

LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2010

A MEETING OF LONGNEY AND EPNEY PARISH COUNCIL was held on Monday 20 September 2010, at 8p.m. at Longney School

PRESENT: Cllrs. Chamberlayne, Dempster, Finzi, Godwin, and Williams

APOLOGIES: County Cllr. Blackburn, District Cllr. Littleton, Mrs. Bullock

DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA: None

POLICE REPORT: None available at this meeting

THE MINUTES of the Meeting of Monday 19 July 2010 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting

MATTERS ARISING:

SEVERN VOICE: The next meeting of Severn Voice, to be held in Longney, is still to be arranged

PLANNING TRAINING: Councillors agreed to the signing of a cheque value £20 for Cllrs. Dempster and Godwin to attend a planning training meeting on 6 September. From the meeting it was felt that planning officers are out of touch with the general public and Parish Councillors, also that planning policy will become more devolved, therefore Village Design Statements will provide more relevant guidelines in future planning matters

ROAD SURFACE AT FRAMILODE: A reply had been received from Fretherne with Saul PC stating that they are not aware of any imminent road improvements in the Parish

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: None available at this meeting

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: None available at this meeting

PLANNING: A new planning application had been circulated for conversion and extension of existing buildings to form B1 offices at the Grain Store, Epney. No new planning permissions had been granted

CORRESPONDENCE:

GCC - ARE OUR ASPIRATIONS FOR TRAINING MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?: Cllr. Finzi will complete the questionnaire

SEVERN VOICE INVOICE: Councillors agreed to the signing of a cheque value £7.20 to Fretherne with Saul Parish Council in payment of this Council's share of the cost of the Severn Voice meeting held in March

GLOSVAIN MEETING: Councillors agreed that this is a campaign that they do not wish to support

NO NEED FOR NUCLEAR - NEWSLETTER: Councillors agreed that this is a campaign that they do not wish to support

STROUD CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - GRANTS/AGM/ANNUAL REPORT:
Councillors agreed to the signing of a cheque value £25.00 as a donation to this worthwhile organisation

VILLAGE PLAN:

a) **GARDEN GROUP:** It was noted that more excess produce was being made available to others this year either for free/for charity/or at a small cost

b) **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE:** No further information

c) **EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM:** No further information

d) **VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT:** Cllr. Finzi reported that two meetings had been held with Conrad Moore, Head of Planning Strategy at SDC, which had been helpful. Cllrs. Godwin and Williams will read the proposed Village Statement and compare this with the Parish Plan, and will deal with the necessary maps and photographs. Cllr. Dempster will conduct research on the internet for the wording of policies, and will cross reference with Parish Plan policies

e) **WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER UPDATES:** A reminder to residents to make use of the garden equipment will be included on both the website and in the next newsletter

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

NOTICE BOARD IN EPNEY: It was agreed that the notice board will be replaced and the cost met by the Parish Council. Terry Cripps has offered to help with this when the wall at Isabella Villas has been rebuilt

PARKING IN LONGNEY: Cllr. Finzi had spoken to Inspector Fagan of Gloucestershire County Police, and was advised to contact Inspector Neil Smith at Quedgeley to enquire whether this is a police matter and if any law is being contravened. He will report to/meet with Cllrs. Finzi and Godwin when he has visited the site. Cllr. Williams will ask the Postman and local bus driver if they find this parking a problem

30 MPH SIGNS: The sign(s) on the road entering Epney from Saul have not yet been replaced

GCC - "MEETING THE CHALLENGE": Correspondence received too late for circulation, but requiring a reply by the end of September if the Parish Council wished to do so, was brought to the attention of Councillors

PROPOSED CRICKET GROUND IN LONGNEY: Stroud District Council have been consulted, and have informed that up to thirteen events may be held annually in the field without the need for planning permission. Planning permission would be required if a pavilion or any permanent building was proposed

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Longney and Epney Parish Council will take place at 8p.m. on Monday 18 October 2010 at Longney School.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.22p.m.