

Great Longstone Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2013

Present: Cllr Simon Headington, Cllr James Cox, Cllr Hugh Wright, Cllr Peter Thompson and Cllr Wendy Long, Sarah Stokes, 5 parishioners and UTE.

Public comments.

To note all comments referred to the proposed MUSA.

Resident (1) stated that they had sent a letter in to the PC regarding the MUSA and who it affects. The resident is not against facilities for children but the proposed MUSA is 10ft from their boundary wall, which is too close not to mention the lights. The resident referred to responses from the PC, statistics being manipulated and none of the committee living on the boundary wall to the rec. There was also concern over people who have filled out the questionnaire, who don't know the details i.e. the specific location.

Resident (2) Referred to the MUSA meeting in the previous week, where 5 of the 7 residents closest to the proposed site did not want the MUSA, this is over 70% of the group. Resident not against a MUSA, it's the wrong place for it. To replace the tennis courts for a MUSA is different. More people are intended to use the MUSA; it is also going to be lit, with a potential toilet block and changing facilities. It is quite different to the tennis court. The sports England guidelines show that a MUSA should be 40m from inhabitants. The MUSA shouldn't be on the rec.

Resident (3) asked if the PC had looked at the inspired facilities video, happy for them to borrow this, saves reading the 700 pages compiled by Sports England. Highlighted that a few mistakes were made at the MUSA presentation. Highlighted that the inspired facilities grant is aimed at the over 14yrs.

Working Party representative. The WP rep. confirmed that with a clear conscience, the survey stats are absolutely squeaky clean, possibly airing on the side of caution. It is difficult to know at what point you present information and how much. There is always going to be a compromise. The working party have done their best.

Resident (1) stated that the questionnaires come back from those who have grave concerns.

Resident (2) stated that the questionnaire was only 1 sheet. Questions they suggested adding to the questionnaire were not used, consisted of questions like is this what you want, is this where you want it. No mention of other sites appeared on the form, asking where the right place is for a MUSA. Cllr Long stated that there was an area on the form to add your opinion. WP representative stated that no other sites are forthcoming. The resident stated that further investigation is required.

Cllr Headington opened the meeting at 7.45pm.

01/13 To accept apologies for absence.

There were no apologies.

02/13 To register items of interest relating to the agenda.

Cllr Cox registered an interest in item 8.4 of the agenda, mowing tender. Cllr Wright registered an interest with any item relating to DCC and Feemouth yard.

03/13 Minutes of the meeting 12th December 2012.

The minutes of the 12th December were proposed by Cllr Headington and seconded by Cllr Cox.

03/13 Recreation ground.

3.1 Playground.

3.1.1 Replacement Nellie. Work now complete on Nellie, all looking good. Thanks went to Godfrey Frankland and Cllr Thompson for all their efforts.

3.1.2 Wet pour on swing areas. Awaiting Timberline.

3.1.3 Jumbolander matting. The Clerk reported that the organisation looking into quoting for the matting ask if alternatives could be looked at, alongside figures for the matting. Rubber bark in an edged area had been put forward, as the mats are different thicknesses, sizes and fold upwards in some cases, the utilisation of them is looking costly, when looking to seal and stick down. A grass matt safety surface was discussed. Clerk to ask company to look at alternatives including grass matting.

3.1.4 Notice board. It was noted that the new notice board is swelling when wet. Clerk to contact Treeline.

3.2. Recreation Ground

3.2.1 Equipment for older children.

Cllr Long; reported on the presentation by the WP on Thursday 3rd January on the Proposed MUSA. The meeting was reported to be well attended. Areas raised to look into, were the location and lighting, with **telescopic lighting**, being put forward as an option by a resident/professional in this field. The telescopic option has been looked into, although remains a very expensive option creating more light for residents.

Cllr Headington; stressed that the meeting was a very professional and positive meeting and that the WP were asked to look at the proposed **location**, as no one has come up with another area, also that PDNPA have been consulted and recommended it as the best location. Also even if the project goes ahead, there are still issues with **funding**. The project is all about compromise, and minimal disruption, the lighting being a classic example of this. The telescopic lights are coming in at around £35 thousand pounds more than those in the presentation, with bigger concrete plinths and bigger electrics along with the annual maintenance.

Cllr Wright, expressed his surprise at the cost of telescopic lighting. Although the supplier does deal with professional sports areas. Different light heads were discussed. Whether bulb replacement has been factored into the annual maintenance costs. Cllr Long confirmed that the bulbs were not expensive to replace, but will confirm that the costs have been included.

Cllr Long stressed, why should residents have to go to other villages for a MUSA. It had been seen in the villages favour grant wise, as the village didn't have such a facility. The logic of this was queried.

Cllr Headington , proposed that as 60% were in favour of the project, which was very positive, that the PC 1) Approve in principle the project. 2) submit a planning application. 3) look at the best way forward. It was noted that the PC is not the most suitable organisation to run a MUSA. **Sports Association or Community Interest Company** were discussed.

Cllr Thompson put forward a compromise on the **location** of the MUSA. The MUSA to be tilted 30 degrees; this would involve moving the footpath. It would move towards the football pitch more. The Cllr had experimented on Google earth. Cllr Wright stated that the proposed site is visually a good location, having a sense of place. Guildlow quarry was discussed. Cllr Long reported that the WP criteria had been to use PC land. The surrounding fields being agricultural land. Cllr Wright asked that the exercise of going through PC owned land and looking at its use as a location be actioned by the WP. The Willows was discussed, which is run as a conservation area by PDNPA. Cllr Thompson stated that he did not want to slow any process down by offering an alternative. Cllr Long stated that the WP can look into the location suggestion made by Cllr Thompson, although it may have been disregarded for reasons before, to be confirmed.

Cllr Cox stated that the PC could apply to **redirect the footpath** on the rec. providing an alternative means. The levels/contours of the land were discussed.

Outline planning was discussed as an option. Full was seen as a more desirable firm option. Cllr Thompson reported that on putting in a planning application, the PC may be forced to move the MUSA across anyway.

The Chair put forward three proposals:

- 1) Propose **carrying on with the project**, seconded by Cllr Thompson with all in favour.
- 2) Propose starting to prepare a **planning application**, aiming to submit this after the Feb PC meeting, seconded by Cllr Thompson with all in favour.
- 3) Propose looking into the **management** of project; PC, Sports Association or Community Interest Company. It was proposed to have a meeting specifically to form a Sports Association, seconded by Cllr Long with all in favour. Clerk to book VH for Thursday 24th January for a meeting of volunteers. The WP to invite the 14 residents whom were interested in being part of this.

Facts and figures from the WP results are to be displayed on the website, to be actioned by Cllr Long/Cllr Headington. Hard copies to be made available to those who do not have access to a computer.

The expansion of the village over the years was discussed.

Cllr Long reported that the donation of £300 towards equipment for older children, had been received from Waitrose.

3.2.2 Gates and Locks. Keys for locks at Sunny Bank have now been passed from GLCC. Cllr Headington to look at the lock system.

3.2.3 Trees near cricket pavilion. Awaiting response from GLCC.

04/13 Village Greens.

4.1 Kerb work in front of Harrow House. Work has now been completed on this, however it was noted that as it is new it is slippery in certain weathers.

4.2 West Green moles. To be looked at in spring.

4.3 Jubilee tree. Cllr Wright reported that March is still in mind to do a ceremonial planting. Cllr Thompson stated that it would be an ideal point to tie in the recognition of the Jubilee mosaic in the bus shelter.

4.4 Tree stumps near bus shelter and lease. The Clerk had sent a letter regarding the lease and also stating that the PC were not happy with the level of stump reduction. The Clerk reported that a letter had been received back from PDNPA. The letter stated that the lease was on a 'rolling lease', and that they would look into the further stump reduction, although seen as daunting and expensive as oppose to covering with wild flowers or erecting a bird table.

05/13 Burial Grounds and Feemouth yard.

The Clerk reported that letters had gone out to the residents living adjacent to the area. No correspondence had been received back with regards to the removal of the shrubs and tree work, only a query on the land registration. Clerk to continue to look at other options for the land.

06/13 Footpaths/roads

6.1 Outrake wall. Awaiting quote.

6.2 Verges. A letter had gone out and been acknowledged previously with regards to encroaching verges on Beggarway and Station Rds. Moor Rd and Longreave Lane were discussed.

6.3 Street lighting. It was noted that all the streetlight faults have all been actioned.

6.4 Overhanging bushes/tree branches. Tree branches have not been trimmed back from around the requested streetlights and the overhanging bush is still present at the top of Sunny bank.

6.5 Drain/grit/ and road sweeping. The Clerk reported that a resident had requested once again that the drain on Butts Road be cleared, grit piles be placed on Moor Road (bottom) and roads swept on Butts and Moor Rd. The Clerk had contacted DCC again. Acknowledgement with regards to the drain had been received.

07/13 Council Administration.

7.1 Land registration. Ongoing, Clerk to pursue during coming months.

7.2 Village 'Day', proposed date 21st March 2013. It was discussed to incorporate the Annual Parish meeting alongside a theme. Organisation/s to talk about grants available was discussed, along with a Best Kept village theme. Clerk to book V Hall for 21st March evening also to make contact with Neil Moulden from DDCVS, with regards to the grant side. Cllr Wright to contact the Horticultural society, incorporating the 'open gardens' event.

7.3 Village week. It was proposed for Cllr Headington to ask the jubilee committee if they would like to organise village week, as such a good job was made of jubilee week. A small fund of money would be given from the PC. It was noted that Jane Littlefield would not be running the well dressing this year. Clerk to write to both the Church and school informing them of this. The well dressing/events involving it would not go ahead if there is no one to organise it.

7.4 PAYE. Clerk ongoing with looking into new PAYE system. Cllr Headington offered his assistance.

7.5 Disclosable pecuniary interests, dispensations and precept setting.

7.5.1 To delegate the power to grant a dispensation to the Clerk. (The power rests with the relevant authority under section 33 (1) of the Localism Act 2011 and the basis is set under section 33 (2).

The Chair proposed the delegation of power to grant dispensation to the Clerk, seconded by Cllr Thompson.

7.5.2 Consideration of a dispensation to be granted to allow Cllrs to discuss and agree the precept. Cllrs to sign 'Disclosable request forms'.

It was resolved for the Cllrs to complete the form for the next meeting. The Clerk to sign and date each form at that meeting.

To note item 8.4 on the agenda 'Mowing tenders' was moved to the end of the meeting for an agreed closed session.

08/13 Financial Matters

8.1 Bank Reconciliation GLPC 31st December 2012 and bank balances

INCOME

War stock	£1.80
Allotment rent	£10.00
Dividend	£39.53
Reimbursable exp (DDDC)	£2,786.00
Bank interest	£3.45
	£2840.78

EXPENDITURE **£666.89**

UNPRESENTED CHEQUES

Land Registry	£80.00
British Legion	£25.00
Axiom Zimbra	£11.60

£116.60

Closing balance on current account £1000.00

Closing balance on deposit account £27,756.02

8.2 Quarterly financial statement as at 31st December 2012 GLPC

Total income	£2,982.31
Total expenditure	£4,074.94

INCOME

Reimbursables	£2,786.00
Rents	£150.00
Bank interest	£3.45
Investments	£42.86

EXPENDITURE

Admin	£1,255.44
Greens	£1,413.67
Burial Grounds	£1,100.00
Recreation ground	£139.30
Footpaths	£120.00
VAT	£46.53

8.3 To accept and approve payments:

Sarah Stokes	Admin	£349.00
	Expenses	£89.97
B Cardona		£15.00
Zedcore		£6.60
British Legion		£50.00

The payments were proposed by Cllr Headington and seconded by Cllr Thompson, apart from the British Legion. Clerk to look into the amount, normally £25 per year.

8.4 To note all reimbursable expenditure received for rec, churchyard and footpaths.

8.5 To note receipt of monies from Jubilee committee for xmas tree. Clerk to send a letter of thanks to jubilee committee and letters to J Long and J Fawcett to thank them for erecting/dismantling/sorting lighting of the xmas tree.

8.6 Xmas tree lights. It was discussed to look into purchasing new lights for the xmas tree, which caused a lot of problems this year. Cllr Thompson to look into this.

8.7. The clerk reported that she is starting to prepare for the audit. The PC proposed using Helen Daniels for the audit, Clerk to confirm with H Daniels.

09/13 Planning matters.

9.1 Parish Council consultation. NP/DDD/1212/1253. Form a single storey rear extension. 8 Furnall Ave. PC comment: no comments.

9.2 Planning decision notice. NP/DDD/0912/0893 Proposal to place 2kwp of photovoltaic roof mounted panels to rear of property roof face. Plot adjacent to 2 Croft Rd. GRANTED.

10/13 Police matters and neighbourhood watch.

Cllr Wright reported on vehicle damage on Spring bank and in Top Yard, damaged wing mirrors/vandalism.

11/13 Clerks report.

1. Asked B Cardona to remove elderflower bushes nr bus shelter.
2. Wrote to Victoria Terrace residents regarding maintenance work at Feemouth yard.
3. Contacted DCC regarding 3 streetlights in the village requiring looking at and again regarding the overhanging branches onto streetlights.
4. Wrote to PDNPA regarding the tree stumps.
5. Looked into PAYE.
6. Land registration. Ongoing.
7. Mowing tender. Continued to send out specs on request.
8. Sent letters to two residents regarding MUSA meeting in January.
9. Distributed forms to Cllrs, for Disclosable Pecuniary interests, dispensation and precept setting.

12/13 To report any items of correspondence received and agree any actions arising.

13/12/12 DDDC. Waste and recycling arrangements for Christmas/New year. Poster put on notice board. Noted.

17/12/12 PDNPA. Travel in the Peak District survey results. Noted.

17/12/12 PDNPA. Tree stumps and lease. See 4.4.

17/12/12 Resident. MUSA. Clerk to advise resident that MUSA information is be placed on the website for the public to view/hard copies will be available if no access to a computer.

19/12/12 Resident. MUSA. As above.

19/12/12 DALC. General circular. Noted.

21/12/12 Big Lottery fund. Repeat grants available. Information has been passed to WP.

21/12/12 Black rock. Holmemeal statements. Noted.

21/12/12 Resident. MUSA. As above other MUSA letters.

22/12/12 Allotment. Change of allotment tenant. To note 2 people on the waiting list.

03/01/13 DDDC. Parish and Town Council Conference 26th February 2013, 7pm, Town Hall Matlock. Noted.

13/13 To report any items of correspondence received and agree any actions arising.

1. 04/01/13 Resident. MUSA. As above see other MUSA letters.
2. 06/04/13 Resident. MUSA. As above see other MUSA letters.
3. 07/01/13 Resident. MUSA. As above see other MUSA letters.
4. Cllr Long reported that a resident/business had enquired into more dog poo bins. With possible funding possibilities. The Clerk reported that a different resident had requested that one be placed near to the field at the end of Edge View Drive. Clerk to contact DDDC with regards to the situation with requesting further bins.

Cllr Wright reported his apologies for the next meeting.

14/13 Date of next meetings.

The next meetings are:

Thursday 24th January 2013 7.30pm – Forming of a Sports Association

Wednesday 13th February 2013 PC Meeting

Wednesday 13th March 2013 PC meeting

Thursday 21st March 2013 Annual Parish Meeting/Village 'Day' 7.30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.20pm

Cllr Cox left the meeting for the closed session.

The Chair reopened the meeting for the closed session.

15/13 Mowing tenders.

This matter was considered in a closed session.

The Clerk reported on the tenders received in respect of :

1. Recreation Ground.

The Council considered all the tenders thoroughly. The Council considered price, quality and experience. It was decided to appoint Great Longstone Cricket Club to undertake this work for a period of 3 years. Although the price was not the lowest, the decision was based on best value and the general condition that the area is currently left in.

2. Village Greens and various sites within Great Longstone.

Cllr Wright was given a dispensation by the Clerk, as Feemouth yard is part of the area being discussed.

The Council considered all tenders thoroughly. The Council considered price, quality and experience. It was decided to appoint Mr Bruno Cardona to undertake this work for a period of 3 years. Although the price was not the lowest, the decision was based on best value and the condition the areas are currently left in.

3. Closed churchyard.

The Council considered all tenders thoroughly. The Council considered price, quality and experience. It was decided to appoint Mr C Barnes to undertake the work for a period of 3 years. Although the price was not the lowest, the decision was based on best value and the quality of the application.

All Cllrs present in favour of all contracts. Clerk to action the decisions.

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