

Longdon Queenhill & Holdfast Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council . **Monday May 11th 2015**

2315 Election of Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Inchbald proposed that the retiring Chairman (Councillor Mrs. Beswick) be elected for a further term of office. This was seconded by Cllr. G. Inchbald. There being no other nominations Cllr. Mrs Beswick was duly elected Chairman and immediately took the Chair after completing the obligatory declaration of acceptance of office.

2415 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest; As per the minutes of the Parish Meeting. i.e.

Apologies were received from Councillor J. Unwin, Councillor S. Cooke, Councillor B. Mansbridge, County Councillor T. Wells. RC. A. Naulls (West Mercia Police Service).

Attending:

Chairman, Councillor Mrs Beswick; Cllrs: Mrs. N. Inchbald, R. Thatcher, G. Inchbald, District Councillor Mrs Behan.
Five members of the public and Mr. C. Taylor-Hall attending for co-option .

2515 Confirmation of Minutes; Council agreed nem com to adopt the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13th April 2015. The minutes were duly signed.

2615 Casual Vacancies; Council considered a single nomination received to enable a co-option of a Councillor in compliance with the legal requirements. As a result the Council resolved to agree the co-option of Mr. Carl Taylor-Hall to serve as a Councillor for the current electoral period. The Chairman welcomed him to the Council table. Cllr Taylor-Hall signed the obligatory declaration of Acceptance of Office and received other documentation and publications.

2715 Election of Vice Chairman and Agree Councillors Portfolios.

No nominations for a Vice Chairman were received so therefore the election of a Vice Chairman was deferred to a future meeting.

2815 Accounts and Finance;

(a) Payment of accounts as presented were agreed:

Longdon PCC grant.....	£110.00
Queenhill PCC grant.....	£110.00
H Ebrey, maintenance.....	£212.00
AON, annual insurance.....	£361.73

(b) The Clerk provided draft annual accounts to both Parish and Council annual meetings by placing them on open display within the meeting. As a result Council authorised the Clerk to provide the annual accounts for the year 2014/2015 to the Auditors according to the requirements.

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2915 Administration and Information;

A request moved during the Parish Meeting that a letter to Malvern Hills District Council regarding the unacceptable process of permitted development at Queenhill be sent to MHDC was acted upon in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, section 9 (1) prescribed process as *“Although a parish meeting may discuss parish affairs, its resolutions differ considerably in their legal process and consequences. In a few cases a resolution is legally binding, but in all others a resolution is **persuasive** only; the parish council may legally disregard it and leave their electors to their remedy at the next election”*.

Members were quite rightly persuaded that a letter to the Malvern Hills District Council drafted by Cllr Mrs Inchbald should be agreed and sent. This was confirmed and agreed nem com, and also that the letter should be sent to the Chief Executive of MHDC and pursued by the Clerk at his discretion.

3015 Confirmed Date of the Next Ordinary meeting.

Monday 6th July 2015 at 7.30pm.

It was however agreed that because the organiser of the Livestock Festival, scheduled for the end of July, had not been available for this meeting, and that he had offered to attend a meeting of the Councillors on Monday 1st June for the specific purpose of consultation, it was agreed that a single item agenda meeting would be called; in effect an extraordinary meeting called by the Chairman, for the 1st June at 7.30pm.

Subsequently this was unavoidably changed to Monday 13th July 2015 as an ordinary meeting or part of the next agreed ordinary meeting of the Council.

3115 A Nem-com agreement by Councillors (via working group) set Monday 13th July 2015 as the finally agreed date for the next ordinary meeting.

Signed.....Chairman

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