading is needed before any further action can be taken**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr. Blackburn reported on a recent GCC meeting which had mainly concentrated on the proposed incinerator at Haresfield. He asked that issues concerning highways should be taken up with him**

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**VILLAGE PLAN:**

**a) GARDEN SCHEME: £70 was handed to the Clerk to be paid into the Parish Council account, for use of the machinery so far. At a recent meeting of the Garden group, it had been proposed to circulate a new leaflet to remind residents of the machinery available for hire. A new plate will be bought for the shredder, which had been agreed that the Parish Council would fund. A composting scheme was discussed. It was suggested that bags should be supplied with the shredder, and possibly a wheeled trailer, so that shredded material could be held at a central point where it was not required by the person from whose land it had originated. Cllr. Finzi will contact Calor to enquire whether funding for a trailer might be available. An interest in restoring the remaining orchards in the Parish is developing**

**b) HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE: Cllr. Finzi had received a letter from John Kay (GCC) explaining the new method of tarmacing pot holes which it is hoped will last longer. Road subsidence opposite Ellis's Farm will be brought to the attention of GCC. It was previously considered for attention several years ago**

**c) EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM: A proposed plan for dealing with an emergency was circulated to Councillors, and will be adopted at the next meeting with amendments if necessary. The use of contact details for non-emergencies but nevertheless important information has been agreed by most of those on the list, but has shown a need to update the e-mail contacts. Cllr. Dempster will telephone those who have not responded to request up to date details. A request to update details and add new participants will be circulated in a newsletter/on the website/on notice boards**

**d) VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT: This will have been completed by the October meeting**

**e) LISTING OF THE VILLAGE POUND: No further information**

**f) DONKEY POOL: No further information**

**PLANNING: Planning permission had been given for the retrospective application for the erection of a car port at Briery Hall. There had been no new planning applications**

**OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST: The Clerk had been telephoned, and the Chairman e-mailed about a Severn Vale Restoration Project. Rosie Woolley of GWT will be invited to a future meeting to explain what is involved**

**SEVERN VOICE: The agenda for the meeting on 28 September 2009 was circulated**

**GAPTC - HELP SHAPE YOUR OWN RURAL MANIFESTO: Presented, as the date for any reply will have passed before the next correspondence circulation. No action was thought necessary**

**SCHOOL TRANSPORT:** A query had been raised by a resident about some having to pay for school transport while others received free transport to school on the same route. It was suggested that this should be referred to County Cllr. Blackburn who had left the meeting earlier

**ROAD RACES:** No further information

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting of Longney and Epney Parish Council will take place at 8.00p.m. on Tuesday 27 October 2009 at Longney School

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.55p.m.**