

Longdon, Queenhill & Holdfast Parish Council

Minutes of an **extraordinary** meeting of the Parish Council, called by the Chairman and two Members; held on **Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Longdon.**

Present: Chairman; S. Cooke; **Cllrs.** C. Taylor-Hall, B.Mansbridge, R. Thatcher, G. Inchbald, R. Thatcher, Mrs. J.Beswick, **One member of the public.**

EOM 1 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest:

Apologies received from Cllrs. J. Unwin and Mrs.N.Inchbald
Cllr.Mrs Beswick declared a crucial interest in item EOM3 because of her Longdon Village Hall Secretary Appointed Office and stated her intent not to speak or vote on the item

EOM2 Adoption of Minutes: Council were asked to agree the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th September 2015. Amendments were raised and agreed accordingly. The Clerk agreed with the Chairman to embody the amendments in a re-written format for approval at the next meeting to ensure accuracy.

EOM3 Chairman's Report and Finance Group Proposal.:

A brief report to bring Council up to date was provided by the Chairman. Members were asked to consider a financial proposal and to accept or decline an offer of an ongoing contract from the PCC for the use of parts of the old St Mary;s C of E School and other facilities, as a Parish Council Office, Community Office and a regular meeting place for the Parish Council.

The Chairman and Finance Group Members (Cllrs. Inchbald, Taylor-Hall, Thatcher) provided details of the provision offered, with likely costs. This was debated at great length by all present. The Chairman permitted a member of the public to present her views and have answers from the Members.

In view of the time limitation for acceptance the Chairman called for a show of hands vote to enable a decision to be made. **The decision to accept the PCC offer and to use the School for the purposes described above, was made on four votes in favour of the motion and one against.**

Council therefore agreed to empower the Finance Group to negotiate a legal contract with the PCC forthwith, for signature at a future meeting of the Council.

EOM4 Accounts and Financial Matters:

There were no accounts presented for payment or any other financial or urgent matters requiring Council attention.

EOM5 Re-confirmed Date of Next Meeting as previously November 2nd 2015.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....