

Minutes of the Long Melford Parish Council Meeting held in the Library, Hall Street, Long Melford ~ Tuesday 20th July 2010 @ 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's J Watts (chairman), I Wotherspoon, R Michette, T Coll, J Nunn, J Walton, J Frost, C Spraggons, and Clerk Mrs L Goodban. 5 members of public were in attendance

01/07/10 – Chairman's announcements The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and made the following announcements;

- Sudbury Upper School have confirmed they wish to create a partnership with Long Melford Parish Council for a match funded PCSO. This will be discussed in detail under item 05.07
- A staff appraisal was recently carried out for Alan Sawyer. Members will receive documentation on items discussed before the next PC meeting. This information will not be for members only and not public information. It was **resolved** the meeting be suspended for items 05/07

02/07/10 Apologies: Cllr's M Brabner, R Kemp, J Brand,

03/07/10 To adopt minutes of meetings:

Minutes of **full council** meeting held on 15th June 2010 at the Library

Minutes of **Public Meeting** with Police held on 29th June 2010 at the Library

It was **resolved** the minutes be signed as true records of the meetings.

04/07/10 Declarations of interest or hospitality: none received

05/07/10 Reports:

District Council: No report received as neither councillor was able to attend meeting

County Council: The following report was read to members;

- SCC has recently announced that it is going to postpone the consultation around Phase 3 of schools organisational review due to the uncertainty of funding. This means that plans for some schools have been put on hold again. Previously County had planned this phase to go to consultation later this year, and then put the creation of new schools back to 2012/14 depending on the area. However due to financial constraints the earliest this can now take place would be spring term 2011. The building schools for the future funding is also in doubt but it is thought that many of the original funding plans will be scrapped.
- The Municipal Journal (Local government magazine) has recently awarded SCC's Activities Unlimited with 'The best achievement of the year in Children's Services' award.
- A new service to reduce drug related crime by ensuring offenders get access to effective treatment and support is being launched in Suffolk from July 2010.
- Suffolk will be host to a number of sports persons following the news that Lowestoft has been selected by both Gt Britain and Canada as the training base for their Gymnastic teams.

Police; No report received.

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

- Members each received copy of the 'Clerks Action' list detailing items and actions from previous meetings. This format allows members to follow ongoing updates on progress of items raised at meetings.
- The clerk has received correspondence from Mr Richard Roper expressing his sincere thanks for support in helping to have the Culvert at Roman Way cleared of rubbish and silt. Mr Roper was particularly thankful to the workmen who were friendly, courteous and considerate, always stopping to allow dog walkers and children pass thus ensuring that, at no time was anyone in any danger during the works.
- Mr Roper also extended his sincere thanks for support of the Council during his recent 'Mile of Money' event to raise funds for EACH. Use of the office and support of the Clerk and Council ensured the day was a great success and in excess of £700 was raised. There was also huge success in fundraising at the Street Fair, in total with both events over £1,000 has been raised.

Street Fair: It was reported that the Street Fair seems to have been a huge success, with record numbers of people attending; there were changes to entertainment and schedules which seemed to be well received, the majority of stall holders were pleased with the day and the weather was very favourable. It was reported that one vendor had a problem with pitch location and has been told he will not be allowed to return at future events, however it was clearly stated that this matter has yet to be discussed in further detail and a committee decision will be made rather than personal decisions.

In previous years the Parish Council have funded up to £2000 for costs of the event, this year costs to the PC will be less than £800. All other funds have been raised by the committee and it is hoped

there will still be reserves to carry forward for the next event and funds to offer a donation to a local charity. A vote of thanks was offered by the Chairman, unanimously supported by members, to ALL committee and volunteers who worked so hard to make the day such a memorable event.

Members of the Public There were 5 members of Public in attendance. The following issues were raised;

- Mr Roger Kistruck reported that the Traffic/Road Safety group were waiting with interest to find out if cuts will affect the proposals for a traffic island crossing point at Little St Mary's. The group also suggested that they would be happy to meet with SCC to discuss further the proposals for the junction across the Green. The group are also prepared to carry out surveys and investigations for safety and visibility in relation to these proposals. The traffic group were also pleased to hear the PC were now in a position to proceed with Match funded PCSO, they feel this action is constructive, positive, imaginative and very good for the community.
- Lorna Atthey informed members she was attending to let the Council know that SCC are still supporting the efforts of volunteers to create youth club opportunities in the village. There are currently 2 age groups meeting on a regular basis. The 9 - 12 group continues to grow in numbers with each meeting, however the 12 plus group seems to be diminishing each month. Youth Club leaders greatly appreciate the continued support of the Parish Council.
- Mr Daryl Tanswell raised questions on ownership of the Old School and Village Hall, asking that if the PC owned both properties why do they rent offices and rooms for meetings. It was stated that although the PC are trustees to both premises they are managed completely independently by Management Committees who rely on revenue from lettings. This meant that there was not sufficient space or daily availability for council offices and rooms were often not available for meetings however the Council work hard to ensure minimum costs for existing services.
- Members were informed there is concern about the number of foxes living in grounds close to the Primary School. The Education authority are aware of the foxes and have confirmed they do not believe them to be a threat to children.

06/07/07 Vacant Seat Following the resignation of Dr Paul Rylott a vacant seat has been declared. B.D.C confirmed there was no call for election and members may co-opt to fill the vacancy. Names received for consideration were Rosey Eade, Stuart Poole and Helen Spear. Following ballot voting it was **resolved** that Rosie Eade be co-opted to the Council. A letter of thanks for their interest will be sent to all parties.

07/07/10 Anti Social Behaviour: Members were informed that since the previous meeting there has been considerable progress. At a recent Police Meeting it was agreed that Long Melford be listed as a priority 1 for high police profile which became effective immediately. Since this the problem appears to have diminished on the surface however there are concerns that problems may occur during school holidays. Cordell Place has also been made priority for police mobile CCTV. Recommendations for consideration at Cordell Place play area include a curfew and alcohol ban. This would give police powers to move youths on if they gather after curfew time. Police are also urging stores to return to the 'marking' of alcohol. Sudbury Street Pastors have agreed to visit Long Melford as often as possible/necessary. It was also confirmed that a partnership has now been found for the match funded PCSO at Sudbury Upper School. It was stated this will benefit the parish in more ways than one as youths from the School are involved in much of the current anti social behaviour problems and the PCSO will be able to work with youths in both locations to try and resolve the problems. *The chairman confirmed that it was previously agreed at Council Meeting that the Council proceed with a match funded PCSO partnership providing a partnership can be found.* Contracts are now being prepared for signing. It was **resolved** that enquiries be made into obtaining a curfew of 10pm at the play area and a bylaw banning consumption of Alcohol in public places in the village (with exception of licensed premises). Vote 8 in favour.

08/07/10 Allocation of S106 Recreation Contributions: BDC have confirmed that the S106 fund now stands at £79,105.36. The Chairman and Clerk met with Mark Tavernor and Nick Elliot, BDC to discuss possible projects. It was confirmed that funding could be used for new play equipment, this could be at Cordell Place or alternative locations in the village (Possibly Southgate Gardens or Lackforth), this could also include provision of lighting at Cordell Place. Quotes for such works will be obtained for consideration. Cricket nets could possibly be provided however the club would have to carry out a survey to provide evidence the public want them and that they would provide more than the current nets. It was confirmed by BDC that policy had been set by BDC Members, in order to change this members would have to request a review of current policy and that BDC consider broadening current policy.

09/07/10 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

10/07/10 SCC Highways:

- **Pedestrian Crossing Point:** Members were informed that a meeting with SCC will take place this week to consider the proposal for a crossing island at Little ST Mary's.
- **Feasibility Report, The Green:** Members stated they do not wish to proceed with any of the current proposals. It was resolved a meeting be arranged with SCC, Parish Council and Transport Group to discuss a way forward

11/07/10 Burial Ground:

War Memorial: Waiting for quote from Stonemason.

Church Drive: A quote has been obtained from B Smith. It was **resolved** second quote be obtained.

Trees Rear Church yard: A quote has been obtained. It was **resolved** a second quote be obtained.

12/07/10 Old School Prescriptive Right of Way: Members were informed that on further consideration of documentation for right of way at the Old School it was noticed the paperwork is only supporting evidence for an application of prescriptive right of way. There is currently no evidence to show if this application was submitted or approved. Clerk will check registration with Land Registry.

13/07/10 Tour of Britain Cycle Race: Tour of Britain Cycle Race will be passing through Long Melford on Friday 17th September 2010, this will be leg 7 of the race and the section through Long Melford will be a 'sprint'. It was **resolved** a meeting be arranged with business association to see how we can maximise this event in Long Melford.

14/07/10 BDC review of Decision making arrangements

Concerns have been raised by a member of public at the volume and speed of emergency vehicles that seem to be passing through Long Melford on a daily basis. After consideration it was **resolved** that the Parish Council cannot change policy for emergency services.

15/07/10 Trees at Old Court Residents of Old Court have again raised concerns about the proximity and roots of trees close to their property. It is believed the trees belong to Melford Hall. It was resolved a letter be sent to Sir Richard Hyde Parker asking him to review the situation.

16/07/10 S107 applications Kernos Centre **Resolved** to donate £200

17/07/10 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
	999 Services	89.99
	Mini Waste – concerts	80.00
	C.O.S	47.83
	E.On office	189.71
	HHP office property ins	78.08
	BT office	117.89
	URC hall hire – PC	52.00
	URC hall hire – youth club	104.00
	SCC document copies	2.40
		1504.95

Cheques issued 07/06/10 – 15/07/10

16/06/10	A C Sawyer	1546		16/06/10	Lord Lucan Band	1548	350.00
01/07/10	E.On monthly	1549	589.73	01/07/10	P & K monthly	1550	633.88
01/07/10	Chair Expenses	1551	48.76	01/07/10	Leadership course	1552	211.50
01/07/10	SALC member	1554	771.80	01/07/10	Suffolk Acre ins	1555	14.44
01/07/10	C.O.S	1556	47.35	01/07/10	Zen	1557	35.98
01/07/10	L A Goodban	1558		01/07/10	Postage	1559	106.00
01/07/10	R & R	1553	86.00				

Next Meetings:

- Tuesday 10th August 7.30pm Office **Planning**
- Tuesday 17th August 7.30pm Library **Council**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm