

Longdon, Queenhill & Holdfast Parish Council

Draft only Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 7th March 2016** at 7.30 pm at **St. Mary's C of E School, Longdon.**

Present: Chairman Cll. S. Cooke, Cllrs. Mrs J. Beswick, Messrs J. Unwin, R. Thatcher, C. Taylor-Hall.

Attending: District Cllr. Mrs B. Behan. One member of the public.

1016 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest: Cllr. B Mansbridge apologised for absence. Cllr Mrs Beswick confirmed a previously declared interest in respect of the Village Hall/School items.

1116 Adoption of Minutes: Council agreed and adopted the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th January 2016.

1216 Council Report: A brief report to bring Council fully up to date was provided by the Chairman. This provided no further information or update in respect of The Hunters Inn and noise nuisance. It was agreed nem-com not to join in the Bushley 'Almanacs' initiative. Progress with the Website and Office arrangements were deferred until the Chairman and the Clerk are able to obtain bookings on an ad-hoc basis until further notice.

1316 Reports from County and District Councillors:

Councillor Mrs Behan gave a brief report, and updated the Council on District Council matters.

The Chairman allowed a member of the public to address Council and ask questions. The items raised were noted by Council for future reference.

1416 Planning Matters:

No MHDC planning consultations, or outstanding matters, were tabled or required any consideration in the absence of Cllr. Mansbridge.

1516 Administration:

- (a) The Clerk informed Members of all important matters and correspondence, which were available for Member's inspection at the end of the meeting,
- (b) The Lengthsman Scheme and local environment update, including the VAS location programme and additional unit provision was briefly considered and deferred to the Annual Meetings.
- (c) The Chairman explained changes to the details and terms of variation of contract with the PCC for the use of the School as a Parish Council Office, Community Office and regular meeting place for the Parish Council. It was accepted that further consideration would be required when the PCC was better informed of the actual legal position.
- (d) There was no update in respect of the Parish Survey Flyer.
- (e) Outstanding casual vacancies were a matter of concern and efforts to fill the two current vacancies were agreed in need of raising at the Annual Meetings in May. Members noted that there was no shortage of complainants but no-one willing to join the current dwindling band of volunteers.

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1616 Accounts and Financial Matters:

(a) Payment of accounts presented was agreed as follows:

H.Ebrey, Lengthsman/Maintenance.....	£ 198.00
HMRC.PAYE deductions.....	£ 246.00
R.O.Jenkins, salary 4 th quarter.....	£1208.25

(b) A number of proposed expenditure items for 2016/2017 listed by the Finance Working Group and already agreed were confirmed. A summary of the items to be purchased and the actual proposed expenditure for 2016/2017 would be finalised for the annual meetings.

1716 Date of Annual Meetings:

Provisionally Monday 9th May 2016, subject to any prior need for Working Party or interim Parish Council meetings.

Signed.....Chairman

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