

Minutes of the Long Melford Parish Council Meeting held in the Library, Hall Street, Long Melford ~ Tuesday 15th June 2010 @ 7pm

Present: Cllr's J Watts (chairman), I Wotherspoon, R Michette, R Kemp, T Coll, J Nunn, J Walton, J Frost, C Spraggon, J Brand, and Clerk Mrs L Goodban. 9 members of public and the press were in attendance

01/06/10 – Chairman's announcements The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and made the following announcements;

- Chairman attended the Clopton Rose ceremony and duly received the rent of One Red Rose which will now sit on the Clopton Tomb at Holy Trinity Church.
- Chair and vice chair both attended the recent Leadership Skills course held at SALC and found it very helpful
- Personnel committee have recently carried out a staff appraisal with the Clerk, copy of the report has been distributed to members but the report is private and should not be put into public domain
- With regret the Chairman announced the resignation of Dr Paul Rylott due to work commitments and moving out of the Village and declared a Vacant Seat. It was resolved that the clerk write with a vote of thanks to Dr Rylott for his support to the Parish and wishing him every success with his move.
- It was **resolved** the meeting be suspended for items 05/06 and 06/06

02/06/10 Apologies: Cllr's M Brabner, C Mills

03/06/10 To adopt minutes of meetings:

Minutes of the **AGM** meeting held on 18th May 2010 at the Library
Minutes of **full council** meeting held on 18th May 2010 at the Library
Minutes of **Burial Ground** meeting held on 8th June 2010 at Cemetery
Minutes of **Planning** meeting held on 8th June 2010 at the Council Office
It was **resolved** the minutes be signed as true records of the meetings.

04/06/10 Declarations of interest or hospitality: none received

05/06/10 Presentation by Suffolk Fire Service Extrication Team

Suffolk Fire Service Extrication team gave a power point presentation to members highlighting the work they do within the community. The presentation showed the results caused by motor accidents as a result of poor driving, alcohol and drugs, mobile phones and over confidence. The presentation is used around the county to try and encourage drivers to be more responsible and to be prepared to 'expect the unexpected' when driving. The team rely on public support and funding to continue with advanced training for dealing with these accidents and voiced their thanks to the Parish Council for continued support. The Chairman and members thanked the team for such a graphic presentation and for the effort they put in to helping keep our community safe.

06/06/10 Reports:

District Council: Cllr Brand gave the following report;

The recent budget meeting at District Council reflects that things are not looking good, the council will have to wait for Central Government to announce what cuts are to be made before they can work out what Local reductions might be needed.

County Council: Cllr Kemp gave the following report;

- New Chairman for SCC will be Eddy Alcock, Patricia O'Brien will be Vice Chair.
- Cabinet meeting on 25th May had a number of interesting items on the Agenda including Sizewell and the application from British Energy for a new Dry Fuel store which would house the spent rods from the Nuclear Power plant for up to 100 years. The matter was passed, with council having no objections to grant of planning permission for development. Also there were papers on Schools Organisational Review for Stoke by Nayland and Sudbury, discussion over term dates and Child Safeguarding.
- SCC website is currently holding a survey on the upcoming Olympics and Paralympics in 2012. The survey is there to rank expectations of what the public think should happen in Suffolk for the Olympic Games, questions include a 'Big Screen' in Town centres showing coverage of games and Olympic activities in schools

Police; This report covers the period 10th May to 7th June.

- There have been 16 crimes reported, this compares to 19 crimes for the same period last year.
- Staff quarters at the Bull Hotel were broken into and items stolen; two males currently on police bail for breaking into a shed in Park Terrace; Cricket club was broken into and a cash register stolen

- A man was charged with drink driving in Little St Mary's; cars parked in Olivers Close and Raile Walk were 'keyed'; 2 males are on police bail for damaging a car parked at Park Terrace; A wing mirror was kicked of vehicles parked in Station Road and Cordell Place;
- A report of harassment was made; a report of assault in Woollards Gardens was made;
- A gate at Patisserie was damaged; A windows of property in St Catherine's Road and Hall Street were broken;
- 2 Males are on police bail for producing a controlled drug (cannabis) in St Catherine's Road
- Also reported by the Police were 4 incidents of criminal damage.
- There continue to be problems with parking and obstruction of footpaths
- It was noted that there has been no response to the request from Parish Council to Inspector Crick for further considerations in our aim to provide a match funded PCSO
- Anti Social Behaviour issues were raised (see Public Report)

Clerk: The following matters were reported by the Clerk and noted by members;

- Various dates for meetings were given to members
- The Gypsy Traveller Awareness Seminar to be held by BDC on Tuesday 22nd June 2010, 2.15pm – 4.30pm at Council Chamber, Babergh Offices has been cancelled
- Suffolk ACRE AGM takes place on Wednesday 14th July 2010, 5.45pm at Henley Community Centre. Guest panellists are Lady Caroline Cranbrook, Rural Campaigner and Dr Stuart Burgess, commission for Rural Communities Chair. Optional two course supper will be served after the meeting @ £15 per person Anyone wishing to attend please notify the clerk.
- BT has confirmed that all equipment will be removed from the kiosks. Once this is done we will receive confirmation of transfer of ownership of the kiosks. With regard to power supply, BT are proceeding on the basis that BT will retain responsibility for power for the time being (as per option 1 in the FAQ's).
- No response has yet been received from the Garden Centre regarding sponsorship of the kiosk
- The clerk met with a resident at High Street to establish an agreed place for dog bin. This will now be ordered from BDC.
- Members of personnel committee met with the clerk for a staff appraisal. Copy of report enclosed with documents.
The clerk will be taking annual leave and will therefore be out of office on the following dates;
Friday 18th June to Friday 25th June 2010 (back in office Monday 28th June)
Monday 5th July to Monday 12th July 2010 (back in office Tuesday 13th July)

Members of the Public There were 26 members of Public in attendance. The following issues were raised;

- Mr Roger Kistruck reported that a recent meeting of the Traffic Management Group had viewed and considered the Feasibility report from SCC and were disappointed to see the proposals were not as had been previously supported by the Council and group. It was confirmed that the Parish Council had not requested the proposed schemes and had been waiting for confirmation of the temporary lining change of priority agreed with Mr Shipp from SCC in 2008. The traffic group suggest that SCC be invited to attend a meeting and discuss options; The Parish Council should make it clear to SCC what they feel are the primary objectives and Liaison with the Traffic Management Group and PC would be improved if representation from Parish Council could join the group.
- Residents of areas in the centre of Long Melford have suffered repeated damage to property including broken windows, damage to motor vehicles, youths urinating in gardens, damage to walls, flower pots and hanging baskets upturned or stolen, bins tipped over and verbal abuse to name but a few. Reports were also received of loud, abusive and drunken behaviour from groups of up to 30 youths (all apparently underage) which carried on until after 2am on Sunday mornings. This has now been happening for several weeks each weekend.
Members of the public were frustrated and upset that there appears to have been little or no police presence during these disturbances even though calls have been made during the disturbances to the police, and compounding frustration for residents it has often been Monday or Tuesday of the following week before any 'call back' has been received.
Police were in attendance at the meeting and tried to reassure the public that their concerns were being taken seriously, and stated that unfortunately there is often a shortage of police at these times and calls have to be prioritised.
After much further, and often heated discussion, it was agreed that Inspector Crick of Sudbury Police be invited to meet with residents at a public meeting, hear their concerns and advise of a way forward in dealing with the problems. It was also suggested that the 'Youth Pod' and possibly the whole play area at Cordell Place, should be dismantled and the area developed to stop youths congregating there and causing constant disruption to residents.
- The Parish Council will contact Inspector Crick to arrange this meeting for the earliest possible time and notify residents of date, time and place.

07/06/10 Allocation of S106 Recreation Contributions: BDC have confirmed that the S106 fund now stands at £79,105.36. A quotation of £31,567 has been obtained for cricket nets. It has been confirmed that funds cannot be used for cricket nets as they are a private club. The clerk has confirmed with BDC that the nets would be for public use on Community Land and that only the cricket club pavilion is private. It would be possible to use the funds for the 'Rise and Shine Trail' however residents are reluctant to have more equipment in Cordell Place because of the existing problems with anti social behaviour. It was resolved that a meeting be held with BDC and Parish Council to consider in greater detail how we might use the funds.

08/06/10 Local Needs Housing: Tim Yeo and other parliamentary candidates have become involved in trying to get Long Melford included as an 'exception' for development of social needs housing. BDC are now advertising for sites with potential for development in the District. It was resolved that a 'site submission form' be submitted for land at High Street

09/06/10 Community Speed watch: Members were informed that the Speed Watch group were now operational and have been out and about in the Village on several occasions. There appears to be mostly a positive response from residents to the group.

10/06/10 SCC Highways:

- **Pedestrian Crossing Point:** Proposals for pedestrian crossing point at Little St Mary's were considered. Members resolved unanimously to support this proposal. The clerk will confirm with SCC and ask that they proceed as soon as possible
- **Feasibility Report, The Green:** Members considered the feasibility report received from SCC with proposals for change at the junction of Church Walk and the Green. It was agreed these proposals were not as originally agreed with Kevin Ship. After further consideration it was resolved that the council reject these proposals and inform SCC that we wish to proceed with proposals as previously agreed with Kevin Shipp in 2008 and that these proposals also have the support of the Traffic Management Group

11/06/10 Estate Visit: Members received copy of report from Cllr's Nunn and Coll who recently carried out a follow up Estate Visit from the meeting in December 2009. The report shows that much of the items raised in December have now been completed. Items outstanding will be chased up.

12/06/10 Burial Ground:

War Memorial: It was reported that the War Memorial appears to be in very poor condition. Much of the surface has fallen away and there are concerns about possible structural decay. The clerk has submitted 'expression of interest' to War Memorials Trust in preparation of submitting application for funding to repairs. A report of condition and quotes will be obtained from Stonemasons. RBL will also be notified and asked if they can assist with funding.

13/06/10 Councillor ID badges: Members considered obtaining Councillor ID badges to be worn by members when on Council business. It was **resolved** that badges be obtained and worn by members if they wish to do so.

14/06/10 Old School: The Parish Council have been asked to check prescribed right of way to the rear of the Old School. The Chairman confirmed that he and the clerk have both seen and been given copy of the prescribed right of way and that all is in order.

15/06/10 BDC review of Decision making arrangements

Members considered proposals from BDC for future decision making arrangements. It was resolved to support 'Existing Committee Arrangements'

16/06/10 Accounts It was **resolved** to pay the outstanding accounts

Accounts outstanding:	P & K Monthly	262.56
	E.on Energy	501.18
	Zen internet	15.31
	SALC Membership	771.80
	C.O.S	24.30
	Suffolk Acre additions to Insurance	14.44
	R & R Lawnmowers	<u>74.89</u>
		1664.48

Cheques issued 11/05/10 – 07/06/10

17/05/10	H J Pest Control	1531	90.00
20/05/10	Old Ch yard	1536	171.28

17/05/10	BT office	1526	101.99
17/05/10	Seago Stopps - audit 2009/10	1527	775.50
17/05/10	E.On monthly Apr/May	1528	1179.46
17/05/10	P & K monthly & repairs	1529	919.29
17/05/10	Chilton Office Supplies	1530	63.40
17/05/10	S.A.L.C Gov/accountability guide	1532	15.00
17/05/10	Tanswell - concert signs	1533	150.00
19/05/10	SCC 'P' signs	1534	252.00
20/05/10	A C Sawyer	1535	
27/05/10	Arco - reflective jackets	1537	46.55
28/05/10	archives & expenses	1538	43.99
01/06/10	L A Goodban	1539	
07/06/10	Optua	1540	50.00
07/06/10	Methodist Christian Art Exhib	1541	50.00
07/06/10	Community 1st Responders	1542	200.00
07/06/10	URC hall hire	1543	130.00
07/06/10	Suffolk Acre annual membership	1544	25.00

17/06/10 Planning Applications The following applications were considered by council;

B/10/00668/LBC Hill House, High Street, Long Melford

LBC Conversion of outbuildings to residential unit

Resolved to recommend approval

B/09/00330/FUL – Planning Inspectorate Appeal

Notice was received of appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment in respect of this application. Appeal start date 07/06/2010

Next Meetings:

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| • Tuesday 13 th July | 7.30pm | Office | Planning |
| • Tuesday 20 th July | 7pm | Library | Council |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm