

## GREAT LONGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013

**Present:** Cllr Simon Headington, Cllr Hugh Wright, Cllr James Cox, Cllr Wendy Long, Sarah Stokes (Clerk), UTE and approx 22 parishioners.

#### **Public comments.**

#### **Dogs on the rec.**

Resident (1) stated that people are taking their dogs on the rec, off lead, leaving heaps of poo everywhere. Photos need to be taken and something done about it. Also to note that the tree near to pavilion does not have a disease, it was the residents obscured light due to the tree.

#### **MUSA**

Resident (2) that from those who included themselves in the recent MUSA letter, there would have been 22 signatories. It has equated to a very much 'Have this and putting it there' approach, was an approach from one of the further people who would have signed to the letter stated. The planning application must be held in abeyance until the comments are considered.

#### **Fearnehough Yard.**

Resident (3) congratulated the Council on not doing any more mowing on Fearnehough yard. Questioned any letters received from the Wrights and residents. What use the two corners will be was questioned and the costs to put in the PC's name. The resident stated that the PDNPA turned the application down years ago when the areas were looking to be sold.

Resident (4) Has the PC been served notice. It was stated that the area is a wonderful place to be as a parishioner; however they respect the people who live in Victoria Terrace. This area was once going to be a village hall. It was advised that the PC quietly withdraw and observe, awaiting all legal documentation. This area has been a lovely corner, but can see the other side.

Cllr Wright (trustee to W H Wright trust) stated that the article in UTE regarding Fearnehough, didn't make things clear. The Trustees would like to see the plot taken up by the PC. A map of Fearnehough showing plots sold and offered to the PC was handed to parishioners to view. It was reported that the PC's last letter has been taken as termination by the Trustees.

Resident (1) who pays for the deeds was questioned.

Cllr Wright (trustee) clarified that the area is being offered as a gift and that the area has been mowed by the PC since 1980. It was also clarified that no planning application, has been made.

## **MUSA**

Resident (1) stated that the proposed MUSA size is similar to the one Cox's have put up in the field, and lights would be as high as this, within 10ft of people's houses.

Cllr Wright clarified the sizings of the tennis court and proposed MUSA. Tennis court being 17m x 35 m. MUSA 20 m x 40 m.

Resident (5) reported that the MUSA is to be 80% larger than the barn up Church Lane and 34% bigger than the existing tennis court.

Resident (4) supported sport, but stated that the PC seems to have missed the resident's point of view. The resident talked of the teenager who spoke up in the APM, being fantastic. However before any plans are put in that a ballot be put to each resident.

Resident (6) queried the fact that someone who is not old enough to be on the electoral roll was permitted to speak during last years annual parish meeting.

Resident (2) questioned the questionnaire and the Pc not giving clear instructions to the WP.

Resident (5) stated that people did not realise the implications when filling out the questionnaire.

Resident (6) reported that the MUSA will look like a solid wall. Also that numerous letters had been sent to the PC which had been passed on to the WP whom are not elected members.

Resident (7) Highlighted areas of concern such as costs, parking, no explanations for this. Lowering the value of properties was also expressed. With an applaud of agreement from many parishioners in the room.

Cllr Long reported that there had been numerous meetings for residents to come to covering the MUSA, where answers to letters have been covered within.

Resident (5) questioned that that one sheet of paper was used for the survey, no space given to the size of the MUSA.

Cllr Long reported that the details of the MUSA were on display in two different locations for residents to view.

Cllr Headington highlighted that there had been consultation meetings available.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.54pm.

### **52/13 To accept apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Thompson.

### **53/13 To register items of interest relating to the agenda.**

Cllr Wright registered an interest in items relating to DCC and Fearnough Yard.

### **54/13 Minutes of the meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Headington and seconded by Cllr Long.

## **55/13 Recreation Ground.**

### **55.1 Playground.**

**55.1.1 Wet pour on swing areas.** Await Timberline and fine weather.

**55.1.2 Jumbolander matting.** Await fine weather for lawn matting to be installed.

**55.1.3 Rospa inspection.** The Clerk had been informed that the inspection will take place in 4 - 6 weeks.

**55.1.4 Moss on play surfaces.** Awaiting fine weather for B Cardona to treat.

### **55.2 Equipment for older children.**

#### **55.2.1 Progress of the MUSA pre planning application stage.**

Cllr Long reported that the WP had spoken with Sarah Foster at PDNPA to go through the planning forms/attachments. PDNPA asked for further forms and more finer detailing from the design and access statement through to photos of the proposed mesh/lighting. This information has now been gathered. It was reiterated that the plans are only to be submitted once a sports committee has been formed with a constitution. It was highlighted that the costs for an application would be met using the Bridge club donations for equipment on the rec (confirmed with the BC).

Cllr Long went through in some detail, items questioned in recent correspondence. Lightmain were contacted once again for information.

1. Lowering the structure will reduce visual impact, being lower than the tennis court by 1 metre.
2. The height of the lights have been considered. The altered lighting will have little or no impact on the light spill.
3. There had been no mention of Derwent V FL wanting to use the MUSA, it is the Longstone Baslow league that are interested.
4. Toilet/changing facilities would not be cost effective at this point and GLCC have been approached with regards to this.
5. A storage shed (8 x 6) is on the plans to house a net and electrics. PDNPA recommended that the structure be in keeping with cricket pavilions.
6. The survey included all age groups, and although sports England grants are aimed at the 14plus age group, school children are included.
7. The play area. Residents were visited by the Clerk who showed pictures of the proposed structures. A display of the structures was up for 6 months on the play area for residents to view. However due to the uprising due to the new equipment, this particular project has been taken very slowly.
8. If after plans went in, there was no funding, there would be no MUSA.
9. The structure has been moved across 1.5 metres, into the field away from the houses.
10. Tideswell and Baslows structures are larger than that being proposed, whereby they are having financial problems.
11. Lightmain recommend the structure be 20m from any bricks and mortar.
12. PDNPA are of the opinion that as the MUSA would replace the tennis court, this is like for like.

Cllr Headington highlighted that the project has been in progress for 16 - 18 months, with well attended public meetings.

Cllr Wright reported on other MUSA's around the country where planning has been refused, or usage had to be reduced due to nuisance. Distance from the properties being a problem.

Cllr Wright stated that he cannot support the MUSA anymore, due to the findings above on location. The PC ought to be looking into alternative sites, to provoke less of an uproar.

Cllr Long stated that if we cannot get planning or funding the project will not go ahead. Also that the PC requires 3 more Cllrs to sit and make judgements for everyone.

### **55.2.2 Sport Association meeting. 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.**

It was highlighted that the sports meeting to go ahead, with a constitution to be formed, the pC to review the situation following this meeting.

**55.3 Trees near cricket pavilion.** A letter had been received back from PDNPA stating that ; pruning the trees to lift the crown will help immediately; in an ideal world the trees would be further inside the site boundary a principle of slow removal and replacement is a good one. It was noted the second point had been discussed with GLCC, not seen as a good option. Cllrs to look at the site prior to the next meeting.

### **56/13 Village greens.**

**56.1 West Green moles.** Mole men had installed traps prior to snow.

**56.2 Jubilee tree.** Cllr Wright reported that the tree planting ceremony on Easter Saturday formed the final part of the jubilee celebrations. The mosaic in the bus shelter was also acknowledged as part of the ceremony.

**56.3 Tree stumps near bus shelter and lease.** The Clerk had received a letter from PDNPA, stating that the stumps and lease will be looked into towards the end of April.

### **57/13 Burial Grounds and Fearnough yard.**

Cllr Wright left the room at 8.24pm

**57.1 Fearnough.** Cllr Headington reported that the clearance of the bushes in Fearnough was following a Cllrs Walkabout in September 2012, the idea being that things would be tidied up making the mowing easier. This was discussed over several meetings. The trustees were written to along with the adjacent residents, with no objections. The costs incurred by the PC to remove the shrubs were justified. The PC also looked at registering the land as a village green, with no action taken. The pC were surprised to get a letter saying that the Trustees are selling off parts of the land, with the PC being offered the remainder of the land (PC to cover the transfer costs and land Registry). It was noted that the PC were disappointed that they had not been provided with this information earlier in the proceedings (in the 18 month process). It was decided in a closed session at the March meeting not to pay any more PC funds on this area. Residents had bought the land in good faith, with the PC having no problem with them buying land for their properties. Planning permission was discussed

The PC wrote to the trustees stating that no further maintenance would be carried out. A letter had been received back (read out). This stated that the agreement had been terminated with the PC. This also asked that the PC write back within 7 days confirming the PC accepts they have no right to register the area as a village green.

The adjacent residents had contacted the Clerk, with 3 residents offering to share the cost of paying 1/3 of the cost of the shrub removal.

It was resolved for the Clerk to write to the Trustees thanking them for their offer of land and to ask what terms are attached.

Meeting closed 8.37pm.

Meeting reopened at 8.38pm

Registration of the land and the implications were discussed.

Meeting closed 8.42pm

Meeting reopened at 8.45pm

Covenants and the land were discussed, as was that any residual value has been extracted from the land. It was also stated that the sale of the pieces of land to the respective residents had now gone through.

Cllr Wright rejoined the meeting at 8.48pm.

## **57.2 Churchyards.**

**57.2.1 Ivy.** The PCC had written to the PC asking that the ivy on the NW corner of the closed churchyard be dealt with, before it reaches the vestry wall. It was resolved for the Clerk to write to DDDC to ask for this work to be carried out, as it is in the closed churchyard.

**57.2.2 East corner of new churchyard.** The PCC had written to the PC asking for a financial contribution towards the work done on the area that ashes can be placed. To discuss at the next PC meeting.

**57.2.3 Closed churchyard, boundary wall with Church Lane.** M Hirst had approached the Chair regarding the poor condition of the wall, in particular near the stile. There had been no progress with DDDC so far. It was resolved for the Clerk to discuss with the PCC if a letter from the PC to DDDC may help.

## **58/13 Footpaths/roads.**

**58.1 Verges.** Ongoing.

**58.2 Overhanging hedges and bushes/tree branches onto streetlights.** No progress.

**58.3 Snow clearance/grit piles.** The Clerk was asked to write to DCC, congratulating them on the snow clearance this winter. It was noted that certain areas of the village were more accessible than in previous years. The Clerk highlighted that the grit piles on Moor Rd did not appear this winter. This to be noted within the letter to DCC.

The PC had not been required to authorise/fund any extra measures for snow clearance.

**58.4 Dog poo bins.** There was much discussion over the exercising of dogs off lead/dog poo left on the recreation ground. Photographic evidence and witnesses was also discussed. Clerk to put an article in UTE highlighting that the recreation ground is not an exercise area. Faeces on fields was also discussed. The movements of dog and waste bins were resolved to; move a waste bin from next to the bus shelter to the bottom of Moor Rd near the trough; move the dog bin from bottom of Station Road to near the ramp entrance to Monsal Trail; move the dog bin from near West Green to nr Footpath at field end of Edge View drive. Clerk to report these changes to DCC, with no cost to the parish, will all in favour.

**58.5 Resurfacing of public footpath no 4.** The Clerk had been informed by DCC that the surfacing is imminent, following administrative procedures by themselves. The project is classed as a priority.

## 59/13 Council Administration.

59.1 Land Registration. The Clerk had met with a local Solicitor to proceed with preparing a statement of truth and land searches for the six pieces of village green. A Cllr is required to sign to the statement of truth. It was resolved for Cllr Headington as Chair to do so. Clerk to inform Solicitor.

59.2/13 Annual Parish Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April. Clerk to put posters up.

59.3 /13 Village week. The PC are in support of village week, however are too small to organise it. The jubilee committee had got together and discussed a committee to assist organisations with publicity for events such as the Flower festival, sports day etc. It was resolved that the organisation of events for village week would not go ahead this year, due to the timescale.

59.4/13 Civil emergency plan. Cllr Wright highlighted recent events in the area when a plan was required. A resident kindly offered a plan used by their local organisation as a basis to look at for the PC. Resident to forward to Clerk.

59.5/13 Risk register. The Cllrs had copies of the 2012 register prior to the meeting. It was resolved to adopt the 2012 register. Clerk to update date on register.

## 60/13 Financial matters.

60.1 Bank reconciliation for 31 March 2013 and bank balances.

### INCOME

Rent	£263.06
Dividend	£39.53
Bank int	£3.35
	<b>£305.94</b>

EXPENDITURE      **£884.64**

### UNPRESENTED CHEQUES

Land registration	£80.00
British legion	£50.00
Axiom Zimbra	£11.60
Zedcore	£6.60
	<b>£148.20</b>

Closing balance on current account    £1,000.00

Closing balance on deposit account    £27,453.79

60.2 Quarterly financial statement.

TOTAL INCOME	1,506.86
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,837.69

#### INCOME

Reimbursable	495.00
Donations	466.67
Rents	280.05
VAT	222.26
Bank interest	3.35
Investments	39.53

#### EXPENDITURE

Admin	1,278.60
Greens	515.00
Sec 137	25.00
VAT	19.09

#### 60.3 To accept and approve payments:

D W Turner - grit		£144.00
Sarah Stokes	Admin	£349.00
	Expenses	£47.95
PPPF	subscription	£12.00
DALC	subscription	£229.45
Zedcore	email 12mth	£79.20

The payments were proposed by Cllr Headington and seconded by Cllr Long.

- 60.4 Closed churchyard and future reimbursables. DDDC had sent a letter confirming that there would be no increase in reimbursables for the mowing of this area.
- 60.5 Rental incomes. Two rents yet to be received.
- 60.6 To note Holme Meal charity dividends, above.
- 60.7 Accounts/audit. Clerk to prepare accounts for the May meeting, to be passed to the internal auditor following this. To note a later deadline than in previous years.
- 60.8 PAYE. Clerk is now inputting pay in real time.

#### 61/13 Planning matters.

61.1 Enforcement notice. Five acres Farm, Narrow gate Lane, Wardlow. Noted that the owner is to cease the use of the land for the parking and maintenance of heavy goods vehicles and trailers - 4 months from after the notice takes effect.

#### 62/13 Clerks report.

1. Asked Contractor to proceed with lawn matting for jumbolander area.

2. Asked B Cardona to treat the play area surfaces for moss.
3. Met with Sarah Foster PDNPA/along with K Fawcett and W Long, regarding the MUSA planning application.
4. Contacted PDNPA regarding the tree near the cricket pavilion.
5. Asked the lowest price Mole control company to go ahead on West Green.
6. Contacted PDNPA regarding the tree stumps and lease near the bus shelter.
7. Reported bulb out on streetlight 104309.
8. Set an appointment with a local Solicitor regarding land registration.
9. Moved APM date, booked VH, put an insert in UTE, and also let Neil Moulden know.
10. Circulated a copy of the Risk Register to Cllrs.
11. Continued preparing for the audit/accounts.
12. Requested map of 'Longstone Edge East' from PDNPA.
13. Put insert in UTE regarding Fearnehough Yard.
14. Contacted B Cardona regarding Fearnehough Yard.
15. Wrote to Trustees of Fearnehough Yard.

**63/13 To report on any items of correspondence received and agree any actions arising.**

- 14/03/13 Resident. Sports Committee. See 55/13
- 18/03/13 PDNPA. Tree to the left of cricket pavilion. See 55/13
- 18/03/13 DDDC. Community Right to Challenge. Noted.
- 18/03/13 DCC. Parish and Town Councils liaison forum, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013, County Hall, Matlock. Noted.
- 18/03/13 Resident. Fearnehough Yard. See 57/13
- 18/03/13 PDNPA. Lease agreement, land near bus shelter. See 56/13
- 19/03/13 Wright Trust. Fearnehough Yard. See 57/13
- 19/03/13 DDDC. Off street parking places order 2013. Noted.
- 22/03/13 DALC. General circular. Noted.
- 22/03/13 PDNPA. Land ownership query. Clerk had written back to PDNPA state that the PC does not supply information on properties to third parties.
- 25/03/13 PPPF. Annual liaison meeting. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013, PDNPA 6.30pm. Noted.
- 26/03/13 DCC. Derbyshire Aggregates. Noted.
- 27/03/13 DCC. Elections poster. Clerk displayed.
- 27/03/13 Resident. Fearnehough yard and churchyards. See 57/13
- 27/03/13 DCC. Walking for health. Clerk to pass details to UTE.
- 27/03/13 DCC. Derby and Derbyshire Waste Plan. Noted.
- 27/03/13 HMRC. PAYE. Noted
- 29/03/13 Stockport 061 Motor club. Event 18/19<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Pass through Longstone Edge/Monsal head 23.36 - 01.36. Noted.
- 01/04/13 Resident. Fearnehough Yard. See 57/13
- 01/04/13 Residents. MUGA. See 55/13
- 03/04/13 DDDC. St Giles Church. Mowing and Maintenance - reimbursable expenditure. See 60/13.
- 03/04/13 Grant Thornton. Audit. Noted.

**64/13 late items of correspondence.**

- 05/04/13 Trustees. Fearnehough yard. See 57/13
- 05/04/13 Residents. Fearnehough yard. See 57/13
- 08/04/13 DAIC. HMRC end of year requirements. Noted.



**65/13 Dates of next meetings.**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April Sports Association meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May PC meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June PC meeting 7.30pm

The chair closed the meeting at 9.32pm.