

# LONG BENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ACCEPTED MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

	<b>Public Forum</b>	
	No members of the public in attendance.	
	<b>Remote Zoom Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm</b>	
	<b>Present via video and audio</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Martin Wright(MMW), Geoff Fearn (GF), Carole Lee (CL), Iain Lyon(IL), John Leventhall (JL), Ross Warman (RW), Daryl Walton (DW), Stephen Pearson (SP), Mick Brooks (MB), Mick Walker (MW), County Cllr Alexander Maughan(AM) and Jane Evans (Clerk)	
<b>18/590</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	Paul Wood due to personal commitments. Apologies accepted	
<b>18/591</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	GF declared a pecuniary interest in item 7 re Bypass Farm Solar Ltd and MW declared a pecuniary interest in item 13 (invoices for payment)	
	Dispensations given to all Cllrs to allow precept setting.	
<b>18/592</b>	<b>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising from Previous Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020</b>	
	<u>Matters Arising</u> 18/576 – it was confirmed the planter at the flats on Main Road has been moved to comply with planning permission. Parking in the immediate area was discussed and it was agreed to send a letter to the landlord with copies to tenants, asking them to park safely /legally. 18/586 – the litter bin for Witham Meadow is to be ordered It was RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.	Clerk  Clerk
<b>18/593</b>	<b>County Council &amp; District Council Report</b>	
	<u>County Councillor</u> Councillors were given an update regarding LCC budget and it was confirmed County Cllrs have agreed to ignore the independent panel recommendation and will not accept an increase in Cllr allowances. AM confirmed the cycle scheme will now be in the next financial year and the 5pm restriction will remain the LCC agreed time restriction. Flood Alleviation Scheme – a meeting is taking place tomorrow and feedback will be provided. White lines at the Co-op – it was confirmed the decision is being challenged to see if it can be reassessed.  <u>District Councillor</u> No report	
<b>18/594</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
	<u>Applications</u> – None <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. Cllrs were informed SKDC, Planning Department has been contacted for an update on the requested submission of further information from the applicant.  Section 106 monies – it was suggested and agreed to put forward the following projects for inclusion and consideration: Village Gateways Witham Meadow – improving accessibility	Clerk

	Car Parking at the Playing Field Playground Equipment It was further agreed to speak to the planning officer to establish what details will be required from the PC.	
<b>18/595</b>	<b>Bypass Farm Solar Ltd – to discuss community benefit payment and negotiation.</b>	
	Cllrs were advised PW has been working hard to try to reach an agreement for splitting the offered community benefit between four parish councils. Cllrs discussed the proposals put forward by PW and it was RESOLVED to accept the suggested 17.5% of the total sum £187,450. It was further suggested and agreed to put forward the proposal that if a compromise cannot be reached then an alternative calculation (regarded as fair and acceptable by the PC) is to split the monies per capita. It was agreed to submit details of the projects detailed above in 18/594, in connection with how the community benefit monies would be used.	Clerk/PW
<b>18/596</b>	<b>LCC Proposed Cycle Lane – to discuss progress/current situation.</b>	
	See 15/593	
<b>18/597</b>	<b>Safety of road junction at southern end of the village – to discuss.</b>	
	AM confirmed there is a commitment to redesign the interchange and this is to be chased.	AM
<b>18/598</b>	<b>To discuss CCTV quotes and Investsk grant application</b>	
	RESOLVED to postpone discussion until the January meeting	
<b>18/599</b>	<b>Standing Orders – to review and approve amendment per NALC update</b>	
	Cllrs referred to the amendment per NALC update and RESOLVED to approve update in Standing Orders	
<b>18/600</b>	<b>Chairman and Clerk’s Report</b>	
	<u>Chairman’s Report</u> Cllrs were informed a meeting has taken place with Mike Manley, Chairman PFMC and the financial implications of Covid have been discussed. <u>Clerks Report</u> Councillors were referred to the attached report. No further comments	
<b>18/601</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
	Councillors were referred to the attached schedule of invoices for payment totalling £1236.58. Resolved – to pay the invoices.  Community Cleaner hours worked and payment – approved.  Conclusion of External Audit – noted. It was also confirmed the details of the conclusion of the audit have been displayed in the PC noticeboard and on the PC website.  Precept – to discuss 2021/22 requirement – Cllrs referred to the attached papers and discussed the financial requirement for 2021/22. RESOLVED to submit a request to SKDC for £49,950.  Parish Agreement Scheme 2021/22 (grass cutting) – Cllrs RESOLVED to approve continuation of agreement with LCC.	Clerk       Clerk
<b>18/602</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
	Playing Fields Management Committee – no report Village Hall Management Committee - no report <i>GF and RW left the meeting.</i> School Liaison – the school is comfortable operating in Tier 3 and is looking at how the PC is developing Witham Meadow.	

	<p>Emergency Planning Group Report – no report</p> <p>Road Safety – MB confirmed he has contacted the Police Commissioner regarding upgrading of the A1. Following discussion regarding a recent accident in the centre of the village involving a parked vehicle, it was agreed to contact LCC, lighting officer. AM confirmed LCC are planning to put up new signage to help prevent HGVs turning in the road at the north of the village and the Police are to be informed of the safety issues.</p> <p>Police Report – a meeting has been arrange for January to discuss various issues including speeding and HGV parking.</p> <p>Footpaths &amp; Streetlights – a street light opposite the Royal Oak is to be reported</p> <p>Communications Committee – the new PC website is now live and the old one closed down. It was agreed to communicate this.</p> <p>Witham Meadow Project Report– it was suggested and agreed to investigate costs for planting established trees.</p> <p>Internal Audit Report – Cllrs referred to the report and it was agreed this report is thorough. Cllrs accepted the report with no further questions.</p>	<p>AM AM</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<b>18/603</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p>Councillors referred to attached list of correspondence received during the last month.</p> <p>No comments.</p>	
<b>18/604</b>	<b>Items for next agenda and Parish News Report.</b>	
	<p>Parish News – no December edition</p> <p>Next agenda – Budget, Solar Farm</p>	
<b>18/605</b>	<b>Date of next meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	
	<b>Meeting Closed 9.42 pm.</b>	
	<p><b>Signed.....</b>                      <b>Designation.....</b></p> <p><b>Date.....</b></p>	