

LONG BUCKBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2016

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 APOLOGIES – J Christie (work), M Osborne (work), R Vivian (hospital)

1.2 PRESENT – S Osborne (Chairman), M Owen, G Spokes, S Spokes, D Stoddart, P Townsend, A Webb, J York, District Councillor C Millar, NCC Highways Sarah Barnwell, and 2 members of the public

1.3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2016 were agreed as a true and correct record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

1.4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Non Pecuniary Interest: G & S Spokes – Chq payment to Son

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: Nil

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Double Yellow Lines – Lime Avenue/East Street – The request for double yellow lines at this junction has been received by NCC and will be processed in the near future.

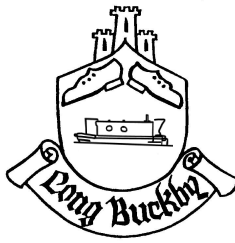
2.2 Boat Mooring – Grand Union Canal – A Webb has been in touch with the Canal & Rivers Trust Enforcement Officer, who will investigate the signs along the Wharf stretch of the canal, which are currently very confusing.

3. PUBLIC TIME – Help was requested for the parking issues along Watson Road.

4. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

DDC (Chris Millar) – C Millar expressed his support for the parking improvements in Watson Road. An “Errol Flynn Playhouse” style Cinema is planned for Daventry, which will have 3 screens and be part of the Henry Boot Phase 1 development. The Catesby Tunnel has bid for funding from the government, this will be a wind tunnel and have an associated business park and be mainly used by the motor sport and automotive industry. The planning application for 4000 homes to the North East of Daventry will be submitted soon, the developers are working with the community and planning a link from Daventry Town Centre to Long Buckby Railway Station. A location in Northamptonshire is needed for a Performing Arts/Drama School, with the Daventry area being an option.

NCC (Steve Osborne) – Concerns have been raised that with Guilsborough School is at capacity, the children from Long Buckby will have to use the Daventry secondary schools. S Osborne was one of the County Councillors named for not spending his empowering money for 2015/16, due to the time constraints imposed. There is still some monies available to use for 2016/17. The External Auditors produced a damning report on the finances. Considerable savings of around £10million are still needed with cuts to Children’s Services expected. The Flore by-pass is progressing, this is a 90 week project and completion is expected in May 2018.



5. BUSINESS

5.1 Parking Improvements – Rockhill Road & Watson Road – Questionnaires have been completed along both roads, with a response of 15 replies from Watson and 18 replies from Rockhill. Watson Road residents main concern is highway danger, being a farm access road and blocked drives and pavements. Rockhill Road's concerns were off road parking not being used by the residents and the parking from the Station users. County Councillor's empowering funds can be used to fast track the double yellow lines at the start of Watson Road, with the remainder of the road having a 2 hour waiting restriction from 9am to 6pm on Monday to Friday. Double yellow lines will also be requested on the South Close/Station Road junction up to the Fire Station. A Webb proposed that the Parish Council proceed with the suggestion, seconded by J York and with 6 votes in favour and 2 against, the proposal was carried. S Osborne will have a walkaround with S Barnwell (NCC) to determine the exact details.

5.2 Christmas Decorations in the village centre - M Owen will have a meeting with Nick Roberts (local electrician) and produce some ideas and costings for the meeting in November.

5.3 Long Buckby Youth Centre – The lease is due to expire in March 2017. A Risk Assessment has been undertaken and improvement works are required to the building. G Spokes and S Osborne will meet with the Youth Club Committee to enable a plan of action to be put in place and some costings obtained.

5.4 DDC – Rural Exception Sites – No interest in providing a development site at present.

5.5 Coffee Shop Proposal – The Public Toilets are a valuable facility for the village and much money has been spent over the years. The proposed coffee shop was rejected by the Parish Council.

5.6 Newbridge – Long Buckby Wharf – This bridge is unsafe and in need of urgent attention. The Clerk will notify the Canal & Rivers Trust and stress that the situation is very dangerous and cannot be left.

5.7 Grass Cutting Contracts

Recreation Ground – The 3 year contract is due for renewal on 1st January 2017 and the tender notices will be advertised.

Cemetery & Allotments - The 3 year contract is due for renewal on 1st January 2017 and the tender notices will be advertised.

5.8 Parish Hall – A form needs to be completed for Change of Use to Residential. This will be at a cost of £80.00. This will also need a drawing attached before submitting to DDC. This process will take approximately 8 weeks to complete. The building can then be sold at Auction.

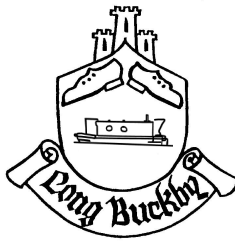
6. FINANCE

6.1 Expenditure Update – latest copy supplied to Councillors

6.2 ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

It was proposed by M Owen, seconded by D Stoddart and all voted in favour to pay the following accounts:

Chq No 4998	S Porter	Clerk Salary – September 2016	£ 944.24
	S Porter	Expenses – September 2016	£ 58.24
Chq No 4999	HMRC	PAYE – September 2016	£ 100.47
Chq No 5000	G Kenning	Street Warden – September 2016	£ 1,162.00
		Litter Picking/Street Maintenance	£755.00
		Weed Maintenance	£50.00
		Cemetery -	£197.00
		Allotments -	£75.00
		Hanging Baskets/Troughs -	£85.00



Chq No 5001	E-On	Public Toilets – September 2016	£	28.42
Chq No 5002	DACT	Parish Transport – September 2016	£	63.05
Chq No 5003	S Hartwell	Recreation Ground Mowing x 2 - Sept 2016	£	288.00
Chq No 5004	Aylesbury Mains	Street Light Repairs – Sept 2016	£	351.24
Chq No 5005	RBL Poppy Appeal	Civic Wreath of Poppies – Remembrance Sunday	£	50.00
Chq No 5006	C Spokes	Cemetery Extension Grass Cutting	£	60.00
Chq No 5007	Anglian Water	Public Toilets – June-Sept2016	£	21.02
Chq No 5008	Wilson Browne	Wharf Village Hall – Land Registration	£	120.40
			TOTAL	£3,247.08

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Towers & Son	£	295.00	
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		TOTAL	£ 590.00

BALANCES AT BANK £ 89,622.09

7. COUNCILLORS REPORTS and RISK ASSESSMENTS

7.1 Cemetery – There has been a problem with badgers in the Churchyard. Youths are congregating in the spinney area and there has been a problem with anti social behaviour, broken glass and litter. Sgt Sam Dobbs will be invited along to a Parish Council Meeting to discuss the problems throughout the village.

7.2 Allotments – The allotment rent renewals are being posted out this week.

7.3 Public Toilets – The internal re-decoration of the toilets is underway. Drugs supplies have been found in the Gents.

7.4 Cotton End Park – Two more security cameras will be installed shortly and work is continuing on the Awards 4 All project.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 NCC Highways – Patford Bridge, Brington Road – Culvert Refurbishment & Carriageway Re-Surfacing – This work is due to commence on 24th October.

8.2 Kilsby Parish Council – Parish Neighbourhood Plans – Contents noted.

8.3 High Street – Dangerous Driving – An e-mail has been received from a concerned resident, the contents were agreed with by the Parish Council however stated that it is the driver's attitudes that need improving and not double yellow lines; which would increase the speeding along this stretch of road.

8.4 Co-Op Funding for the Community Centre – Residents are urged to sign up their Co-Op membership card to support the Community Centre.

Meeting Closed: 8:52pm