

GREAT LONGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH JULY 2013 IN GREAT LONGSTONE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr Simon Headington, Cllr James Cox, Cllr Hugh Wright, Cllr Peter Thompson, Cllr Wendy Long, Sarah Stokes (Clerk), UTE, Cllr Twigg, Isobel Frenzel Rural Housing Enabler (DDDC) Matt Hopkins and James Barrett (Junior Committee) and approx 7 parishioners.

Public comments.

Cllr Judith Twigg highlighted two errors in the draft minutes, one being that she is County not District Cllr. The other that Les Warren from DDDC is Les Warren not Les Williams. Cllr Twigg stressed that Les Warren would be delighted to come and talk in a meeting. She also highlighted that any problems the PC has got to raise them with her. Cllr Twigg had sent info of a temporary road closure in Rowland/Great Longstone. Cllr Twigg was somewhat surprised that footpath 4 in-between Glebe Ave and Grisedale Rd had not been done yet.

The PC raised the new pavement on Edge View Drive, the PC were not aware of this plan.

Cllr Judith Twigg, highlighted that she had raised the issue of the state of the above footpath to DCC, seen on a walk around the village. The Cllr asked of any flooding gully's and thanked the PC for the draft minutes.

Resident (1) stated that the PC should discuss options for the tennis court in an open meeting instead of decisions being made out of the meeting, they should be made in public.

The PC stated that decisions are made in PC meetings.

The PC highlighted that public meetings have been held and information put forward.

Resident (1) stated that when information is put forward it then gets changed.

Resident (2) reported that the PC are allowed to change their mind.

Resident (1) The PC need to be open.

Junior committee Representative. The representative spoke on behalf of the youth of the village. He stated that the PC asked the youths at a meeting some time ago what they wanted. The juniors stated a number of points; the youths wanted to see a MUSA where there is more than just tennis, with many sports; the PC had listened and cared about the youths opinion; the LAGS were formed; lots of meetings were held with School, PDNPA, pre school etc; sketches were made and calls made; the recreation ground was the only place for the musa due to the proximity of the school it was logical to put it there; the lags went for a public survey for every household; results came back and the majority were in favour; it was felt by the LAGS and youths they had a chance with this plan; a small group were appose, who then carried out a survey; the 'other' survey was based on arm twisting and mis information such as rumours that Derwent Valley FC were planning to use the musa; the ideas of those appose have managed to sway the PC to shelve the plans; was the process just a box ticking exercise; asked for the PC to reconsider, asked for Cllr Long to Chair a meeting with the Juniors and the opposing group to come up with a compromise, with no lights on a smaller scale. The representative concluded by urging the PC to reconsider their next move and consider the youths.

Resident (1) highlighted that the youths will all go off to work when they are 20. It was also stated that the biggest age group in the village (from National Stats) is 66/67/68 year olds, where there are 20 in each age. The resident highlighted that there are only 66 kids in the village aged 12 – 18 from this data.

LAG representative. The representative reiterated that there are 'ONLY' 66, 12 – 18 year olds in the village.

The PC reported that age distribution is a real problem in the village, people leave as there are not the places to live so they leave, this age group are also those that run scout groups/youth clubs. The village hall was built for young adults.

The PC stated that the PC were totally behind the MUSA project, having listened to all, but there is so much controversy and a management committee is needed. Until a formal management committee is formed the decision has been made, reluctantly.

Resident (2) asked did cost come in to the decision. The resident also stated that land owners have been written to, the position is against you, but there is still so much to do.

The PC stated that they didn't get that far and you can't put in for funding until planning is approved. The PC may not have got this.

Resident (3) highlighted that the PC had targeted a £50k funding for a £160k project. Had any private money been put forward, as they had not seen anywhere where you can get £160k.

The PC stated that a few businesses had offered funds. This statement by a Cllr was fresh news.

The PC also stated that projects have to be being looked at in order to be ready for when and if funding becomes available.

Cllr Judith Twigg reported that Bradwell had a pot of money for match funding when they set about their project, they didn't start until they had enough money.

Resident (1) stated that Bradwell had £30k already for the project.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.53pm.

102/13 To accept any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

103/13 Declarations of business interests.

Cllr Wright registered an interest in items relating to DCC, Fearnough yard and the planning application 11.1. Cllr Headington registered an interest in item 11.1.

104/13 Minutes of the meeting 10th July 2013.

The Chair amended the minutes accordingly with 'County' Cllr Twigg not District and 'Les Warren' not Les Williams. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Long and seconded by Cllr Thompson.

Closed session.

105/13 Affordable Housing.

Isobel Frenzel (Rural Housing Enabler) from DDDC presented information referring to the housing needs survey in 2009. This was following a request for an update at the APM. Isobel reported on a number of points; the housing needs survey is getting towards the end of its life; have been working with Alison Clamp from Peak Rural Housing Association; Isobel and Alison did a village walk about with a number of members of the PC and a planner in 2009; Funding has since then become more difficult; Great Longstone didn't fit into the targeted schemes; there was a grant of £80k per house, now this is £18k, making it more difficult; funding wise the DDDC have no housing stock, people can buy council houses, money goes back to the council if a house is sold, there are better deals with a right to buy.

Isobel proposes another walk about along with the PC, Planners and Alison Clamp looking at sites. The site fell through on Edge View Drive as the land was purchased by a resident. A neutral view is required. Isobel

informed the Council she has been around the village on a number of occasions since 2009, casting a fresh eye. Youlgrave and Birchover were given as an example where a number of individuals were committed to driving the project forward. People were interviewed in the villages as to how genuine they were on wanting a house/local connection. Isobel has sites in mind in Great Longstone

The PC questioned the time gone by since the survey and how much a home costs to build.

Isobel informed the PC she had still been looking into the needs of Great Longstone and that each home costs approx £100 - £120k with sites costing approx £12k per plot (a set price per plot).

Resident (2) referred to Glebe Court housing.

The PC asked who would build the homes.

Isobel informed the PC the homes would be built by East Midlands Housing Association and that funding was not good.

The Chair thanked Isobel.

Re opened the meeting.

106/13 Recreation ground.

106.1 Playground.

106.1.1 Rospa Inspection. A report from Rospa had been received. It was resolved to physically look at the equipment/comments made by Rospa on the annual inspection of land (provisionally September). It was noted however that there had been decay on the wood on some old and new equipment. Decay to be looked at, whether hit by lawnmowers or other type. The height of the swing was raised again, which had been raised following last year's inspection.

106.2.1 Monthly inspection. Cllr Thompson had noticed the decay and requirement for new chain links on Burma bridge. Cllr Thompson to action the new chain links.

106.2 Equipment for older children.

106.2.1 Options for the tennis court (with no changes to the boundaries and no lighting).

Cllr Long reported that there had been a meeting with a construction company looking at altering the surface and outside netting, in order for the area to have a multiuse. The Cllr stated that the PC need to look at tennis club/joining of, to see if it is a viable option to refurbish the area as a tennis court or make more changes. Changes such as painting in goals ends and a stronger support in the middle for easily removed nets, within a reasonable budget.

Cllr Thompson referred to the interest in using the facility for a netball club. If there is interest perhaps lines could be put on for netball.

Cllr Long reported that the size of the tennis court is big enough for the sports the kids want to do.

Cllr Thompson stated that the kids want something.

Cllr Long stated that no planning would be required if changing like for like, however the planners would want to see any information on changes ensuring it is in keeping with the area. Also that no one has complained about the tennis court and its location. If the tennis court is kept there would be no increase in contributions, not a huge fundraising route.

Cllr Wright asked for a recap of the sports asked for and highlighted that the main concerns were noise and lighting.

Cllr Long reported that tennis, netball and a hard court for bad weather to play five a side football had been requested.

Cllr Headington suggesting utilising what we have got with an alternation to the net.

Cllr Long stated that the fencing will not have a long life span also that the hole in the middle needs repairing (to look at on the inspection of land) Also that referring back to the village days where youngsters asked for somewhere to do the sports.

Cllr Thompson proposed relining costs, temporary net costs are gained and identifying if there is a need for netball.

Cllr Wright suggesting floating the idea to the parishioners.

Cllr Long highlighted that when the new play area was being built/changed the question of will it be used was asked, kids are using it.

Cllr Thompson proposed the Clerk ask the LAGS group to look into the interest for netball and gain costs for relining and a temporary net. This was seconded by Cllr Long, with 4 Councillors being in favour and 1 abstention.

Cllr Long raised the facebook 'Great Longstone Preservation Society', questioning how preventing a sports facility helps preserve a village. The Cllr highlighted that the village should be encouraged to shop locally/using pubs. Within the last 50 years the village has lost 11 working farms, 8 shops. It is a cause for concern that the village is down to 1 shop.

106.3 Goal posts. The Clerk reported that the football club had confirmed that the cost of the new posts to the PC would be £275. And would be installed at no cost by the football club. Cllr Headington proposed that the PC commit to the £275 and the football club go ahead with putting in an application for funding. To note the Rospa inspection comments were taken into consideration, with the metal net fixings not meeting the requirements of the relevant standard.

106.4 Tree near cricket pavilion.

The Clerk reported that the go ahead had been given to the contractor and that the neighbouring property would contribute to the cost if necessary, but it is PC owned land.

107/13 Village greens.

107.1 Lease for tree area near bus shelter. Awaiting PDNPA.

107.2 Location of jubilee tree. The Clerk had been contacted verbally, requesting that the PC look at the location of the newly planted tree as in years to come it was seen that it would obscure the sight of traffic. The tree near to Caseys was referred to, being of the same species and not over big. To look at on the inspection of land and monitor over the years.

107.3 Low tree branches on village greens. B Cardona had requested that tree branches be cut back, at the appropriate time of the year, as the low branches are making it difficult to cut the grass. It had been noticed that children are also swinging from them. It was resolved to look at these on the inspection of Council land.

107.4 Main road side verge next to West Green. B Cardona had highlighted that this area had been cut by himself in previous years. It was resolved for the Clerk to contact DDDC for them to carry this out, as it is a verge.

108/13 Burial grounds and Fearnough yard.

108.1 Request to relocate a bench in Fearnough. The residents of Victoria Terrace whom have purchased further land in Fearnough, enquired into relatives in relation to the bench situated in the area. The Clerk has referred the residents to a relative whom are looking at relocating the bench in within the area.

There had also been two emails regarding Fearnough, one questioning the perceived low costs to the parish to accept the gift. The other an update on Fearnough. Both letters were sent the draft minutes of the last meeting.

108.2 Ivy and roadside wall – closed churchyard. The Clerk reported that the ivy has not been removed by DDDC, this has been chased again on behalf of the PCC. The roadside wall is ongoing, with DDDC looking into funding with the PCC.

109/13 Footpaths/roads.

109.1 Verges. The Clerk reported that the verge in front of West Green has now been cut by DDDC.

109.2 Overhanging bushes/tree branches onto streetlights. It was noted that there had been no progress. Clerk to write once again. It was also noted that the streetlight up from 'The Manor' is on permanently. Clerk to report this fault.

109.3 Dog bins/waste bins. The Clerk has chased the relocation of the dog bin, no developments. A letter has been received from PDNPA, stating that with regards to the new bin on the ramp at the Monsal trail, they will look into positioning a disc incorporating an arrow (added to the existing way marker off the trail, directing people to the waste bin/usage of.

109.4 Resurfacing public footpath number 4. Ongoing.

109.5 Steps down from Monsal Trail. PDNPA had sent a letter stating they have asked one of their staff to clear the steps so they are once again easy to use. A resident had also kindly offered to take on the task. The Clerk to thank the resident. Await PDNPA and steps to be monitored.

110/13 Council Administration.

110.1 Land registration. Cllr Headington reported that he had been to Cockertons regarding the statement of truth. Cockertons had discovered the QC's opinion within the documents provided stating that the land is owned by the PC. The Solicitor requested a more up to date map to accompany the statement of truth. However one possible issue had been raised of an area where a car parks off Spring bank/green. Cllr Cox stated that the track was once used for the farm, there were no boundaries on Spring bank, there was a hard stony track. It was resolved that the area where the car parks, is not on the village green. The Clerk to pass documents received from DCC to Cockertons, this incorporates a map (in line with those already passed to the Solicitor) highlighting the 6 greens along with an accompanying document ' Commons Registration Act 1965 Register of Town and Village Greens'. With the registration authority being Derbyshire County Council.

110.2 Civil emergency plan. Cllr Thompson reported that the information gathering is ongoing. A database is required with information such as whom has chainsaws, boats etc. Then a risk assessment, taking note of chemical stores, major rail links, flooding risks. A civil emergency committee is required, where they meet every 6months/year. It was noted how one area of the country had snow on power lines and no electricity for 2 weeks.

110.3. Inspection of Council Owned land. Date to be set for the end of September.

111/13 Financial matters.

111.1 Bank reconciliation for 30 June and bank balances.

INCOME

War stock	£1.80
Rent	£100.00
Dividend	£39.53
Bank int	£4.61

£145.94

EXPENDITURE £4,120.90

UNPRESENTED

Land reg	£80.00
B Legion	£50.00
Axiom Zimbra	£11.60

PCC £240.00

£381.60

Closing balance on current account £1000.00
Closing balance on deposit account £37,865.66

111.2 Quarterly statement.

INCOME

Precept	£16,597.00
Rent	£140.00
Bank int	£4.61
Invest	£42.86

EXPENDITURE

Admin	£2,536.10
Greens	£1,446.00
Burial gr	£1,290.00
Rec	£1,025.00
Footpaths	£120.00
VAT	£254.61

111.3 To accept and approve payments:

Sarah Stokes	Admin	£349.00
	Expenses	£22.13
Wye Insurance	V Hall ins	£810.84
B Cardona	Strim foot	£20.00
Playsafety ltd	Rospa inspec	£92.40

The payments were proposed by Cllr Headington with all in favour.

It was noted that some of the items under unrepresented will not be presented such as Land Registry, Clerk to adjust the figures/accounts accordingly.

111.4 Printer. Clerk/Chair still looking into.

111.5 HMRC Appeal. No reply received to date.

111.6 External audit. No reply received to date. To note all information has been sent to Grant Thornton.

111.7 It was reported that the village hall had a slate off the roof. Cllr Headington proposed Cox's do this small job with all in favour.

112/13 Planning matters.

Cllrs Headington and Wright left the meeting.

112.1 Parish Council Consultation. Meadowcroft, Grisedale Rd. NP/DDD/0613/0516. Single storey extension to house to replace existing one, and erection of garage.

PC comment: No comments.

Cllrs Headington and Wright rejoined the meeting.

113/13 Police matters and neighbourhood watch.

Cllr Wright raised that residents are advised to secure sheds and that the police have issued a 10 point list for identifying people. Cllr Thompson reported that counterfeit notes are being presented locally at events such as garden parties.

114/13 Clerks report.

1. Sent a letter of thanks to the Working party and Juniors.
2. Accompanied Cllr Long on site meeting of tennis court with Lightmain.
3. Requested further information from Longstone and Baslow Junior Football club regarding the goal posts.
4. Contacted the tree surgeon and neighbouring property with regards to going ahead with pruning the white beam.
5. Wrote to the Wright Trust regarding Fearnough yard.
6. Recontacted DDDC regarding the verge area near West Green not been cut and moving of the dog bin from this area.
7. Wrote to DCC regarding the bulb out on a streetlight and overhanging trees onto streetlights.
8. Wrote to PDNPA regarding signage on the Monsal Trail to highlight the new waste bin.
9. Put stickers on waste bins.
10. Looked further into village green/map for land registration.
11. Looked into printers.
12. Wrote to HMRC to appeal regarding the penalty notice.
13. Sent the annual return/supporting documents to Grant Thornton.
14. Inquired into dates for DALC HR workshops.
15. Contacted B Cardona with regards to the extra strimming on the footpath near to Thornhill House.
16. Chased the village hall insurance for 2013.

115/13 To report on any items of correspondence received and agree any actions arising.

- 13/06/13 Cockertons. Statement of truth. See 110.1
- 14/06/13 DDDC. Area Community Forum. Monday 8th July 7pm ABC, Bakewell. Noted.
- 16/06/13 PCC. Thankyou. Noted.
- 17/06/13 DDDC. Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance. Noted.
- 17/06/13 Longstone and Baslow Football club. Football goals. See 106.3
- 19/06/13 Thornbridge Outdoors. Notice board. Bike Fest 13 – 15 September 2013. Made Thornbridge aware that they can display posters on either/both of the 2 notice boards.
- 19/06/13 ICO. Registration 2013. Noted.
- 20/06/13 Resident. Footpath strimming prior to open gardens. B Cardona had actioned the small area of strimming near Beggarway Lane/Thornhill House, in time for the open gardens weekend.
- 20/06/13 Blackrock. Holmemeal Charity dividend advice/tax voucher. Noted.
- 24/06/13 DCC .Winter Service Scheme. Noted. To check grit bins on inspection of land.
- 24/06/13 Rospa. 2013 inspection report. See 106.1.1
- 26/06/13 DCC. Temporary closure. Restricted by ways no 23 and no 6, public footpaths no 24 and no 5 (part of) 26th June to 16th July 2013. Noted.
- 27/06/13 Resident. Fearnough yard. The resident had been forwarded a copy of the June minutes for an update.
- 27/06/13 Wye insurance. Village Hall insurance renewal. See 111.3
- 28/06/13 DALC. Circular. Noted, Clerk awaiting dates for free HR course.
- 28/06/13 Lightmain. Revised proposal Tennis court. See 106.2
- 01/07/13 PCC. Closed churchyard wall and ivy. See 108.2
- 01/07/13 DDDC. The Blooming Dales competition. Posters have been displayed, information to be passed to school.
- 02/07/13 Clerks and Councils direct. July 2013. Noted.
- 03/07/13 DALC. Circular. A new Good Councillors guide has just been published.

116/13 Late items of correspondence.

- 04/07/13 Resident. Ivy and wall in closed churchyard. See 108.2
- 05/07/13 Resident. Steps off Monsal Trail. See 109.5
- 08/07/13 PDNPA. Monsal Trail. See 109.3 and 109.5

117/13 Date of next meetings.

No meeting for August 2013.

Wednesday 11th September 2013 at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 9th October 2013 at 7.30pm.

Apologies were received from Cllr Headington for the above two meetings, and Cllr Long the September meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.20pm.