

# LONG BENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ACCEPTED MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

	<b>Public Forum</b>	
	Suspended for this month.	
	<b>Remote Zoom Meeting commenced at 7.32pm</b>	
	<b>Present via video and audio</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Martin Wright(MMW), Geoff Fearn (GF), Daryl Walton(DW), Iain Lyon(IL), John Leventhall (JL), Ross Warman (RW), Carole Lee (CL), Stephen Pearson (SP), Mick Brooks (MB), Paul Wood (PW), Mick Walker (MW), County Cllr Alexander Maughan (AM) and Jane Evans (Clerk)	
<b>18/498</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	Apologies accepted.	
<b>18/499</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	GF and JL declared an interest in Item 6 Planning applications - S20/0775 Ablewhite	
<b>18/500</b>	<b>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising from Previous Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020</b>	
	<p><u>Matters Arising</u> 18/489 – Other Planning issues – PW confirmed he has not had a further update following the site visit by the case officer. To chase.</p> <p>It was confirmed the applicant s20/0321Bennington Blooms has been recommended to submit a planning application with restriction on working hours.</p> <p>18/490 – no further update. Diary to next month</p> <p>18/494 – it was confirmed no response has been received regarding the enquiry for indemnity insurance for Lbert volunteers. To chase.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>AM Clerk</p>
<b>18/501</b>	<b>County Council &amp; District Council Report</b>	
	<p><u>County Councillor</u> Cllr Maughan referred to the outstanding lorry parking survey and confirmed a survey is planned for June and perhaps a further one in August. Cllrs were advised Lincs CC are investigating undertaking junction improvements at the interchange at the south end of the village (near island at Church Lane/Marshall Way). A funding bid is to be submitted but Lincs CC to part fund, together with Foston PC, a continuation of the footpath on the bends in Marshall Way leading to Foston.</p> <p><u>District Councillor</u> It was confirmed the SKDC waste collection service has continued as normal throughout the lockdown period and some SKDC staff have been furloughed, with a large percentage of other staff continuing to work from home. PW advised Cllr meeting and planning meetings are to be done via Skpe for the foreseeable future and there is a backlog of decisions on major planning applications.</p>	
<b>18/502</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
	<p><u>Applications</u> – S20/0711 Ablewhite. Application for the erection of annexe accommodation to farmhouse at Ashes Farm, Sewstern Lane, Long Bennington. RESOLVED not to object but suggest to SKDC that an agricultural tie is included in the planning conditions.</p> <p>S20/0775 Ablewhite Application for outline planning for the erection of 48 dwellings at 4 Elm Close Long Bennington. RESOLVED to object on grounds of safety concerns over site access, local drainage problems, impact in</p>	

	<p>infrastructure.  <u>Planning Approvals</u> –see agenda.  <u>Planning Refusals</u> - none  <u>Planning Appeals/Withdrawals</u> – none  <u>Other planning issues</u> – S20/0195 GB Holdings – see 18/504  Cllrs referred to the public speaking invitation in connection with the proposed drive thru coffee shop at Toll Bar Road. It was RESOLVED PW is to make representation on behalf of the PC. Previous comments on the application are to be forward to PW for info.</p>	PW Clerk
<b>18/503</b>	<b>Covid-19 – to discuss impact on village and raise any potential issues that the PC can assist with.</b>	
	<p>Cllrs were advised the Lbert phone lines are now much quieter.</p> <p>When discussing opening of facilities, Cllrs were advised there has been incidents of gatherings at the weir off Westborough Lane. It Was agreed that any anti-social behaviour is to be reported via 101.</p>	
<b>18/504</b>	<b>Fen Lane Illegal Waste Site – to discuss recent communications from residents and current environmental issues.</b>	
	<p>AM advised the EA are focussed on investigations and a restriction order has now been posted on site. Statements have been taken from local residents. The landowner is responsible for cleaning the site both above and below ground and this may take up to 12 months.  PW confirmed SKDC have advised application S20/0195 GB Holdings will be refused.  It was suggested and agreed AM is to continue to liaise with the EA to ensure action continues with no further delays. This is to be reported monthly as an agenda item.</p>	AM/Clerk
<b>18/505</b>	<b>Review of Social Media &amp; Communications Policy – to approve revised/merged policy</b>	
	RESOLVED to approve the revised policy	
<b>18/506</b>	<b>Internal audit – to discuss and approve</b>	
	Cllrs were referred to the internal audit report and associated supporting documents. The report was acknowledged, approved and a £100 gift approved for the internal auditor.	Clerk
<b>18/507</b>	<b>External Audit AGAR – To approve Section 1 and Section 2</b>	
	<p>Cllrs were referred to Section one of the AGAR 2019/20 and RESOLVED to approve the return circulated ahead of the meeting.  Cllrs were referred to Section two of the AGAR 2019/20 and RESOLVED to approve the return circulated ahead of the meeting.  Fixed Assets register – updated version approved.</p>	
<b>18/508</b>	<b>Insurance Renewal – to formally approve renewal of long term contract and renewal premium £2736.34</b>	
	Councillors RESOLVED to accept/approve the insurance renewal and the payment of £2736.34 by cheque was approved.	
<b>18/509</b>	<b>Chairman and Clerk’s Report</b>	
	<p><u>Chairman’s Report</u>  No report  <u>Clerks Report</u>  Councillors were referred to the attached report.  No further questions were raised.</p>	
<b>18/510</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
	<p>Councillors were referred to the attached schedule of invoices for payment totalling £4511.39  Resolved – to pay the invoices.</p>	

	<p>Community Cleaner hours worked and payment – approved.</p> <p>RESOLVED to increase the budget allowed for PFMC expenditure to £20,515 and the overall budget for ye 2021 increased by £10k to reflect the grant received from InvestSK</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve a new standing order for £5.99 re Microsoft 365.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<b>18/511</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
	<p>Playing Fields Management Committee – Cllrs were advised field maintenance has continued (done by Steve Rowley), a summary of required small repairs to the facility was provided, the tennis courts may open soon, the bowls club has reopened and it was confirmed flood damage to the MUGA and MSF requires extensive repairs. The approx. cost of repairs to be done is £6850. Cllrs were advised the InvestSK grant monies would be used for maintenance purposes only.</p> <p>Village Hall Management Committee – it was confirmed decoration works are being done and there is now an internet connection for the Post Office.</p> <p>School Liaison – no report</p> <p>Emergency Planning Group Report – no report</p> <p>Road Safety –no speed checks have been done in the lockdown period. It was confirmed that a recent police speed check stopped 13 vehicles, issuing the drivers with a fixed penalty.</p> <p>Police Report – no report</p> <p>Footpaths &amp; Streetlights – the path leading from Church Street to the river is overgrown and is to be reported.</p> <p>Communications Committee – SP advised new drainage works are being done at the telephone exchange on Vicarage Lane to prevent future outage as a result of flooding.</p> <p>Witham Meadow Project Report – Cllrs were advised that there has been some vandalism at Witham Meadow, with most of the recently planted tree being removed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<b>18/512</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	Councillors referred to attached list of correspondence received during the last month – no questions raised.	
<b>18/513</b>	<b>Items for next agenda and Parish News Report.</b>	
	<p>Progress on flood alleviation plans</p> <p>Lorry parking</p> <p>GF advised he was undertaking drainage works on his land to assist with local flood alleviation.</p>	
<b>18/514</b>	<b>Date of next meeting - 6th July 2020</b>	
	<b>Meeting Closed 9.32pm.</b>	
	<p><b>Signed.....</b>                      <b>Designation.....</b></p> <p><b>Date.....</b></p>	