

Longstanton Parish Council

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on **Thursday 24th July 2008 at 7.30pm** at the **Parish Meeting Room**, rear of the Village Institute, High Street, Longstanton.

Public Forum –

Prior to commencement of the meeting from 7.15pm to 7.30pm members of the public and press were invited to put questions to the Council relating to items listed on the agenda.

Present:

Cllr. Tucker – Chairman

Mr. A.Martin (Charity event organiser)

Cllr. Close

P.Haywood. – Clerk.

Cllr. Harradine

Cllr. Ballard

Cllr. Yarrow

Cllr. Johnston

Cllr. Meacher

1. Apologies received from Cllr. Grace and Cllr Cartwright.

2. Declaration of Interests –

Cllr Ballard declared a personal interest in item 4. LSSC Member.

Cllr. Johnston declared a personal interest in item 4. LSSC Member.

3. To consider request from Mr. Andy Martin to use the Recreation Ground for fundraising event.

Cllr Yarrow challenged as to why permission for use of the Recreation Ground is required.

Cllr. Close stated that the LSSC lease requires the permission from the Landlord (LSSC Lease 2007 item 3.13 refers).

The Clerk stated that it is an Insurance requirement that events being held on the Ground are held with the consent of the Council.

Cllr Close outlined the ‘Help for Heroes’ event planned for the 9th August and that the event was agreed and booked in April 2008 by the Chairman of the LSSC. Advertising of the event was put up in the village shop window.

The Cricket Club have a home fixture on the 9th August and were told by the LSSC Chairman that an alternative venue would be found and paid for by the LSSC. The Cricket Club agreed. As of this morning no alternative venue had been found. The Chairman is now on holiday until Wednesday of next week. Cllr. Close located a venue in Cambourne this afternoon and we are 98% sure of receiving a favourable response. The field is in excellent condition according to the statistics logged at SCDC.

Copies of the ‘Help the Heroes’ schedule were circulated.

The Chairman closed the meeting (7.40pm) to allow members to question Mr Martin, the event organiser.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.58pm.

Cllr. Johnston proposed approval for the Recreation Ground to be used on 9th August for 'Help for Heroes'.

Seconded by Cllr. Close.

Unanimously agreed.

The Council wished Mr Martin good luck for a successful event.

4. Sports Club & Recreation Ground Development.

Cllr. Tucker said he was surprised that the functions of the LSSC were not up to speed.

The development of the buildings must be considered in the long term.

It is essential that the LSSC is established as a thoroughly reputable organisation providing good records and showing all transactions through the Club. The history of the Club will be used as part of a business plan.

The management structure and running of the Club needs to be discussed.

The Clerk advised that, as requested at the last PC Meeting, she had received advice from three sources (Monitoring Officer, CPALC and SLCC) concerning Declarations of Interests relating to the LSSC and those members of the PC who are members. The Clerk stated that Members of the Council who are members of the LSSC have a prejudicial interest and must not participate in item 4 of the agenda relating to the LSSC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.07pm to discuss matters relating to the Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interests.

Cllr. Ballard left the meeting at 8.15pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.32pm.

Cllr. Yarrow stated that the lease should be reviewed and asked does the Parish Council want to take over the Club from LSSC? The LSSC has never requested permission from the Parish Council before for events they organise.

Cllr. Harradine proposed that the meeting is closed, the agenda item 4 is too broad.

Seconded by Cllr. Johnston. Majority agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.44pm.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....2008