

GREAT LONGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH MAY 2013 IN GREAT LONGSTONE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr Headington, Cllr Hugh Wright, Cllr James Cox, Cllr Peter Thompson, Cllr Wendy Long, Sarah Stokes (Clerk), UTE and approx 23 parishioners.

Public comments.

MUSA

Resident (1) stated that the plans should be available for inspection.

Resident (2) highlighted that the recent survey demonstrated a lack of support for the proposed MUSA site. It was expressed that it would be hoped that the views of 200 members will be taken into account. The resident asked the PC to step back and review the information coming in and position.

Resident (3) expressed that the plans should be available electronically to view.

Cllr Hugh Wright joined the meeting at 7.35pm.

Working Party representative; stated that the original survey showed an over whelming support for the MUSA in the proposed location.

Cllr Wright referred to a case in the Midlands where proximity of a MUSA caused problems.

Resident (4) questioned the setting up of the working party and asked for agendas and minutes of the meetings.

Resident (3) stated that both surveys should be analysed, they are representative.

Working party representative; highlighted that the original survey was not a doorstep survey a form was sent round.

District Councillors

Resident (4) stated that the PC should be following the protocol of inviting District Councillors Judith Twigg and Neil Horton to PC meetings when they are available to do so.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.42pm.

66/13 To accept apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

67/13 To register items of interest relating to the agenda.

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

68/13 Minutes of the meeting 10th April 2013.

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

69/13 Election of Chair.

Cllr Thompson proposed Cllr Headington as Chair, seconded by Cllr Long, with all in favour.

70/13 Election of Vice Chair.

Cllr Headington proposed Cllr Long as Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Thompson.

71/13 Declarations of acceptance of Office and Register of Financial interests.

All the Cllrs signed the Declarations of acceptance of Office forms. The Clerk already holds the Register of Financial interests forms for the Cllrs.

72/13 Recreation ground.

72.1 Playground.

72.1.1 Wet pour on swing areas. No progress.

72.1.2 Jumbolander matting. The contractor has nearly completed the new matting. The area to be cordoned off for approx 1 week, contractor to remove cordoning after this period.

72.1.3 Rospa inspection. Due during May.

72.1.3 Moss. The moss has been treated.

Clerk to report on the monthly inspection sheet that 'nellie elephant' had twisted round, but was now rectified.

72.2 Equipment for older children.

72.1.1 Proposed MUSA.

Cllr Long reported on the Sports Committee meeting 18th April, which was for the purpose of those willing to be part of the committee, this was not an open meeting. The Committee asked the Parish Clerk to write to the organisations and Parishes to invite them formally to be part of the sports Committee. Cllr Long and a member of the WP also went along to the Cricket Club meeting to explain any details required on the MUSA. The cricket club support the MUSA in a more acceptable location. It was noted that the junior cricket was in decline. The tennis club and Little Longstone Parish sent in comments. The tennis club stated that they would support a MUSA if it were positioned so as not to disturb properties, by noise and general disturbance. Little Longstone have concerns over a number of issues; maintenance, current usage of tennis court, local MUSA's not being used, costs not adding up, parking, a MUSA is for a bigger place and a lack of changing facilities. Longstone and Baslow Junior Football Club would be prepared to be involved in the management of a MUSA and be part of the committee.

It was noted that a number of letters had been received since the last PC meeting and that during the well attended APM, the parishioner's highlighted the concern over the proposed location of the MUSA. It was noted that the project is at a crossroads. Putting in a planning application (planners to make the decision) alongside contacting landowners was raised along with funding deadlines. Cllr Thompson raised that from the initial survey there was a need for a facility, even with the proposal to build lower, the position is not good. It was also noted that the initial survey was a genuine survey,

and that the PC have not actually seen the other actual survey. Also that the 'other' survey forced people to decide in a certain way. Alternative lights were discussed.

Sending a letter to landowners was discussed, where evidence is there on the availability of land on the edge of the village. Possible short listing of sites was raised, coming up with the pros and cons, then to contact PDNPA, for the chances of planning.

It was proposed to hold back the planning application and contact land owners from the surrounds of the village. If any land owners come forward with regards to potential land, a closed meeting would be held to discuss this out of the public domain, with the utmost confidentiality. The Cllrs voted to contact the landowners in the immediate vicinity of the village, with 3 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

72.1.2 Tennis court. The Clerk highlighted that in the many meetings regarding the MUSA, the subject of the tennis court and who can use it has been raised. The residents of the village do not seem clear on who can use the village facility. It was resolved for Cllr Thompson to create a new 'sheet' to be attached to the tennis court and to put an article in UTE.

72.3 Trees near cricket pavilion.

There was much discussion on whether the two trees actually needed removing/replacing elsewhere or pruning. The initial request had come about from one of the trees overhanging a resident's garden. It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain quotes for the pruning of the tree, which overhangs the resident's garden.

73/13 Village greens.

73.1 West Green moles. The Clerk reported that the mole men had caught 3 moles. It was discussed whether the allotment holders could make use of the excess soil caused by any future mole hills.

73.2 Tree stumps near bus shelter and lease. The Clerk had been in contact with PDNPA, with no reply to date.

Cllr Wright left the room at 8.10pm.

74/13 Burial Grounds and Fearnough yard.

74.1 Fearnough land sale. The PC had written to the Wright Trust asking to clarify what the conditions relating to the land would be. A reply had been received stating: meeting the legal costs; retained for the benefit of the community; maintained in a neat and tidy condition; don't allow anything to occur on the property which might cause a nuisance or annoyance to adjoining owners and occupiers. The conditions are a request by the Trust, as they will not be retaining any adjacent land.

No response had been received from the village. Areas discussed; The Wrights keeping and maintaining the area; using it for allotments as there is a need (waiting list), with the allotments being a facility for the village (no water on site and it being a shaded plot were highlighted); costs to the Parish in the form of legal fees; costs to the parish in the form of maintenance costs paid out.

It was resolved to write to the Wright Trust requested that the land be gifted with no legal costs to be incurred by the Parish, with a view to looking into the areas being used for allotments for the village.

Cllr Wright rejoined the meeting.

74.2 Ivy and wall – Closed churchyard. The Clerk reported that she had written to DDDC requesting that the Ivy be dealt with. The work is to be carried out by DDDC imminently. On the request of the PCC the Clerk has written to DDDC regarding the wall in disrepair in particular near to the style. No reply has been received regarding the wall.

74.3 New burial ground, financial contribution request from the PCC for the ashes area. Areas discussed; the church being open to all, the church gaining a fee for weddings/burials etc, the church relying on the congregation, different set ups in other villages i.e. joint PCC/PC organisation, religion, previous PC's given money. Cllr Wright proposed the PC contribute 20% of the cost for the ashes area being £240 as a one off contribution, this was seconded by Cllr Long, with Cllr Headington against and the rest in favour. Cheque to be raised at the next meeting.

75/13 Footpaths/roads.

75.1 Verges. The Clerk reported that DDDC had written stating that grass verges within the village will be cut every three weeks.

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

75.3 Dog poo bins. The Clerk reported that she had been round the village with a representative from DDDC discussing the PC's proposed resiting of dog bins/bins. Specific sites have been identified. DDDC have said that the dog bin on Station Rd, may remain with a new litter bin going in on the right of the ramp onto the Monsal Trail (due to the area being well used). A letter had been received asking why a bin be put at the bottom on Moor Rd, as there is no litter problem. It was highlighted that the relocation of the bins from both West Green and the bus shelter are being moved to the end of Edge View and Moor Rd/Butts on request from Parishioners. It was resolved to continue for DDDC to move the bins, with the bins to be monitored for usage/effectiveness. It was also noted that poo is being left on the pathway adjacent to the play area/cricket pavilion. Also that the bin/dog bin around the play area are full to overflowing on a regular basis. Clerk to Contact DDDC with regards to emptying these bins on a more regular basis. To monitor overflowing bins and bin usage of those being moved.

75.4 Mowing schedule. See 75.1

75.5 Resurfacing public footpath no. 4. No report on the proposed imminent works.

76/13 Council Administration.

76.1 Land Registration. The Cllrs to go into the Solicitors with ID. Clerk has been asked if the PC have a copy of the Counsels opinion by a C A Settle QC, referred to in a copy of the relevant minutes. The Clerk has contacted the records office.

76.2 Civil Emergency plan. Cllr Thompson reported on a government document that allows communities to insert their details and use this as a basis. Contact details are required though for those who could help in such a situation i.e. tractor drivers etc. The subject of a defibrillation unit in the village was also raised as a follow up to the APM. Where by volunteers could be trained to use the equipment (computerised clear instructions on equipment).

76.3 Date for inspection of Council owned land. Clerk to identify dates for the end of September.

77/13 Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chair reported on the content of the meeting; Chairs report, slide show of Jubilee by History group, Presentation by Neil Moulden DDCVS (support for local community groups). The MUSA; survey

auditor asap. The Clerk to update the recreation ground funds sheet and circulate to the Cllrs, for an accurate summary of the funds available.

80/13 Planning matters.

80.1 Parish Council consultation. NP/DDD/0413/0316. 1 Edge View Drive. Extension to house.

PC Comment: No comments.

80.2 Planning decision notice. NP/DDD/0113/0040. 17 The Meadows. Alteration and extension to domestic dwelling. GRANTED.

It was noted that a representative from Wardlow Parish would like to come to a meeting to talk about Five Acres Farm, Wardlow (as a new planning application is due). The Clerk informed them of the next meeting date and times for public speaking.

81/13 Police matters and neighbourhood watch.

There was a report of two thefts, being parts from a land rover and a trailer, both were used in the theft. Residents to make a note of number plates if see suspicious vehicles.

82/13 Clerks report.

1. Attended and took notes at Sports meeting.
2. Attended and minuted the Annual Parish Meeting.
3. Wrote to the Wright Trustees regarding Fearnehough.
4. Wrote to DDDC regarding the ivy in the closed churchyard.
5. Contacted M Hirst regarding the wall in the closed churchyard.
6. Wrote to DCC regarding the snow clearance.
7. Attended a site visit with DDDC - dog poo bins.
8. Contacted Cockertons with regards to the land registration - statement.
9. Updated Risk register - date.
10. Chased outstanding rents.
11. Prepared the accounts.
12. Passed details of walking for health to UTE.

83/13 To report on any items of correspondence received and agree any actions arising.

12/04/13 PDNPA. Stalled Reviews of old mineral permissions and prohibition orders. Further maps had been sent by Peak Park, Cllrs viewed.

12/04/13 Cockertons. Statement of Truth - land registration. See 76.1.

12/03/13 DDDC. Highway verge grass cutting in Longstone. See 75.1.

15/04/13 DCC. 2013 events fund. A sports fund.

18/04/13 Tennis club. MUSA. See 72.1.1.

19/04/13 DDDC. Notice of poll and polling places. Put on noticeboard.

22/04/13 DCC. Rights of Way Maintenance agreement 2013/2014. Clerk to return form regarding reimbursable.

22/04/13 RBS. Overdraft annual reminder. Noted.

19/04/13 Wright Trustees. Fearnehough. See 74.1.

22/04/13 Sports committee. PC representation. See 72.1.1.
23/04/13 Student. Green lane use. Email had been passed to Cllrs.
23/04/13 Local business. MUSA parking. See 72.1.1.
23/04/13 Cockertons. Land registration. See 76.1.
25/04/13 Co Owner. MUSA. See 72.1.1.
25/04/13 Relative of resident. MUSA.
26/04/13 DALC. General circular. Noted.
27/04/13 Longstone and Baslow Junior Football Club. Sports Management Committee for MUSA. See 72.1.1
29/04/13 DALC. General circular. Noted.
29/04/13 HMRC. PAYE. Noted.
28/04/13 Derbyshire and Lancashire Gliding Club. Event. 4th May 2013. Noted.
29/04/13 Clerks and Councils Direct. May 2013. Noted.
29/04/13 Resident. MUSA plans. See 72.1.1.
29/04/13 Resident/s Misinformation on play area. Noted.
30/04/13 Resident. Rubbish bin. See 75.3.
01/05/13 DCC. Snow clearance. DCC have stated that the three grit piles on Moor Road, will be in place for next winter.
01/05/13 Wardlow PM. Five Acres Farm. The Clerk had let the PM know when the June meeting of the PC takes place.
01/05/13 Little Longstone PM. Sports Committee/MUSA. See 72.1.1.
01/05/13 Residents. MUSA/survey results. See 72.1.1

84/13 Late items of correspondence.

06/05/13 GLCC. Sports management committee. See 72.1.1
06/05/13 PDNPA. Tree work, The Manor. Noted.
06/05/13 Holmemeal statements. Noted.
06/05/13 Hassop PM. Change of Clerk. Noted.

85/13 Date of next meetings.

Wednesday 12th June at 7.30pm.

It was noted that a closed meeting may have to be held prior to the June PC meeting, if any Landowners come forward regarding the MUSA.

Wednesday 10th July at 7.30pm

August meeting to be discussed.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.20pm.