

## GREAT LONGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013 IN GREAT LONGSTONE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr Simon Headington, Cllr James Cox, Cllr Hugh Wright, Cllr Peter Thompson, Cllr Wendy Long, Sarah Stokes (Clerk), UTE, Cllrs Twigg and Horton and approx 26 parishioners.

#### Public comments.

#### MUSA/MUGA

*District Cllr Judith Twigg*, thanked the PC for allowing her to speak at the meeting and asked that the PC provide her with details of when future meetings are. She stated that pre election when she had been around the village there had been many people commenting on the MUSA and floodlights. She listed the following questions/areas to the PC : Have local residents been fully informed; will it be an artificial surface; access for emergency vehicles; first aid being available; times of operation; light pollution; provision of a toilet block; a running track; a sports pavilion; Les Warren from DDDC to come and hold a public meeting to talk about MUGA/MUSA's as he has not been out , also the question of contact/visits/involvement with DDDC on the project; Is it a MUGA or a MUSA as they are not the same thing, and Neil Moulden from DDCVS being involved. The Cllr asked for answers to the above, highlighting that a MUSA has a running track.

*The PC* confirmed that Les Warren had been out on two site meetings. The PC also confirmed that the project had been ongoing for approx 5 - 6 years and came about after annual village days, raising the requirement for facilities for younger people. A working party was then set up to look into this, followed by well attended consultation meetings and a questionnaire. The survey got a good response. A second survey had been carried out by residents. Changes were then made following this, such as the moving away from boundaries. The plans were put up in a number of locations. At the APM there was an overwhelming support for the concept but in a more suitable location. The PC then recently contacted land owners. The PC stated the information is on the website and the PC had provided Cllr Twigg with information prior to the meeting.

*District Cllr Twigg* offered information on the MUGA/MUSA from Sports England and a copy of the letter from Les Williams confirming his input on the project. Cllr Twigg requested a copy of the survey and queried light pollution again. The Cllr suggested that the PC invite Les Williams to a public meeting, as there are so many rumours and that if an Officer came this would help with the public's understanding.

Resident (1) questioned the setup of the working party and the terms of reference. The resident also questioned who was able to come to the setting up of the sports committee meeting and the fact that letters were forwarded on to the working party with only an acknowledgement from the PC. The resident also asked if the MUSA is for Longstone residents.

*The PC* stated that the WP was not a subcommittee; it was set up to help do the background, with no power to make decisions. Also that the MUSA has always been for Longstone residents.

## **FIVE ACRES FARM, WARDLOW**

Two representatives from Wardlow PM stood and talked about the planning application on the agenda. The PM is grateful for the previous support of the PC. It was highlighted that the owner of the above has purchased another site at Doveholes but the lorries are still not being moved from Five Acres. The owner of the property has not abided by the regulations. Highways and the road width was also a concern. There was also concern over the potential escalating number of vehicles.

## **GLCC/ Bridge Club**

Resident (2), Referred to UTE whereby it had stated that the cricket club asked the PC for a grant, referring to the tea hut. The resident stated that the last grant was 29 years ago. The resident also referred to the using of a Bridge club donation for a MUGA, which was for the play area.

## **FEARNEHOUGH YARD**

Cllr Wright (W H Wright Trust) referred to the Wrights offer of the land. The Wrights hope the Pc take up the land at Fearnehough.

## **MUSA/MUGA**

Resident (3) Reinforced the validity of the residents survey.

Resident (4) questioned why the resident's signed survey was ignored (165 people). Also why the PC had not thanked the residents for their efforts in the door to door survey, it has been ignored. The resident also asked that the amended plans be made public, all plans should be on the website.

*The PC* stated that there has always been the offer to view the plans.

Resident (5) showed a 'map' of the rec's houses demonstrating those that were represented at the AGM.

Resident (6) questioned the grants, with the proposed grant being £50,000 towards the cost of the proposed MUSA being £160,000. The PC should be identifying the full funding sources prior to a planning application. The question of any offers of private funding and the supplementing of funds.

Resident (7) asked if in view of all the concerns the PC is going to reconsider its position with regards to planning.

*WP representative* clarified, not to forget the MUSA is a proposal and there may be more revisions to it.

Resident (1) stated that everything is changing; football field, toilet blocks.

The PC stated that the project is a moving process and the plans came about due to consultation.

Resident (4) stated he is very frustrated and not satisfied that answers have not been given, letters not responded to and asked for an open village meeting. The village has not been listened to.

Resident (8) stated that there is depth of feeling in the parish and that there is a feeling that there is a group that will go ahead with a MUSA in whatever form. 'Your attitude is shameful'. The resident requested a village meeting.

*The PC* asked if the resident had come to any of the village meetings.

The Chair opened the meeting at 8pm.

#### **86/13 To accept any apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence. The Chair highlighted that there are 3 vacancies on the PC.

#### **87/13 Declarations of business interests.**

Cllr Wright registered an interest in items relating to DCC and Fearnehough yard. Cllr Cox registered an interest in item 9.2, referring to payment to his employer.

#### **88/13 Minutes of the meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013.**

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

#### **89/13 Recreation Ground.**

##### **89.1 Playground.**

**89.1.1 Wet pour.** To await Rospa report on any action.

**89.1.2 Jumbolander matting.** The matting is complete and the grass is growing through as planned.

**89.1.3 Rospa Inspection.** An unaccompanied Rospa inspection was carried out on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

The Clerk/Cllrs were unable to accompany the Rospa Rep, due to the very short notice. Awaiting the report.

Cllr Thompson had inspected the area, with nothing to report on the monthly inspection sheet.

##### **89.2 Equipment for older children.**

**89.2.1 Alternative land for MUSA.** The Clerk with the assistance of PDNPA (landowner information) had written to landowners. 5 verbal and 2 written replies were received, with no offers of land.

**89.2.2 Next stage for proposed MUSA.** Cllr Long had a prepared presentation incorporating an extract from a young parishioner that week 'Recreation ground - as defined within social Sciences and human geography is interpreted as open space for public recreation, especially one in a town, with swings and slides etc, for children and possible sports facilities. Often (informal) shortened to rec. The Cllr having summarised the position of the project from support, lobbying group to land. The cllr then stated:

'It is with this shifting support and lack of backing to form a strong sports committee that I propose that the plans be shelved for now, being kept in a state of readiness to submit at the first opportunity should a viable sports committee be formed at some future date'.

The Cllr then went on to propose that if the PC agrees to the proposal, perhaps to concentrate on refurbishing the tennis court and integrate a multi use to its function - removable nets, goal ends and stronger meshing.

Cllr Wright put forward the suggestion of a games area that isn't enclosed, possibly central on the rec.

Cllr Thompson highlighted the need for a facility for teenagers who don't have any facilities in the village.

The Chair proposed:

1. To put the current plans on hold, there is not a viable sports committee at this point in time.

Cllr Thompson seconded this with 4 in favour and 1 abstention.

Cllr Long proposed:

2. To look at what can be done with the tennis court, with no changes to boundaries and no lighting.

With all in favour.

**89.3 Tennis court notice.** Cllr Thompson reported that he had fixed a new sign to the tennis court, to show clearly who can use the tennis court. Cllr Thompson to remove the old board and also to pass a copy of the notice to UTE.

**89.4 Goal Posts.** A letter had been received from Longstone and Baslow Junior Football Club regarding grants towards new football posts, the letter was read out highlighting that 50% funding can be claimed back, with an approximate cost to the parish of £275 (50% grant taken off). The Clerk to gain clarification of the specific costs to the Parish including the installation costs and confirmation of the location of the goals being in the same place.

**89.5 Tree near cricket pavilion.** The Clerk had received a quote for the pruning of the tree. It was proposed for the tree surgeon to go ahead with the work, however asking the neighbouring property if the offer of a contribution towards the costs is still available, with all in favour.

**90/13 Village Greens.**

**90.1 Tree stumps near bus shelter and lease.** The Clerk reported that PDNPA had carried out work to the area adjacent to the bus shelter, being; soil and leaf litter built up around the stumps, the surrounds trimmed and seeded with grass seed and wildflower seeds. The grinding of stumps was not chosen due to the proximity of the water main and fire hydrant. The PC resolved to accept the work that has been carried out with no further action. To await the lease.

**91/13 Burial Grounds and Fearnough yard.**

Cllr Wright left the room at 8.30pm.

**91.1 Land sale at Fearnough yard.** The Chair gave an overview of the area owned by the Wright Trust and its maintenance; with the payment of £500 for the removal of shrubs where neighbours and the Trust were consulted. The PC at the last meeting looked at the idea of allotments. PDNPA were asked for advice on this, this being a field they would allow allotments. There had been two (nearby) Residents letters this month regarding the area, one being appose to allotments and a letter from the Wright Trust. With the restrictions set out by the Wright Trust (PC paying legal costs,

Trustees to register land as a village green, the Chair proposed that the Clerk write to the Wright Trust, thanking them for their kind offer, however the PC will not be accepting the offer of the land, this was seconded by Cllr Long with all in favour (to note Cllr Wright not in room).

Cllr Wright rejoined the meeting at 8.40pm.

**91.2 Ivy and wall - Closed churchyard.** The Clerk reported that she was awaiting confirmation that the Ivy work had been carried out by DDDC. DDDC are also looking into funding for the Closed churchyard wall adjacent the roadside.

### **92/13 Footpaths/roads.**

**92. 1 Verges.** The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with DDDC, with regards to the small verge in front of West Green which is not getting cut. They are looking into this.

**92.2 Overhanging hedges and bushes/tree branches onto streetlights.** Clerk to write to DCC highlighting that a streetlight bulb is out on Station Rd also that two areas of street lighting are obscured by overhanging trees (in the areas vicinity of 'The Lodge').

**92.3 Dog poo/waste bins.** The Clerk reported that the waste bins had been moved and that having chased the dog poo bin, this will be moved imminently. It was discussed that the new bin at the ramp Monsal trail is being very well used. Signage to highlight the bin availability was discussed. Clerk to ask PDNPA to look into signage. The Clerk also to put the stickers provided by DDDC on appropriate positions of the waste bins, highlighting that they can be used for bagged dog poo.

**92.4 Resurfacing public footpath no4.** The Clerk has been informed that the work will be carried out within the current financial year, under the budget/organisation of the Rights of Way department.

### **93/13 Council Administration.**

**93.1 Land Registration.** Cllr Headington had visited Cockertons to do the statement of truth for the village greens.

The meeting closed for a closed session at 8.55pm

The meeting re opened at 9.05pm.

The subject of a more up-to-date map and clarification of a certain area of green which had changed since the original map, Clerk and Cllrs to look into.

**93.2 Civil emergency plan.** Cllr Thompson reported that the plan is ongoing. A risk assessment will be required.

**93.3 Inspection of Council owned Land.** A date for September to be confirmed in August.

**93.4 Affordable Housing.** Representative from DDDC and Peak Rural Housing Association to attend the July PC meeting. This was following a request at the AGM.

### **94/13 Financial Matters.**

94.1 Bank reconciliation for 31 May 2013 and bank balance.

INCOME - none

EXPENSES - £1438.41

## UNPRESENTED CHEQUES

Land Registration	£80.00
British Legion	£50.00
Axiom Zimbra	£11.60
	<b>£141.60</b>

Closing balance on current account	£1,000.00
Closing balance on deposit account	£41,930.62

94.2 To accept and approve payments.

Sarah Stokes	Admin	£349.00
	Expens	£91.90
Parochial Church Council	Ashes area	£240.00
Helen Daniels	Audit	£105.00
Information C. Office	Data Prot	£35.00
T W Cox	Safety mat	£1,230.00
B Cardona	Mowing	£1350.00
C Barnes	Mowing	£1,050.00

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

94.3 Rents. The Clerk reported that all rents to date are now received.

94.4 Printer. The Clerk had looked into printers, Clerk/Chair to look further at this.

94.5 Minor Maintenance reimbursable expenditure. It has been highlighted by DDDC that leaf clearance at the bottom of Bells Style cannot be claimed for.

94.6 HMRC. Due to the new free payroll system/HMRC real time, there was a delay (4 days late) in putting in the 'Employer annual return' through to HMRC. HMRC were eventually required to take the PC off Real Time in order for the EAR to be processed this took 48 hours. The PC has received a bill for £100 for the 4 days late, even though they were made aware of the problem which involved their systems. It was resolved for the Clerk to appeal the penalty notice (Clerk to check for any clauses to not paying at this point).

### **95/13 Internal Audit and annual accounts 2012/2013.**

The Chair reported that the internal audit report had been received and that things are in good order, a very different situation to 3 years ago. The Chair duly signed the annual return form, with the Clerk to return the relevant forms for the external audit.

### **96/13 Planning matters.**

*96.1 Notification of enforcement appeal. Five Acres Farm, Narrowgate Lane, Wardlow. Change of use of land/buildings to parking and maintenance of lorries and trailers. Noted.*

*96.2 Appeal decision. Appeal Ref: APP/M9496/A/12/2188958. Five Acres Farm, Narrow Gate Lane, Wardlow. Amendments to agricultural building for agricultural office/canteen building and first floor ancillary residential accommodation. Decision: The Appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for amendments to the building. Noted.*

96.3 *Parish Council Consultation.* NP/DDD/0413/0339 Five Acres Farm, Narrow gate Lane, Wardlow. Use of yard for parking 2 lorries for commercial use, recreational vintage lorry and recreational competition tractor hauling unit, all in addition to existing use of yard for agricultural purposes.

PC Comment: The PC object - planning history of the site. The initial application was granted as an agricultural unit.

96.4 *Appeal decision.* Appeal Ref: APP/M9496/A/13/212999. Shacklow, Mires Lane. Refers to the hedgerow as a boundary. Appeal - 'appeal should be allowed'. Noted.

### **97/13 Police matters and neighbourhood watch.**

It was reported that a vehicle had been stolen from Ashford/down from Thornbridge education centre.

### **98/13 Clerks report.**

1. Enquired into ROSPA date.
2. Sent a letter to landowners regarding proposed sites for the MUSA/Liased with PDNPA on field ownership.
3. Contacted tree surgeon for quote for white beam.
4. Chased PDNPA regarding the tree stumps and lease.
5. Wrote to Wright trust regarding Fearnehough.
6. Contacted DDDC regarding the dog poo and waste bins near to the rec. being emptied more frequently.
7. Chased resurfacing of Footpath no 4.
8. In correspondence with Solicitor over land reg. Of village greens.
9. Identified dates for land inspection.
10. Contacted the previous contact for Affordable Housing.
11. Chased outstanding rent.
12. Looking into printer alternatives.
13. Sent accounts to internal auditor.
14. Returned form for rights of way maintenance agreement.

### **99/13 To report on any items of correspondence received and agree any actions arising.**

- 10/05/13 Resident Victoria Terrace. Fearnehough Yard. See 91.1
- 10/05/13 DALC. Circular. HR Workshops. Clerk to attend free HR workshop.
- 13/05/13 DCC. Limitations of work under the minor maintenance agreement. See 94.5
- 14/05/13 DDDC. Affordable Housing. See 93.4
- 15/05/13 Longstone and Baslow Junior Football Club. Football goals. See 89.4
- 16/05/13 Aon. Local Council Insurance renewed. Noted.
- 17/05/13 PDNPA. Planning service bulletin 01. May 2013. Noted.
- 17/05/13 PCC. Fearnehough Yard. See 91.1
- 20/05/13 RTB. Latest May 2013. Noted.

21/05/13 HMRC. Employer Annual return. Clerk acted upon. Noted.  
23/05/13 Resident. Waiting list for allotments. Noted.  
24/05/13 Internal Auditor. Completion of internal audit. See 95/13  
24/05/13 PDNPA. Land adjacent the Vicarage. See 91.1  
24/05/13 DDDC. Area Community Forum, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013, at 7pm ABC, Bakewell. Noted.  
26/05/13 DCC. Cllr Judith Twigg. The Recreation Ground. Noted.  
29/05/13 DD CVS. Derbyshire Dales District Council Car parking review. Noted.  
29/05/13 PDNPA. Lease and tree stumps near bus shelter. See 90/13  
31/05/13 DCC. Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6 - 7.30pm County Hall, Matlock. Noted.  
03/06/13 Resident. Fearnehough yard. 91.1  
03/06/13 DDDC. Arts matters summer edition. Noted.  
03/06/13 DALC. General circular. On line banking. Noted.  
04/06/13 PDNPA. Quinquennial review of listed buildings and grade II heritage at risk project. Noted.  
05/06/13 PDNPA. Tree Stumps and lease. See 90/13  
05/06/13 Wright Trust. Fearnehough Yard. See 91.1

#### **100/13 Late items of correspondence.**

09/06/13 Tree surgeon. Quote for pruning of white beam. See 89.5  
10/06/13 PDNPA. Allotment site. See 91.1  
12/06/13 HM Revenue and customs - end of year return penalty. See 94.6  
12/06/13 DDDC. Sports award 2013. Noted.

#### **101/13 Dates of next meetings.**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7.30pm  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.30pm

August meeting to be discussed at next meeting.

The Clerk to do a letter of thanks to the working party and juniors.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.35pm.