

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm at Longford Village Hall

**1. Attendance noted as**

Cllrs K Doherty (Chair), L Gough (Vice-Chair) J. Ford, C. Byers

**Also present:** Borough Cllr Bocking, Mrs J Shirley (Clerk)

**Members of public present:** None

**Apologies:** County Cllr Awford, Borough Cllr Ockelton

**2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

None.

**3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

Council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

**4. To receive an update on outstanding matters not on the agenda.**

Community Governance Review proposals are currently being consulted upon by Tewkesbury Borough Council, deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022; the main changes affecting Longford is the movement of the boundary between Longford and Innsworth which was submitted by Longford Parish Council, and a boundary movement between Longford and Sandhurst moving Walham into Sandhurst, not previously considered by Longford Parish Council but no objections raised.

**5. Co-option (5 vacancies)**

There were no applications to fill councillor vacancies by Co-option (5 vacancies).

**To receive a report from the County Councillor.**

No update.

**To receive a report from the Borough Councillors.**

Council noted the report forwarded by Cllr Bocking prior to the meeting; including that parish councils will be consulted directly to submit evidence to the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment regarding local flooding issues. Councillors discussed local flooding issues including drainage, which Cllr Bocking will take forward.

**6. Finance / Procedures**

- 6.1. Council received the bank reconciliation and budget versus spend reports for January 2022. Cllr Doherty proposed the Council makes a small donation to an official agency for the relief of Ukraine refugees. Cllr Byers proposed £250, seconded Cllr Doherty, all in favour. Council resolved to donate the money to Unicef. **Action: Clerk.**
- 6.2. Council approved the accounts for payment, proposed by Cllr Byers, seconded by Cllr Gough, all in favour. Payments were made using online banking, authorised by Cllr Ford and Cllr Doherty:

Invoice Date	Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Budget
28/02/22	Salaries February 2022	235.33	0	235.33	Admin
19/01/22	Greenfields Garden Services Ltd	1802.02	360.40	2162.42	P&OS
				£2397.75	

**7. Parks and Open Spaces & Allotments**

- 7.1 Council considered replacement options for the concrete benches at the playing field; it was agreed to contact a handyperson for a second opinion on repairing the existing benches and bring to the next council meeting for consideration. **Action: Clerk.**
- 7.2 Council resolved to appoint Glebe Contractors as the grounds maintenance contractor for 2022, proposed by Cllr Gough and seconded by Cllr Byers, all in favour. **Action: Clerk.**

**Clerk also to obtain quotes to plant fast growing hedging on the boundary of the playing field along Sivell Close and report back to Council.**

- 7.3 Council agreed in principle to create a Queen's copse on the playing field to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. **Action: Clerk and Councillors** to conduct further research regarding type of trees, size etc for discussion at next meeting. Council also discussed type of tree for Sivell Close and considered Amalanchier which has white flowers in the spring, green leaves in the summer and red leaves in the autumn. Council felt the tree should be no taller than 5 metres when fully grown.

**8. To note arrangements for community events with Longford Village Hall**

- 8.1. Village fete on Jubilee weekend 2022 – no current update as Cllr Doherty was unable to attend the latest Village Hall meeting.

**9. Council considered the following planning applications:**

None received since the last meeting.

**10. Council discussed updates from Highways including 20 is plenty campaign**

Cllr Byers reported that GCC has set aside £350,000 to investigate 20mph speed limit.

**11. To receive reports for information:**

- Allotments – work party to be arranged prior to the installation of the rabbit proof fencing
- Finance – no update
- Personnel – no update
- Play Park & Playing Field – no update
- Village Hall representative – no update.

Next meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the village hall.

Meeting closed at 8.51pm.