

LONG BUCKBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2017

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 APOLOGIES – District Councillor C Millar

1.2 PRESENT – J Christie, M Osborne, S Osborne (Chairman), M Owen, G Spokes, S Spokes, D Stoddart, P Townsend, R Vivian, A Webb, J York and 4 members of the public.

1.3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 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: Nil

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: R Vivian, G Spokes, P Townsend – Item 5.3 (Recreation Ground Committee)

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Christmas Tree Lights – The lights have been switched off in the tree but will remain in place, with more to be purchased for the end of 2017. The Parish Council agreed that cheque number 5037 for the sum of £300 be approved for payment to Nick Roberts for the installation of these lights in December.

3. PUBLIC TIME – DA/2016/1152 – This planning application was objected to, the landowner wishes to remove the hedgerow to gain access to the land. There are key points missing from the application, and the resident opposes the removal.

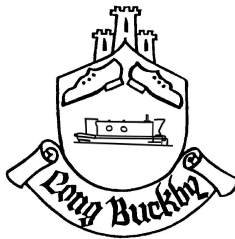
4. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

DDC – The canal arm for Daventry town centre is on the planning committee agenda this week, and is recommended for Approval.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Street Light Replacement/Improvements – Station Road street lighting was discussed and it was agreed that this is acceptable at present; any upgrades would be a costly exercise. The High Street/The Leys junction does need improving, this is following the removal of a street light last year. Aylesbury Mains will be asked to quote for a replacement street light in this area. R Vivian has asked that a street lighting condition survey be undertaken throughout the village, this will aid financial planning in the future. Alternative suppliers will also be contacted, R Vivian is happy to pursue this project.

5.2 Vehicle Activated Sign – East Street – There is a problem with the battery holding the solar power on dull days, causing the sign operation to fail. The Coeval engineer has been instructed to attend. The quarterly results were not accurate this time and this problem also needs reporting to the Engineer.



5.3 Grass Cutting 3 Year Contracts - Cemetery & Allotments & Recreation Ground

The tender bids were discussed and the following was proposed by A Webb, seconded by J York and with 8 votes in favour, the contracts were awarded to:

Recreation Ground – Simons & Sons - £75 per cut

Cemetery & Allotments – Stephen Hartwell - £110 (cemetery) and £40 (allotments) per cut

5.4 Update of the Daventry NE planning process – R Vivian attended the recent Feedback Meeting and confirmed the following; 200 consultation responses were received. Discussed was the A5 roundabout at Long Buckby Wharf and the link from Daventry to Long Buckby Railway Station. It is advised that the Parish Council consider what they would like to receive from the development, such as minor improvements through the Wharf, and changes to the road layout through the burges bridges.

5.5 Station Road Development (East Side) - Suggested Street Names – P Townsend will supply the list for DDC from the war memorial.

5.6 Double Yellow Line Proposals – Three Bridges Road, Long Buckby Wharf – A Webb has had a meeting with I Boyes (NCC Highways) and a compromise has been reached which is agreeable by all. These double yellow lines will be added to the Traffic Order for the double yellow lines and parking restrictions for Long Buckby, agreed by the Parish Council recently.

5.7 Wharf Red Telephone Box – The telephone box does not meet the criteria for listed status. The Parish Council do not want to adopt the box, therefore it is hoped that BT agree with the Parish Council and DDC's objections to its removal and agree to retain the telephone box for operational use.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Expenditure Update – latest copy supplied to Councillors

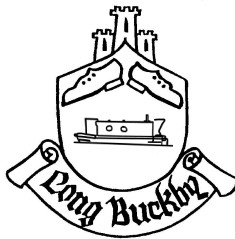
6.2 ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

It was proposed by A Webb, seconded by J Christie, and all voted in favour that the following cheques be paid:

Chq No 5028 S Porter	Clerk Salary – December 2016	£ 944.24
S Porter	Expenses – December 2016	£ 58.84
Chq No 5029 HMRC	PAYE – December 2016	£ 100.47
Chq No 5030 G Kenning	Street Warden – December 2016	£ 853.00
	Litter Picking/Street Maintenance £755.00	
	Weed Maintenance £50.00	
	Cemetery - £48.00	
Chq No 5031 E-On	Public Toilets – December 2016	£ 37.07
Chq No 5032 DACT	Parish Transport – December 2016	£ 73.35
Chq No 5033 Aylesbury Mains	Street Lighting Repairs – December 2016	£ 82.20
Chq No 5034 Aylesbury Mains	Street Lighting Repairs – December 2016	£ 216.96
Chq No 5035 Anglian Water	Public Toilets – Sept-Dec2016	£ 81.73
Chq No 5036 DDC	Parish Hall – Change of Use planning application	£ 80.00
Chq No 5037 N Roberts	Christmas Lights Installation	£ 300.00

TOTAL £2,827.86

BALANCES AT BANK £70,276.69



7. PLANNING

DA/2016/1038 – Single storey rear extension – **1 Grange Farm, Foxhill Road, Long Buckby**
No Objections

DA/2016/1150 – Work to trees within a Conservation Area – **Wharfdale, Three Bridges Road, Long Buckby Wharf**

No Objections

DA/2016/1152 – Removal of hedgerow – **Land off Foxhill Road, Long Buckby**

Objections:

- 1) There is a Right of Way, which runs through the hedgerow, the application incorrectly states there is no access.**
- 2) The Parish Council consider this hedgerow to have historical importance and is species rich.**
- 3) The maps supplied are not to scale (1:2,500 scale) and do not clearly identify the hedgerow in question**
- 4) The application states there has been no discussions with DDC prior to the application, whereby the government guidance states that it be discussed to ensure the hedgerow is suitable for removal.**
- 5) The hedgerow is next to a field probably of ridge and furrow, with local historical importance.**
- 6) The fields south of the hedgerow are an important wildlife area. The Parish Council would request an independent wildlife investigation be undertaken to comply with the Hedgerow Regulations 1997.**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED

The Parish Council noted the following planning permissions granted:

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

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

8. COUNCILLORS REPORTS and RISK ASSESSMENTS

8.1 Cemetery – All OK, report handed to the Clerk for filing

8.2 Allotments – All OK, report handed to the Clerk for filing

8.3 Public Toilets – The water pressure needs reducing, the Clerk will contact Anglian Water.

8.4 Cotton End Park - The current project is running to plan.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 NCC – Draft Budget & Council Plan Consultation 2017-18 – Noted

9.2 NCC – Children's Centre Services Consultation – Noted

9.3 DDC – Paint Means Poo Campaign Forum – J York to attend on behalf of Long Buckby.

Meeting Closed: 8:24pm