

## **Longstanton Parish Council**

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**Ordinary Meeting of Longstanton Parish Council to be held on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 7.30pm at the  
Village Institute, 24 High Street, Longstanton.**  
Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend.

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### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies received for absence.
2. Disclosures of Interests. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.
3. Meeting suspended to allow up to 10 minutes for Members of the Public and Press to make statements, comments or representations and Council Members declaring a prejudicial interest relating to agenda business to be transacted, to address the meeting.
4. To approve the minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and approved minutes to be signed as a true record by the presiding Chairman.
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009.
6. To approve the minutes of an Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 and approved minutes to be signed as a true record by the presiding Chairman.
7. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009.
8. To approve the minutes of an Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and approved minutes to be signed as a true record by the presiding Chairman.
9. To receive a report from County Cllr.S.Johnstone .
10. To receive a report from District Cllr. A.Riley.
11. To consider making a Community Award each year in recognition of long standing service to the community. Suggestion: that the award include an engraved plaque and a thank you dinner for two (estimated cost not to exceed £150.00). Following the first award in 2010, the village, through the Longstanton Life, will be invited to make nominations to the Parish Council.

12. Planning Matters – recommendations from the Maintenance & Development Committee (MDC):

- a) To consider S/1695/09/F – Erection of 8 Dwellings with Associated Access, Car Parking & New Play Space Provision. Magdalene Close – Annington Developments Ltd. Recommendation of the MDC to the Parish Council is Acceptance of the Planning Application subject to the conditions that

- 1) The play area should be built by the developer and not LPC (Equipment to be agreed between parties).
- 2) A commuted sum of £20k as previously offered

- b) **To ratify the MDC proposal** - A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton Improvement. Recommendation Approval with comments;

1) We OBJECT that there is no connection between Wilson's Road and the B1050 (Bar Road aka Hatton's Road) in Longstanton. This linkage is needed and should be permitted for foot and cycle traffic only, in order to preserve the current walking and cycle routes that exist. We suggest that the most sensible resolution is to provide a linkage between Wilson's Road and the local access road.

2) We OBJECT that there is no footway/cycle path along the local access road between Longstanton and Oakington, continuing to Cambridge. While we appreciate that there is such a route along the Bar Hill side of the A14, the size of the interchange and the expected continuing large volume of local traffic travelling at speed warrants such a path on the northern local access road as well. The government aims to reduce carbon emissions by encouraging walking and cycling as alternative means of transport. It would be completely contrary to this goal if such a major piece of new infrastructure lacked such provision, again keeping in mind that the local access roads will still be relatively high speed routes.

3) The Longstanton Parish Council requires that it be a consultee on any discussions related to traffic diversions through Longstanton, including changes in traffic patterns that would encourage unofficial diversions.

- c) **To ratify the MDC proposal** re: Home Farm Phase 1:

The Parish Council has not changed its position on the treatment of the village green area in front of Nelson Crescent. We still wish that there be the play area as proposed plans by Miracle Design & Play Ltd., dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 and that remedial work be undertaken to correct current deficiencies on the green as per the Parish Council recommendations dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

The Parish Council believes that the remaining open spaces in Phase 1 would not benefit from tarmac or other hard constructions other than any proposed low fences along the perimeters. We appreciate that some tarmac path areas were classified as play areas due to proposed painting on them. However, we feel that there is not significant benefit from such areas to outweigh the added maintenance costs and reduction in cohesiveness of the area. We therefore prefer that all remaining Phase 1 areas remain fully planted without paths or other hard surfaces.

We understand that small areas are listed as open space but are apparently listed on residential deeds as being part of their property. We require the apparent discrepancies resolved before handover of that land.

The Parish Council to write to James Fisher at SCDC, copy to District Cllr. Riley.

d) For information only – S/1443/09/F 12 Thornhill Place extension. SCDC Permission granted.

13. To consider Tree Works within a Conservation area – C/11/40/067 – 2 High Street. Recommendation from Tree Warden, Cllr. B.Johnston.

14. CCC – Verge Grass Cutting - To ratify the MDC proposal that That the contract for the village verges grass cutting be transferred to the Parish Council from 2010. The sum of £3340 payable after the first cut. The Parish Council to incorporate this maintenance into the existing Contract with Brookfield Groundcare (running for a further two years). Any excess from the funds received to be earmarked against the following year's budget, with the aim of reducing the grass cutting maintenance element of the precept. The Parish Council write to Michael Oakman at CCC and copy to County Cllr. Shona Johnstone.

15. Finance Matters:

a) Bank Accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> November 2009.

Reserve Account balance £81,110.96

Current Account Balance £ 500.00.

b) To approve payment of accounts and signing of cheques:

W.Sellwood pay for November (5weeks)	£ 641.86
P.Haywood salary for November.	£ 1615.13
P.Haywood expenses and reimbursements November.	£ 175.26
Inland Revenue – Tax & NI	£ 918.34
Stanley Tee LLP re: Interim costs LSSC matter.	£ 488.75
Glen Lovell- Litter collection November	£ 130.00
Longstanton Village Institute Hall Hire (Nov)	£ 388.50
Longstanton Village Institute office rent	£ 220.00
Brookfield Groundcare contract 8 of 10	£ 897.00
ESPO (Parish Pantry) kitchenware for the VI (from PP account)	£ 214.01
SLCC – Clerk training HR Management 1 <sup>st</sup> December.	£ 109.25
ESPO – Parish Mail Box	£ 184.00
BT Internet services 1/12/09 to 28/02/10	£ 119.33

For information – Clerks Exam taken on level 3, Health & Safety with HSE. Pass with Merit received.

16. To consider Winter Gritting within the Village Boundary.

17. Funding request – Friends of All Saints Church: erection and lighting costs of the Crib on the grounds of the Church and a donation of £50 towards the costs of refreshments after an event, to be held in the Church.

18. Correspondence received – for information only:

a) CPALC – affiliation fees 2010

19. Reminder - Christmas Closing of the Institute & Parish Office.

The Parish office will close on 23<sup>rd</sup> December and open on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> December. The Parish Office will resume normal working days from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

The Village Institute will be closed from 1pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December and will resume normal working days from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Notices will be posted.

20. Matters for future consideration.

21. Meeting Dates –

- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting - 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010.
- Maintenance & Development Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010
- Pavilion & Parish Plan Committee - 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

22. Close of Meeting.

Pauline Haywood  
Proper Officer  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2009.