

## LONG BUCKBY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

#### 1. OPENING PROCEDURES

**1.1 APOLOGIES** – J York (family celebrations)

**1.2 PRESENT** – J Christie, M Osborne, S Osborne (Chairman), M Owen, G Spokes, S Spokes, D Stoddart, P Townsend, R Vivian, A Webb and 5 members of the public

**1.3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016** were amended to read “7.4 Cotton End Park – Two more security cameras will be installed shortly and work is continuing on the Awards 4 All project”. The minutes were then agreed as a true and correct record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

#### 1.4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

**Non Pecuniary Interest:** Nil

**Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** Nil

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING

**2.1 Parish Hall – Change of Use** – The application form has been received from DDC and this will be completed and submitted with the plans.

**2.2 Bridge 12 – Grand Union Canal, Long Buckby Wharf** – The Canal & Rivers Trust have advised that their Engineers are monitoring the bridge on a monthly basis. A Webb stated that this bridge is extremely dangerous and is in need of urgent attention. The 48-hour mooring restrictions will be dealt with, although there could be up to a 2 year wait. A complaint will be submitted by the Clerk on both matters.

**2.3 Police Visit** – Sgt Sam Dobbs has advised he will attend the December Parish Council Meeting.

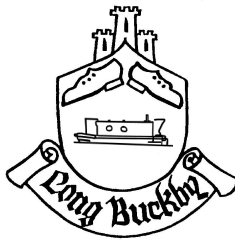
**3. PUBLIC TIME** – The History Society discussed their plans for a book to commemorate the end of WW1 – 100 years on. Costs are currently unknown but the publication is expected to need funding of around £1,000. This would be a valuable project for the village.

**4. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS** – Nothing to report

#### 5. BUSINESS

**5.1 Speed Camera Results - Q3** – R Vivian produced the latest results, however it appears that the data for the volume of traffic is inaccurate. Investigations do appear to show that vehicle speeds have improved from Q2.

**5.2 DDC - Good Neighbour Scheme** – This is a scheme being provided by DDC, with the villages of Moulton, Brixworth and Ashby St Ledgers also involved. The idea is for a co-ordinator to take calls from elderly residents and if any small chores are required, these are then logged and actioned. A laptop and phone will be provided to the nominated person. The Parish Council fully supports this project.



**5.3 BT Consultation – Removal of Telephone Boxes (East Street, Station Road & Long Buckby Wharf)** – The Parish Council have no objections to the kiosks in East Street and Station Road being removed, however would like to retain the red telephone box at Long Buckby Wharf. This is a feature of the hamlet and also needs to be retained due to the lack of mobile signal in the area, and being in close proximity to the M1, A5, Grand Union Canal and the Railway Line.

**5.4 Long Buckby Traffic Regulation Order Proposals (Watson Road, Station Road, South Close & Church Street)** – The Parish Council discussed the options provided and agreed the following:

**Station Road** – Double yellow lines outside the Fire Station and restricted parking in the marked bays outside the Rugby Club.

**Church Street** – Double yellow lines at the entrance to St Lawrence's Church

**South Close – Option 1** - The proposal is to double yellow line the Southern side of the road up to the traffic calmed build out and then extend the existing double yellow lines on the Northern side by 10 meters. Like with most new implemented restrictions this can cause displacement, therefore it is proposed to put a small section of double yellow lines around the junction of South Close in order to prevent vehicles parking and causing an obstruction around the junction.

**Watson Road – Option 1** - Propose a single yellow line, which would restrict vehicles from parking along Watson Road for 1 selected hour during the day. Although residents would be required to move their vehicles from the highway for this hour, it would resolve the issue of commuter parking. From looking at the results of the consultation conducted, it would appear that the majority of residents do have some form of 'off street' parking.

A single yellow line would also require less signage to be erected, resulting in less signage clutter along the road and directly outside resident's properties.

**5.5 Christmas Decorations – Market Place** – N Roberts and M Owen have had a meeting to discuss the Christmas decorations in the centre of the village. Quotes are currently being obtained.

**5.6 Long Buckby Youth Centre** – Defer to the December meeting.

**5.7 Discuss outstanding items for Precept – 2017/18**

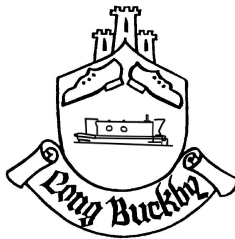
**Long Buckby Feast** – The request for £250.00 to assist with the Produce & Craft Show was approved by all.

**History Society Book** – It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide £500 of the £1,000 requested for the WW1 commemoration book planned for publication in 2018, and the County Councillor empowering fund provide the remaining £500.

The final precept figure will now be approved at the December meeting.

## **6. FINANCE**

**6.1 Expenditure Update** – latest copy supplied to Councillors



## 6.2 ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

It was approved by J Christie, seconded by A Webb and all voted in favour to pay the following accounts:

<b>Chq No 5009</b>	S Porter	Clerk Salary – October 2016	£ 944.04
	S Porter	Expenses – October 2016	£ 63.20
<b>Chq No 5010</b>	G Kenning	Street Warden – October 2016	£1,167.00
		Litter Picking/Street Maintenance £800.00	
		Weed Maintenance £50.00	
		Cemetery - £257.00	
		Allotments - £60.00	
<b>Chq No 5011</b>	E-On	Public Toilets – October 2016	£ 37.32
<b>Chq No 5012</b>	DACT	Parish Transport – October 2016	£ 68.73
<b>Chq No 5013</b>	S Hartwell	Recreation Ground Mowing October 2016	£ 144.00
<b>Chq No 5014</b>	T J Skeats	Public Toilets Cleaning – June to Oct 2016	£2,360.00
<b>Chq No 5015</b>	E-On	Un-metered Street Lighting Oct & Nov 2016	£2,664.93
<b>Chq No 5016</b>	LBGS	A4A Grant Spending – Cotton End Park	£2,002.56
<b>Chq No 5017</b>	Aylesbury Mains	Street Lighting Repairs – Oct 2016	£ 160.20
<b>Chq No 5018</b>	NCC Libraries	Room Hire for PC Meetings April-Sept16	£ 127.50

**TOTAL            £9,739.48**

## PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Various	Allotments Rents	£ 382.50
Walton	Cemetery Services	£ 111.00
Mr Muggeridge	Fair Rent	£ 90.00
Co-Op	Cemetery Services	£ 295.00
Abbey	Cemetery Services	£ 272.00

**TOTAL            £1,150.50**

**BALANCES AT BANK    £ 86,866.66**

## 7. PLANNING

**DA/2016/0958** – Demolition of existing garage and outbuildings. Construction of two detached dwellings – **Land adj 2 Watson Road, Long Buckby**

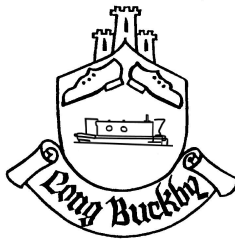
***No Objections but would like to make an observation that there should be two allocated parking spaces per dwelling, as this is a heavily congested part of the village for on street parking.***

**DA/2016/0990** – Rear single storey extension – **44 Parkfield Road, Long Buckby**

***No Objections***

**DA/2016/1007** – Demolition of conservatory. Construction of single storey rear extension – **16 Syers Green Close, Long Buckby**

***No Objections***



## **PLANNING APPLICATION GRANTED**

The Parish Council noted the following permission granted, however this property is located in Norton Parish:

**DA/2016/0901** – Works to trees within a conservation area – **The Old Toll House, Norton Junction, Long Buckby Wharf**

## **8. COUNCILLORS REPORTS and RISK ASSESSMENTS**

**8.1 Cemetery** – Grass cutting contracts currently out for tender, with a decision made next month.

**8.2 Allotments** - Grass cutting contracts currently out for tender, with a decision made next month.

**8.3 Public Toilets** – Redecoration is underway.

**8.4 Cotton End Park** – There will be a Wildlife Talk held on 30<sup>th</sup> November. The Scouts firework display was a great success.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1 Police & Crime Plan Consultation** - Noted

**9.2 Dog Waste Problems around the village** - It was agreed there is a problem around the village, however more dog waste bins are not necessary as bagged waste can now be placed in any waste bin.

**9.3 DDC - Parish Planning Booklet** – An e-mail will be sent to all councillors and a copy will be printed for use at meetings.

**9.4 DDC – Parish & Town Councils Meeting – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016** – J Christie and P Townsend will attend on behalf of Long Buckby.

**9.5 2017 Best Village Competition** – Noted

**Meeting Closed: 8:20pm**