

GREAT LONGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 19TH AUGUST, 2009

Present: Councillor S. Barton [Chairman], Cllr S. Mason, Cllr P. Thompson, Cllr S. Headington, Cllr W Long, Cllr H. Wright W. J. Derricott [Clerk] and the UTE Editor

Public Questions and Comments

The Parish Council were asked to make enquiries into the ownership of land on which there is an overgrown hedge. The land is located between Number 35 Grisedale Road and Number 5 'The Meadows'.

Further the Parish Council were asked to informally request the occupiers of another house in the 'The Meadows' be asked to cut their hedge which is overhanging the pavement.

141/09 Apologies for Absence

It was noted that, Cllr. G. Frankland and Cllr Mrs S. Barton had submitted apologies to the meeting.

142/09 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th July, 2009

The minutes were approved with the following alteration: 132/09 (b) remove 'the local village blacksmith' and replace with 'Malcolm Garrett'. With this alteration the minutes for the meeting on 15th July, 2009 were approved.

143/09 Declarations of Interest

Cllr H. Wright declared a personal interest in respect of the item relating to Roads and Footpaths.

144/09 Police Matters/Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr H. Wright reported that he had received a report that in general the crime rate for the area had reduced and reminded the Council of the proposed Community Event to be later reported to the meeting.

145/09 School Matters

No items to report

146/09 Planning Matters

No matters were reported by the Clerk however, Cllr Thompson indicated that he had received notification of a matter on Appeal which should be later reported to the Council.

147/09 Financial Matters

(a) Members noted the balance of the current account was £1000 but that the deposit account was not yet to hand

(b) The following payments were approved:

[1] W.J. Derricott [Salary]	£353.88
[2] Invoice Casey's Shop	£ 64.30
[3] Invoice Les Williams	£ 57.40

(c) The Clerk reported on discussion with the Audit Commission concerning the accounts and a request for the re submission of accounts to the Commission. It was agreed that the Clerk draw up new accounts and share these initially with Cllr Headington and Cllr Wright for approval at the September meeting.

(d) The Clerk reported that he had consulted with DALC on the cost of the appointment of an auditor. The estimated cost was £25 ph with a time commitment of between 2 to 5 hours per year.

It was agreed that the criteria for appointment and assessment of governing financial principles would be considered at the meeting in September.

148/09 Maintenance

RECREATION GROUND

(a) Play Equipment Inspection Report

Cllr. Mason reported Ethel's House was in need of work. It was agreed that Cllr Mason and Cllr Thompson would undertake the necessary repairs. The Council recorded its thanks to Cllrs Mason and Thompson.

ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

(a) Scheme for resurfacing footpaths

The Clerk reported that that there had been no further correspondence received but further enquiries had been made by phone although it had not been possible to track down the original authors of the letters to the Parish Council from Derbyshire County Council.

Derbyshire Council had asked for details in order of priority for works to roads footpaths. It was agreed that Cllr Mason would supply this information to the Clerk.

149/09 White Lion – Welcome to New Landlord

The Council extended its best wishes to Greg and Libby Robinson who have recently taken over the running of the White Lion and also expressed their thanks to Robert and Dianne Hawksworth for keeping the pub going again between landlords.

150/09 Contingency Planning – Preparation for Possible Flu Pandemic

The Council considered the need for Community Plan. A template is provided by the County Council. The Clerk was asked to investigate and report back to the Council.

151/09 Council Owned Land – Inspection Report

Consideration was given to the treatment of a number of benches in the village. Cllr Mason reported. It was agreed that Cllr Mason would provide a specification for the treatment of the benches. The Chair indicated that he would then consult with the Village Volunteer force to see if they could undertake the work before considering tendering for the work.

Tenant of Outrake Field. Clerk instructed to write to the tenant of Underedge Farm Rowland Great Longstone to request the installation of a gate serving Outrake Field.

152/09 Correspondence

The various items detailed on the Agenda were noted.

The Clerk was instructed to contact the Village Hall Management Group to inform it of the Free Energy Audits for Community Buildings.

The Clerk reported on the Annual Parish Councils Meeting – Derbyshire Police Tuesday 15th September. The item was noted

153/09 Late Correspondence

The various late items detailed were noted.

In particular the Council noted the provision of Planning Surgeries by the National Park Authority:

Thursday 24th September 2009, Methodist Hall, Hathersage 17.00 to 20.00

Tuesday 13th October 2009, Aldern House, Bakewell, 17.00 to 20.00

154/09 Village Developments

(a) Play Equipment - The meeting heard from Cllr Long who was looking into the costings for new equipment. Cllr Long indicated enquiries were ongoing and she would report back.

(b) Facilities for Teenagers – Cllr Long again reported on her discussion with the local Youth Officer Kevin Hutton based in Tideswell. A further update would be provided by Cllr Long at a future meeting.

(c) All Weather Sports Facility - Various costs were reported and the work undertaken to access funding. Further work would be undertaken and Cllr Long would report back.

(d) 20 MPH Speed Limit – Update from Clerk.

Clerk instructed to write to the Highways Authority to request traffic calming measures [20 mph speed limit] along the main road from Croft Road to South of the Junction to Station Road. Copies of the request to be sent to local councillors and local MP.

155/09 Village Day and Village Week

A structured discussion facilitated by the Chair looked at a range of issues surrounding the Village Week and the Village Day. The Council agreed to promote and or facilitate as necessary both for next year.

156/09 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 16th September, 2009

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