

# LONG BENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ACCEPTED MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

	<b>Public Forum</b>	
	1 member of the public in attendance. Details of amended plans for Remembrance Sunday service was provided for the benefit of Cllrs. Further discussions will take place with changing circumstances due to new lockdown.	
	<b>Remote Zoom Meeting commenced at 7.37 pm</b>	
	<b>Present via video and audio</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Martin Wright(MMW), Geoff Fearn (GF), Carole Lee (CL), Paul Wood (PL), Iain Lyon(IL), John Leventhall (JL), Ross Warman (RW), Daryl Walton (DW), Stephen Pearson (SP), Mick Brooks (MB), Mick Walker (MW) and Jane Evans (Clerk)	
<b>18/572</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	County Cllr Alexander Maughan due to personal commitments. Apologies accepted	
<b>18/573</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	GF declared a pecuniary interest in item 7 re S20/1433 Bypass Farm Solar Ltd	
<b>18/574</b>	<b>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising from Previous Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>	
	<u>Matters Arising</u> 18/568 -footpaths still need to be reported. 18/559 – planning review report. PW advised the report is now available for circulation and this is to be done. Reference was made to S106 payments in connection with possible large development and Cllrs referred to earlier email advising that the planning authority would need details of projects that benefit the community. It was RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.	PW
<b>18/575</b>	<b>County Council &amp; District Council Report</b>	
	<u>County Councillor</u> Councillors were referred to the attached report from AM. Cllrs raised questions about the delay in the plans for the Flood Alleviation Scheme. It was agreed to ask AM to take forward concerns on behalf of the PC and request an update. GF mentioned the Royal Oak had been flooded again with the landlord dealing with the problem with own contractors. Cycle Lane – it was agreed to keep dialogue open with LCC to ensure the installation goes ahead, with any other resulting issues being dealt with if they occur.	Clerk
	<u>District Councillor</u> See 18/574. It was agreed to discuss possible projects at the next meeting and PW is to confirm with the planning authority that the PC is working on a scheme, further details to be provided next month.	Clerk PW
<b>18/576</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
	<u>Applications</u> – S20/1827 Lily. Application for single storey extension and storage shed at 4 Lilley Street Long Bennington. RESOLVED no objections. <u>Planning Approvals</u> –see agenda. <u>Planning Refusals</u> – see agenda <u>Planning Appeals/Withdrawals</u> – none <u>Other planning issues</u> –S20/0669 Smith. It was agreed to chase SKDC to confirm if the deadline for receipt of further information has been met and if not push for refusal. It was further agreed to ask SKDC for more information regarding the planning policy and site allocations for Gypsies and Travellers.	PW

	Cllrs referred to the planter erected in front of the flats on Main Road, and it was agreed to chase the enforcement officer following the report submitted on behalf of the PC	PW
<b>18/577</b>	<b>Bypass Farm Solar Ltd – to discuss community benefit payment and negotiation.</b>	
	Cllrs referred to the email from PW regarding Community Benefit from Solar Farms, confirming the suggested offer from the developer is very low. PW agreed to contact the agent as District Councillor to negotiate a higher sum.	PW
<b>18/578</b>	<b>Village Planting – to discuss suggestions for improvements to planting in the village and at entrances</b>	
	Councillors agreed that it would be a good idea to investigate making enhancement to the village entrances. LCC, Highways are to be approached for permissions and costs/ideas are to be investigated.	Clerk IL
<b>18/579</b>	<b>LCC Proposed Cycle Lane – to discuss progress/current situation.</b>	
	See 18/575.	
<b>18/580</b>	<b>Vandalism and Anti-social Behaviour at the Playing Field – to discuss action/CCTV</b>	
	Councillors discussed recent incidents of vandalism. It was suggested and agreed to investigate the possibility of CCTV installation. Quotes are to be obtained ready for discussion at the December meeting.	Clerk
<b>18/581</b>	<b>Tractor at Playing Field – to discuss wider use</b>	
	The meeting was opened for member of the public, on behalf of the PFMC to join discussion. Councillors discussed the request for the tractor to be used outside the playing field in conjunction with a Lincs FA agreement to maintain local football pitches to a higher level and share local equipment (having been funded through FA grants) with the football club to be the recipient of any money from the agreement. RESOLVED to support, subject to appropriate insurance and Long Bennington Football Club supporting the agreement.	
<b>18/582</b>	<b>Highways England Meeting/Safety Improvements to Junction – to feedback from meeting.</b>	
	Cllrs were advised the meeting was not useful, with no commitment being given to any improvements in the immediate area.	
<b>18/583</b>	<b>SKDC Local Plan Consultation – to discuss response</b>	
	Cllrs requested that the details are circulated again with comments to be collated and submitted before the deadline.	Clerk
<b>18/584</b>	<b>Chairman and Clerk’s Report</b>	
	<u>Chairman’s Report</u> No comment <u>Clerks Report</u> Councillors were referred to the attached report. Cllrs discussed the general subject of S106 agreements to get a better understanding of the parameters.	
<b>18/585</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
	Councillors were referred to the attached schedule of invoices for payment totalling £5437.28. Resolved – to pay the invoices. Community Cleaner hours worked and payment – approved.  To discuss budget planning for next financial year – to propose suggested expenditure. Cllrs suggested a planting scheme, CCTV, Witham Meadow AED’s To discuss request from PCC from PC grant in budget next year. Cllrs	Clerk

	<p>RESOLVED to support the request for a £1000 grant provided from the precept. To discuss financial position of Village Hall. Cllrs referred to an email sent on behalf of the VHMC highlighting the financial position as a result of restrictions due to the Covid19 pandemic. It was agreed to discuss this further, being mindful of the changing situation, possible Central Government funding that may be available and with further I&amp;E information.</p> <p><i>GF left the meeting.</i></p>	Clerk
<b>18/586</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
	<p>Playing Fields Management Committee – no report Village Hall Management Committee – it was confirmed the Village Hall will be closed following Government restrictions, except for use by Pre-school and the Post Office. School Liaison – Cllrs were advised there has been a discussion about disabled parking and Covid19 implications have been discussed. Emergency Planning Group Report – no report Road Safety – Cllrs advised of number of vehicles still speeding in the village. Police Report – speed checks have been done (the Police due to visit one offender) and Cllrs were informed of a burglary on Acklands Lane having taken place today. It was suggested and agreed to try to promote Neighbourhood Watch, looking to get volunteers through Parish News. Agreed to discuss at the next meeting. Footpaths &amp; Streetlights – agreed to report potholes on the bridge on Valley Lane. Communications Committee – agreed to have a meeting next week. Witham Meadow Project Report– RESOLVED to purchase a litter bin, within the agreed budget available, to be emptied by the Community Cleaner.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>SP/JL/MMW</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<b>18/587</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p>Councillors referred to attached list of correspondence received during the last month. 11 – it was agreed to request a clean of the verges at the northern end of the village. No further action is to be taken regarding litter bins in the area of lorry parking, Cllrs agreeing that the District Council would not provide bins (not meeting their criteria and would not extend their waste collection if a third party installed a bin.</p>	PW
<b>18/588</b>	<b>Items for next agenda and Parish News Report.</b>	
	<p>Parish News – Neighbourhood Watch, Audit Conclusion Next agenda – Budget, Solar Farm</p>	
<b>18/589</b>	<b>Date of next meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>	
	<b>Meeting Closed 10.16 pm.</b>	
	<p><b>Signed</b>.....                      <b>Designation</b>..... <b>Date</b>.....</p>	