

**LONG BENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
ACCEPTED MINUTES of the ANNUAL Parish Council Meeting  
Held Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020

	<b>Public Forum</b>	
	Suspended for this month.	
	<b>Remote Zoom Meeting commenced at 7.30pm</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), County Cllr Alexander Maughan (AM) and Jane Evans (Clerk)	
<b>18/484</b>	<b>Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman</b>	
	MMW was proposed and seconded as Chairman for a further year. Position accepted. GF was proposed and seconded as Vice-Chairman for a further year. Position accepted.	
<b>18/485</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	Mick Walker due to personal circumstances Apologies accepted.	
<b>18/486</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	GF declared and interest in Item 6 Planning approvals S19/1886	
<b>18/487</b>	<b>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising from Previous Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020</b>	
	<u>Matters Arising</u> Public Forum – Parking outside the Co-op. No evidence has been received from residents from Lime Close and it was agreed no further approached to LCC would be made without further supporting information. 18/459 (18/437) – it was reported the pothole still hasn't been repaired and no action has been taken regarding the surface water problem at the junction at Church Street. AM advised he would chase LCC, Highways 18/469 – the bollard has not been reported – to be done  It was RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.	AM Clerk
<b>18/488</b>	<b>County Council &amp; District Council Report</b>	
	<u>County Councillor</u> Cllr Maughan gave a summary of LCC involvement in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. It was confirmed that via established contacts in China, LCC is helping the NHS with 10,000 items of PPE. County Councillors each have pots of money to support local initiatives, with, so far, Lbert receiving £500 and Scrubs Grantham also receiving £500 from AM Community Gangs are to start work on 18 <sup>th</sup> May and suggestions for repair works are to be submitted to AM. AM spoke briefly about the Flood Alleviation Scheme suggesting the campaign is coming towards an end. Cllrs referred to a recent raid at an illegal waste site on Fen Lane and AM confirmed he has been liaising with the EA in this matter and it was confirmed two arrests have been made. <u>District Councillor</u> PW advised almost all of SKDC are working from home and meetings are being held remotely. The next Planning Committee meeting is 12 <sup>th</sup> May and Full Council meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> May. It was suggested and agreed all future communications/updates from Cllr Kelham Cooke are to be circulated to Cllrs.	
<b>18/489</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
	<u>Applications</u> – S20/0521 Potts Application for T1 Oak - Canopy Lift to 5.2m at	

	<p>Alma Farm, 18 Main Road, Long Bennington. RESOLVED, no objections S20/0590 Ablehomes Ltd. Application for external alterations to house types and garages on Plots 1-16 (non-material amendment to permission). RESOLVED, no objections S16/1451 at land to the rear of 1 Westborough Lane, Long Bennington. RESOLVED, no objections S20/0643 Smith Application to re-pollard limes trees at Manor Drive, Long Bennington under TPO. RESOLVED, no objections S20/0575 Ashwin Application to demolish existing single storey living room and erect two storey extension at Rose Cottage, Sewstern Lane, Long Bennington. RESOLVED, no objections <u>Planning Approvals</u> –see agenda. <u>Planning Refusals</u> - none <u>Planning Appeals/Withdrawals</u> – none <u>Other planning issues</u> – S20/0511 Webster Homes To discuss application to discharge planning conditions re land at Winters Lane Long Bennington. PW is to chase for feedback from the case officer who visited the site to establish if conditions have been met. It was agreed the PC is to keep a record of conditions of larger developments, to ensure developers complete builds in accordance with the conditions of sanction. Cllrs referred to the recent application a florist on Costa Row, permission not being granted. It was agreed to speak to SKDC to establish the reasons for refusal.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>PW</p>
<b>18/490</b>	<b>Flood Alleviation Scheme – to discuss feedback from Cllr Maughan, email from Paul Brookes, LCC and agree further action.</b>	
	<p>It was agreed that satisfactory progress is now being made and the PC needs to ensure that there is no drift in the timescales. It was suggested and agreed to ask from more clarity from LCC regarding the inclusion of The Royal Oak in the plans.</p>	AM
<b>18/491</b>	<b>Review of Policies – Code of Conduct, Communications Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy, Expenses Policy, Freedom of Information Requests Policy, Social Media Policy, Data Protection Policy, Data Breach Policy and Whistleblowing Policy</b>	
	All policies except Social Media and Communications were accepted. These two policies are to be reviewed by the Communications sub-committee.	SP/JL/MMW
<b>18/492</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 comment/discussion It was agreed to try to go paperless go paperless for future meetings</p>	
<b>18/493</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
	<p>Councillors were referred to the attached schedule of invoices for payment totalling £948.92 Resolved – to pay the invoices.</p> <p>Up to date financial statement – Councillors were referred to the attached spreadsheets. No further questions were forthcoming regarding the month end financial reports. Cllrs were referred to the updated budget following the year end and it was RESOLVED to approve the revised budget of £58,200.</p> <p>Community Cleaner hours worked and payment – approved.</p> <p>Cllrs referred to the quote for £330 from Hags-Smp for the renewal of the</p>	

	annual contract for play equipment inspections. This company installed all of the play equipment and the PFMC is happy with the level of service being provided. As such, and given the sum isn't great, the proposal is not to obtain any further quotes for this service for next year and it was RESOLVED to accept the quote	Clerk
	RESOLVED to formally approve a £600 donation to Lives - approved via email during Covid-19 lockdown.	
	Cllrs agreed that a new PC laptop can be purchased, up to a maximum cost of £700, per the agreed annual budget provision.	Clerk
<b>18/494</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
	<p>Playing Fields Management Committee – no report</p> <p>Village Hall Management Committee – it was confirmed the ladies toilets have been refurbished, the entrance foyer is to be refurbished and the VHMC have been successful obtaining a grant of £10k from SKDC.</p> <p>School Liaison – no report</p> <p>Emergency Planning Group Report – JL confirmed his involvement with Lbert, the local covid-19 support group, and briefed Cllrs on the details of the support being provided locally.</p> <p>Cllrs were advised that some indemnity limited indemnity insurance for volunteers is provided by LCC. Cllrs were asked if the PC could consider extending the PC insurance cover for the local volunteers. It was agreed to investigate.</p> <p>Road Safety – it was confirmed there has been no speedwatch. Cllrs were advised the data from the SIDs show there continues to be excessive speeding in the village.</p> <p>Police Report – Cllrs were informed there was an incident in the Co-op resulting in a drunken man being arrested, some suspicious vehicles have been reported, there was an attempted theft from a vehicle on The meadows and GF advised there has been a theft from Gablestock.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the recent raid at Fen Lane and concerns over planning application S20/0195 were raised, applicants being involved with illegal waste site. It was suggested and agreed that PW would raise concerns with SKDC planners.</p> <p>Footpaths &amp; Streetlights – no report.</p> <p>Communications Committee - a meeting has been arranged for this week</p> <p>Witham Meadow Project Report – the project has stalled due to the pandemic but IL will visit over the next few days to check on the area that has been planted.</p>	SP/JL/Clerk
<b>18/495</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	Councillors referred to attached list of correspondence received during the last 2 months – no questions raised.	
<b>18/496</b>	<b>Items for next agenda and Parish News Report.</b>	
	Parish News - details of Fen Lane illegal waste site and update on flood alleviation scheme	
<b>18/497</b>	<b>Date of next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020</b>	
	<b>Meeting Closed 9.19pm.</b>	
	<b>Signed.....</b>	<b>Designation.....</b>
	<b>Date.....</b>	