

Great Longstone Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013

Present: Cllr Simon Headington, Cllr James Cox, Cllr Peter Thompson, Sarah Stokes (Clerk) and UTE.

Public comments.

There were no public comments.

Cllr Headington opened the meeting at 7.32pm.

**16/13 To accept apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Long and Wright.

**17/13 To register items of interest relating to the agenda.**

Cllr Cox registered an interest in item 4.1 on the agenda, referring to the matting work.

**18/13 Minutes of the meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**

The minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> January were proposed by Cllr Thompson and seconded by Cllr Cox.

**19/13 Recreation Ground.**

**19.1 Playground.**

19.1.1 Wet pour on swing areas. Awaiting Timberline.

Cllr Cox left the meeting.

19.1.2 Jumbolander matting. The Clerk reported that a detailed quote had been received looking at a variety of options (including rubber bark, play bark and grass matt). It was resolved for the Clerk to gain further quotes in line with the options, due to the costs involved .

Cllr Cox rejoined the meeting.

A short term solution was discussed. The varying thicknesses/sizes of the matting currently being used and in storage was seen as not a cost effective way forward for the area. Critical fall heights were also discussed.

19.1.3 Playground inspection. Notification of this years Rospa inspections had been received. It was resolved for the Clerk to book an accompanied inspection, in light of the new piece of equipment on the play area, also to include the goal posts as an additional item (as part of their May inspections).

Clerk to create a sheet for Monthly play area Inspections, to be brought to each meeting. Cllr Thompson had inspected the play area in January.

## **19.2 Equipment for older children.**

### **19.2.1 To consider the Proposal to submit the Revised MUSA Planning Application.**

Cllr Headington reported that the working party are meeting with PDNPA on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the plans. It was resolved to hold an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February to consider the proposal.

### **19.2.2 To discuss the outcome of the Sports Committee meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**

Cllr Headington reported that the meeting had been very positive, with representatives from the Cricket Club and Tennis Club. A formal launch of the Committee is to be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, where decisions will be made on the type of Constitution to form. The Clerk has invited Neil Moulden from DDCVS to the meeting. It was discussed how the Village Hall committee format works well as a set up, with the PC there as a backup. It was also noted that the PC own the Recreation ground. The Clerk had sent letters to Hassop, Rowland and Little Longstone inviting them to have a representative from their community on the committee.

19.3/13 Notice board. Adjustments have been made by Treeline.

19.4/13 Gates and Locks. Noted that the Clerk now has keys for both Sunny bank and Spring bank gates. Cllr Headington to retain a set, due to the proximity of the rec to his house.

19.5/13 Trees near cricket pavilion. A letter had been received from GLCC, stating that the cutting down of the trees and moving them would seriously reduce the size of the cricket field. Cllrs to physically look at the trees for the next meeting.

## **20/13 Village Greens.**

21.1 West Green Moles. There was much discussion on the mole hills, (with the imminent grass cutting), which have increased in numbers. It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain a price from a professional, based on the small plot size, and what the result would be.

21.2 Jubilee tree. Nothing to report.

21.3 Tree stumps near bus shelter and lease. Awaiting PDNPA.

## **22/13 Burial Grounds and Feemouth Yard.**

The Clerk reported that two letters had been received regarding the area. One from a resident in support of the idea to remove the shrubs and grass seed over. The other in support of the idea that the area is well maintained for the villagers and if any work is to be done, to wait after the daffodil/snowdrops. It was resolved for the Clerk to gain a quote from B Cardona.(removal of the 4 shrub areas, taking away the debris from the area and grass seeding the 4 areas. Clerk to continue to look at other land uses.

## **23/13 Footpaths/roads**

23.1 Outrake wall. Still awaiting a quote.

23.2 Verges. Ongoing.

23.3 Overhanging hedges and bushes/tree branches onto streetlights. Clerk to chase DCC.

23.4 Grit piles and grit bins. It was noted that gritting had taken place around 'The Cross'. Clerk to chase grit piles. Clerk to order grit for PC bins where required.

23.5 Dog waste bins. DCC had sent a letter, stating that no new bins can be put in as this increases the waste collection. However bins can be moved, both dog and normal bins. It was resolved for the

Clerk and Cllr Long to utilise the maps of both types of bin and look at the best options for any potential moving of bins. To note it has been highlighted by DCC that dog waste bags can be put in either bin. The Clerk has also been provided with stickers both for bins and streetlights with regards to dog waste.

#### **24/13 Council Administration.**

24.1 Land Registration. The Clerk reported that the process had progressed. Three items had been requested from Land Registry; A statement of truth or statutory declaration, copies of parish minutes from 1979, land search charges. The Clerk had obtained copies of the 1979 minutes. The Clerk had also written once again to DCC asking for further help, relevant to the above list. DCC have written back stating unfortunately that they cannot provide any further information and had suggested the PC obtain independent legal advice.

It was resolved for the Clerk to contact DALC for advice and to obtain a price for the two items listed from a Solicitor.

24.2 Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk reported that she has booked Neil Moulden from DDCVS. Cllr Headington stated that the History Group may do a presentation. The Clerk to ask Cllr Wright to contact the Horticultural Society with regards to the event.

24.3. Village week. No report.

Cllr Cox declared an interest in the following item and left the room.

24.4 To review allotment and outrake rentals. The Clerk highlighted that Guildow tenants had a year's notice for an increase agreed 1 year ago. Allotment and Outrake rents to be raised by 3%. Clerk to send out rent requests for Outrake and Guildow. A valuation of the land was discussed, seen as more appropriate following the registration of the land.

Cllr Cox rejoined the meeting.

24.5 Disclosable pecuniary interests, dispensations and precept setting. Clerk to sign and date form giving a dispensation to allow Cllrs to discuss and agree the precept.

The Clerk had received all forms from the Cllrs, Clerk duly signed the documents. Clerk to send to relevant body.

24.6 PAYE. See DALC circular 28/01/13. Under correspondence. Clerk has progressed.

#### **25/13 Financial Matters.**

25.1 Bank reconciliation for 31 January 2013 and Bank balances.

##### **Income.**

Xmas tree	£166.67
Waitrose	£300.00
Reimbursable	£495.00
	<b>£961.67</b>

**Expenditure**                      **£460.57**

Unpresented cheques:	
Land Registry	£80.00
British Legion	£25.00
Axiom Zimbra	£11.60
	<b>£116.60</b>

Closing balance on current account £1,000.00  
Closing balance on deposit account £28,257.12

25.2 To accept and approve payments:

Sarah Stokes	Admin	£349.00
	Expenses	£39.78
G Frankland playground elephant		£68.50
Zedcore (email)		£6.60

The payments were proposed by Cllr Headington with all in favour.

- 25.3 Cllr Thompson to report on costs for new xmas tree lights. Cllr Thompson reported that 5 x 10m lengths are being looking at, suitable to utilise the old bulbs, initially. It was proposed for Cllr Thompson to purchase the lights up to an agreed £300. With all in favour.
- 25.4 Closed churchyard and future reimbursable expenditure. Awaiting a reply from DDDC with regards to this.
- 25.5 British Legion poppy appeal. The Clerk had resolved that the amount of £50.00, was for two years, not 1. Clerk to cancel out the cheque signed at the January meeting and obtain a cheque for £25.00 at the next Meeting.
- 25.6 To note rent invoices have been sent to the Tennis club and School (rec. use).
- 25.7 To note a Vat refund request has been sent in for £222.26.
- 25.8 Precept and grant. A letter had been received from DDDC regarding a grant from DDDC and asking to parishes to adjust their figures accordingly to allow for the grant. To note the precept request form had been sent in November 2012.

Due to the unforeseen requirement to purchase new xmas tree lights, it resolved to raise the precept by £467, with the grant of £431 being taken off this total precept figure. Clerk to send in the revised form to DCC.

**26/12 Planning Matters.**

26.1 **Planning decision notice.** Shacklow, Mires Lane. NP/DDD/1112/1152 Removal of condition 6 on NP/DDD/0811/0779. REFUSED.

26.2 **Planning decision notice.** Castcliffe, Wardlow. NP/DDD/0912/0965. Removal of condition number 2 from application DDD/1199/520. REFUSED.

26.3 **Parish Council Consultation.** 17 The Meadows, Grisedale Rd. Alteration and extension to domestic dwelling.

PC comments: The Parish Council object to the application on the grounds of local needs. A housing needs survey was carried out, demonstrating the need for low cost housing. The changes would remove a 2 bedroom starter home.

All in favour.

**26.4 Notification of appeal.** Land at Five Acres Farm, Wardlow.

**26.5 Notification of Planning appeal hearing.** Five Acres Farm, Wardlow. Retrospective application for alterations to an agricultural building to form an agricultural office and canteen with first floor ancillary residential accommodation. Hearing 9<sup>th</sup> April at 10am PDNPA. Noted.

**26.6** To note a **letter** was received from Wardlow Parish meeting regarding Five Acres Farm. The letter had been circulated to the Cllrs and read out at the meeting.

**26.7 Parish Council Consultation.** Five Acres Farm, Wardlow. NP/DDD/01130046. Use of yard for parking lorries in addition to existing use as agricultural yard.

PC comments: The Parish Council object to the application on the grounds of the planning history of the site. The Parish Council do not agree that a new farm has to diversify its development and start a whole new business on that site. It has got to be appropriate to the area we live in.

All in favour.

### **27/12 Police Matters and Neighbourhood watch.**

It was noted that there is to be an animal rights protest at Under Edge Farm, Rowland on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Also that another Land Rover has been stolen, from Little Longstone.

### **28/12 Clerks report**

1. Thanked Godfrey Frankland for Nellie elephant.
2. Asked company looking at matting around jumbolander to look at other alternatives.
3. Asked Treeline to look at problems with notice board.
4. Booked VH and took notes at forming of Sports Association meeting.
5. Looked into other options for Feemouth yard land.
6. Pursued Land Registration.
7. Booked VH for 21<sup>st</sup> March Village 'day' and booked Neil Moulden for the event.
8. Informed Church and school of well dressing situation for 2013.
9. Worked on new PAYE system.
10. Chased dispensation forms from Cllrs.
11. Looked into amount for poppy appeal.
12. Sent a letter of thanks to the Jubilee committee, for the xmas tree.
13. Sent a letter of thanks to J Fawcett and J long for all their efforts on the xmas tree.
14. Worked on audit preparation.
15. Confirmed H Daniels doing 2012/2013 internal audit.

16. Advised Resident that items will be placed on the website relating to the MUSA, for the public to view.
17. Contacted DDDC regarding dog poo bins.
18. Wrote to those given contracts for the mowing, also wrote to those who had put in a tender.

### **29/13 To report any items of correspondence received and agree any actions arising.**

07/01/13 Ansvar. ERN number Village hall. Clerk returned form stating the VH are exempt as they pay below the threshold.

11/01/13 DALC most important circulars 2012. Noted.

14/01/13 Clerks and Councils Direct Jan 2013 and suppliers guide/yearbook. Noted.

15/01/13 DCC. Archaeology and conservation in Derbyshire. Jan 2013. Noted.

16/01/13 DDDC. Area Community Forums. Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February ABC Bakewell at 7pm. Presenting an overview of funding. Clerk has displayed notices.

18/01/13 Longstone CE School. Well dressing 2013. A letter has been received stating that the School is online to organise the well dressing for 2013.

21/01/13 GLCC. Trees to left of cricket pavilion. See 19.5/13

21/01/13 ROSPA. Playground inspections. See 19.1.3

22/01/13 Resident. History of Feemouth yard. See 22/13

22/01/13 DCC. Temporary road closure. 25<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013 Mires Lane. Noted.

25/01/13 DALC. General circular. Clerk's day. Noted.

28/01/13 DALC. General circular, including PAYE reporting in real time and ERN. The Clerk reported that GLPC has been registered with Inland Revenue, when the appropriate details are obtained following this, a 'free' payroll system will be set up.

28/01/13 Resident. FOI request. The relevant information has been supplied to the resident.

30/01/13 DCC. Precept. See 25.8

31/01/13 DCC. Attachments to streetlights. Risk assessments of those putting attachments to streetlights.

31/01/13 Resident. Feemouth yard shrubs. See 22/13

06/02/13 Blackrock. Investment report. Noted.

06/02/13 DCC. Countryside events 2013 brochure. Noted and displayed.

06/02/13 Citizens Advise Bureau. Info. Noted and displayed.

### **30/13 Late items of correspondence.**

05/02/13 DCC. Land registration. See 24.1

08/02/13 PDNPA. Pre planning application Service. New service to cut down on unsuccessful planning applications. Noted.

11/02/13 PPPF. Broadband. Asking individuals and businesses to send in their support for speedier broadband. Noted. Possible Broadband in the VH was discussed to attract new user groups, the complicated phone line system was also discussed.

13/02/13 DCC. Commemorative plans. It was discussed that plans should be made, perhaps with the history group.

### **31/13 Date of next meetings.**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013 Extraordinary meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013 Sports Association meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 PC Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 PC meeting 7.30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

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