

## GREAT LONGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 IN GREAT LONGSTONE VILLAGE HALL

**Present.** Cllr Wendy Long (Chair), Cllr Simon Headington (Vice Chair), Cllr Jane Rigby, Cllr Caroline Briggs, Cllr James Cox, Cllr Phil Barrett, Julia Morgans (LEAP), Sara Barrett (wildlife project), 4 parishioners and County Cllr Sutton.

The meeting was opened at 7pm.

1. **Apologies for absence.** There were no apologies.
2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023.** The minutes were proposed by Cllr Long and seconded by Cllr Briggs.
3. **Chairs report.** The Chairs report highlighted: King; Dan Cox leaving/still helping; Jane Rigby joining the Cllrs; David Cadenhead joining the Cllrs until election; Jubilee; variety of PC jobs – mainly updating of admin/financial systems; looking at rewilding; Thornbridge Hall outcome; thanks to Sarah Stokes, (Clerk) and Simon Headington (Vice Chair), also parishioner's and LEAP.
4. **Persons on electoral roll.** Matters to raise.

#### Church yard maintenance/wildlife project

*Simon Headington* (as a resident): summary of the churchyard maintenance situation with regards to mowing and maintenance/funds for this from DDDC not increasing; little been done in last 20 years, prior to clearance work (by Simon/removal of debris – Dan and Tom Cox); went through different areas of churchyard; look at a volunteer group; cutting back twice a year; need seeds/plants.

*Sara Barrett:* Ideas have grown; 'gods acre'; Simon has cleared areas/inc. ivy; look at plants that are shade tolerant; will need to purchase seed and harvest seed; get locals and school involved; look at planting in grassland and shade; involve those who like growing; different people could be involved in planting or clearing; record keeping, need community support; making the churchyard more accessible.

To note report produced by Sarah Barrett 'Great Longstone wildlife project'.

*Simon Headington:* Raised that mowing tenders will go up next time; look to cut less grass in future; if leave the area alone brambles take over;

*Resident 1;* clarify which areas are planned as part of the project; what mowing standards are set. Residents could learn what to do in their own garden through taking part in the project.

*Simon Headington:* PC has money for mowing and maintenance; may not need to mow around the back if do re wilding; memorials had disappeared in some areas pre-cut back; share ideas of wildflower project with PCC/ have been given a copy of the report by Sara Barrett; Simon going on a Diocese churchyard maintenance course via the PCC. Ivy needs to be sprayed off.

*Sara Barrett;* Look to call the project a 'wildlife project' rather than rewilding; wildlife projects can look more managed; looking at 2/3 days work per year when project set up; records to be kept;

*Cllr Long.* Would be a good idea to put something together for UTE; raised that when looking at rewilding the rec is a sports area; hedgehogs noted as being on there.

*Resident 2.* Surprised what comes up in own garden when leave it. Good to leave some ivy for butterflies.

Ivy on walls noted.

Cllr Sutton left the meeting at 7.23 pm.

Resolved; for the PC to ask a contractor to treat the ivy (not on the walls); point of contact Sara Barret/supported by Simon Headington, Leap/Sara/Simon to put something in UTE – arrange a meeting for July.

*LEAP.* Well dressing – working with school on ideas for a theme, possible wildflower project/church.

*Resident 1.* Could the PC ask for a right of way sign for Croft Rd, leading in the direction of Edge View Drive, nr the post box. Resident asked about the cricket pavilion situation.

*Cllr Long;* Explained the cricket club are supposed to cut the square/land belongs to the PC/ buildings belong to Cricket club/ Village Hall arrange/ask to use the pavilion for the fell race.

*Cllr Barrett:* Noted that Bakewell cricket Club has gone, as not playing a league.

*Cllr Headington:* The CC pay the insurance on the buildings.

*Resident 2* thanked the PC from the parishioners.

The chair closed the meeting at 7.28pm.