

Just Long Newnton Parish Council

Minutes of the full council meeting held on 4th February 2021

DUE TO CORONA VIRUS RESTRICTIONS (LOCKDOWN) THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM WITH PARTICIPANTS TAKING PART ON LINE.

Members

Di Thomas, Debs Brock-Doyle, Jill Peacey, Bean Landale, Sue Sampson, Gaye Mitchell
In attendance; Andrea Warrington- (Clerk) and Julian Beach (Active Parishioner)

Joined the meeting : none

Apologies Received: none

1-2021'	1	Apologies for Absence – None	
1-2021'	2	Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda None	
1-2021'	3	To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 10 th November 2020 Proposed by Bean Landale Seconded by Debs Brock Doyle	
1-2021'	4	Public questions (if any) None	
1-2021'	5	A warm welcome was given to our new co-opted Councillor; Sue Sampson and Gaye Mitchell and our new Active Parishioner: Julian Beach.	
1-2021'	6	Matters arising: Jill Peacey reported that she had made contact with the Sampson family and they had agreed to provide us with a little information on Jane so that we may include it on the web site indicating that it was her generous help that enabled us to install the defibrillator. We are still waiting to receive the information Jill will let us know if we hear any more. In the mean time we will just put a short note on the web site thanking the Sampson family and will add to it if and when we receive more information Notice board replacement – See below	Jill P
1-2021'	7	Tree Warden report. Clerk advised that the PC had joined the new Gloucestershire Tree Group. Membership is free, Jill Peacey reported that she had walked the village trees with Martin Kerlin who has quoted to undertake our annual tree work. His quote came in over budget at £1650 Budget £1000) but all the work was deemed necessary (see attached sheet) and it was unanimously agreed that we should accept the quote and proceed. Proposed D Thomas Seconded Debs Brock Doyle All in favour. Money will be used from village up keep to make up the budget deficit. Photos available	JP GM
1-2021'	8	Clerks Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precept had been requested as the same as before with no increase. Unanimously agreed by email in January all Councillors in favour. • Annual insurance quote received and Councillors had received by email. Agreed to accept quote and detail our few street furniture and other items on the policy. Clerk to accept quote. Proposed Di Thomas Seconded Debs Brock Doyle. All in favour. • Clerk brought to the attention of the new councillors that there is training available in May (Via Zoom) on being a better Councillor. Both Gaye and Sue agreed to attend and Clerk to book places. • Clerk reported that a letter in the Clerks and Councils direct magazine had given guidance on the PC supporting the Church upkeep. Details available • We have a contact with Kevin Lea who the Operations Officer, Environmental and Regulatory Services at Cotswold District Council. 01285 623253 / 07989 581899 He will be helpful with Fly tipping and dog fouling problems amongst other things. He has provided some dog fouling notices for the village and is happy to be a contact for fly tipping etc. 	AJW

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During a discussion with GAPTC regarding co-opting new Councillors it came to light that the Long Newnton Clerk is a voluntary position and they are not employed by the council and receive no salary or remuneration. GAPTC wrote: <i>"Even small councils pay their Clerk who is an official employee of the Council and who should have a contract of employment. Councils cannot expect a clerk to do what is a professional job of work and not pay them. Now is the time to set a budget so the clerk is paid properly. The very least the Clerk should receive from the Council is £6 per week, use of home as office allowance, which is tax free."</i> The Clerk reported that she did not wish to be employed on a Salary with a contract of Employment but it was decided that the £6 per week a above should be paid from 1 January 2021 and in future. See email 7th December 2020 Proposed D Thomas Seconded K Landale. All in favour 	
1-2021'	9	<p>Highways Update: Flower verges, Church Lane, Ditches, and passing places.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William Pope is unable to do the work required for the wild flower verges. DT to contact James Trotter, Ryan Russell and Robin Ayrd to see if they have any suggestions who may undertake such a job. DT to report back as this needs to be done March April time. The village sign, gates and planter have all been destroyed by a driver aquaplaning on the flood at the entrance to the village (police aware) Highways are looking at replacing the village sign and gate and we will replace the planter. Over the following weeks when the weather got colder the water from the flood was carried into the village and turned to black ice causing three more accidents. Following the above. Julian Beach mentioned there was an article in the New Statesman relating to the village becoming independent operators of speed cameras. There is a large cost element to this between £20000-£40000 but crowd funding was mentioned, with profits from prosecutions being split between Police and village 70/30. More information needs to be obtained and Julian will do further research and report back. It was also suggested that the speed camera group should be resurrected and Sandra Sanders and Lawrence Moss have both volunteered. Julian to co-ordinate and take over this project. Our own speed camera can provide data which may be useful t police and Julian to liaise with Kev Beck who runs the cameras at present. 	<p>DT</p> <p>JB</p> <p>JB</p>
1-2021'	10	<p>Correspondence received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We received correspondence from Dr Paul Morrish regarding a 20mph speed limit through the village. This is very costly and can only be done with groups of four neighbouring villages. It was felt that this was way out of our means and we struggle to enforce the 30mph so 20mph would be worse. No further action. Volunteering Survey; Was received and undertaken by DBD, we put forward our help during CoVid 19 eg. Our leaflet drop to all villagers offering help during the pandemic, Our Speed awareness programme and Village Clean up were also mentioned. 	
1-2021'	11	Reports from any meetings attended: DT reported that the Planning training had been of limited interest.	
1-2021'	12	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of internet banking underway. DT received all paperwork Clerk and DT to liaise and try out the payment system for next payment. Budget was discussed and Clerk to send out by email the figures discussed for March 21/22 	AJW
1-2021'	13	<p>To approve payments (if any)</p> <p>None</p>	
1-2021'	14	<p>To receive most recent income and expenditure figures –</p> <p>Expenditure Speed sign battery replacement £79.97 Church Mince Pies £120.00 and Printer Ink £136.11</p> <p>Income: None</p>	
1-2021'	15	<p>Bank Balance as at date of meeting £12,123.41</p> <p>It should be noted that we still have lots of expenditure waiting</p>	

1-2021'	16	Planning - See attached	DT
1-2021'	17	Defibrillator training for village Training still to be arranged after Lockdown at a possible cost of £250	KL
1-2021'	18	Great War Commemoration Bench for triangle: The saga continues with weekly phone calls to Willis Bros – The bench will be similar to the Mike Tucker bench when made and they have agreed to concrete in out planters at the same time. KL to keep us advised.	KL
1-2021'	19	Notice Board replacement Clerk had received a quotation from Harry Stebbings workshop (Norfolk) for replacing the noticeboard which was £1665 plus VAT. Harry who had a long-standing connection with this area has since retired and the business has been taken over by someone else. In view of the cost involved it was noted that on inspection the existing notice board is not in bad condition and probably could just do with a refurbishment. It was suggested that this should be done locally if possible and clerk to reply to the quote stating that we have decided not to proceed and also contact Dillon in the village to see if he would be interested in the refurb job. If not, Clerk thought that she has a contact who may quote for the job. Clerk will report back	AJW
1-2021'	20	Code of conduct – CDC template to be discussed and adopted if applicable. All agreed that we should adopt the code of conduct an DBD to look at it to tailor it to our PC.	DBD
1-2021'	21 22	Standing Orders Financial regulations DBD also agreed to take on looking at the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Orders • Financial regulations All documents to be published on our web site once adopted and Clerk will arrange this once received.	DBD
1-2021'	23	Village sign and gate update – See above under highways	
1-2021'	24	Salt supplies for winter use – it was suggested that we install a salt bin by the flood area at the entrance to the village (Tetbury side) DT has requested from Highways. Clerk will order bags when prompted from CDC	DT AJW
1-2021'	25	Insurance Quote – to be accepted see above Clerks report.	AJW
1-2021'	26	HM Land registry survey request – Does not apply to us as a small council with no land ownership	
1-2021'	27	Melcourt Lorries and verges – Email and photos received from Andrew Tucker We received an email and photographs from Andrew Tucker detailing the damage done to the verges around the village by the Melcourt lorries. It has been noticed that the number of lorries has increased dramatically and there is not enough room along the lanes for them to pass if one lorry is arriving and one leaving the village. .Andrew is already in contact with Andy from Melcourt and it was agreed that DT would make an appointment to see Andy to put the whole Village picture. Clerk said she would join if required. Photos available. We understand that Melcourt may have purchased more land to expand their production which may in turn bring more lorry traffic through the village. It was agreed that our tiny lanes were not built for such traffic and we need to have full and frank discussions with Melcourt about reinstating the verge damage this year and maybe this should become a bi-annual event. Verges outside Glebe Cottage and the Tythe Barn have also been eroded to such an extent the water meter has been hit on several occasions. The verge has been eroded by at least 30cm outside the above properties and also the verge opposite has been eroded by two large lorries trying to pass each other. The church verge has also been damaged.	DT
1-2021'	28	Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email received from Juliet Fenton regarding the bridge on the fosse which has been eroded by constant use by off road bikers. She requested our support to try to get the bridge mended by the council. Although the Bridge is probably in Wiltshire there was mention that it is the responsibility of Gloucestershire Council. We are happy to follow this and lend our support Julian Beach to liaise with our Footpath warden Mark Vincenti and Juliet to take this forward 	JB

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village clean up to be arranged by DBD during March • A big thank you to Jill Peacey was made with a virtual presentation from the Councillors for her extremely long service on the PC . Jill will continue to assist with the Gardening on the main road. <p>The following duty areas for Councillors were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife and Trees – Gay Mitchell • Procedure and legal – Debs Brock Doyle • Highways – Di Thomas • Speedwatch – Julian Beach • Village Clean up- Debs Brock Doyle and Sue Sampson • Gardening – Bean Landale and Andrea Warrington (Jill Peacey still able to assist) • Web Site – Andrea Warrington and Bean Landale 	DBD ALL
		Date of next meeting Thursday 6 th May 2021- Church or Zoom TBC	
		<i>Andrea Warrington Clerk/RFO Long Newnton Parish Council</i>	

Planning update

1. Non material amendment to Old Cowsheds 18/00171/FUL

PC logged an objection. Application refused

2. New Dwelling Shipton Mill 20/04504/FUL

PC logged a comment re new wall built without planning and will need to be added retrospectively to current application. Decision awaited.

3. Creation of Vehicular access at Nutwell 20/04149/FUL

No comment from PC. Application permitted

4. Erection of front porch Whitsun House. 20/04005/FUL

No comment from PC. Application permitted

5. Glamping site Church Farm. 20/03786/FUL

PC requested caveat around noise and light pollution. Application refused; AONB