

# Longton Parish Council

Minutes of **THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on  
Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in **NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL** at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Fox, Welch, Artis, Gooch, Coulton, Mather, Garside, Wignall, Turner and Alsop

There was one member of the public present.

40/15 To elect a chairman for the following 12 months who will then sign the 'Acceptance of Office' form

*Cllr Gooch was elected Chairman for the following 12 months – he signed his 'Acceptance of Office Form'*

41/15 To elect a Vice Chairman for the following 12 months'

*Cllr Fox was elected as Vice Chairman for the following 12 months*

42/15 To receive Apologies

*None*

43/15 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th April 2015 (enclosed)

*It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 should be signed by the Chairman as a correct and accurate record*

44/15 To receive Declarations of Interest

*None*

45/15 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion.

*The meeting was adjourned*

*There were no representations from the public*

*The meeting was reconvened*

46/15 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

2015/0730 – Application for prior approval for single storey rear extension length 4.05m height 4m and height to eaves 2.35m @ 168 Chapel Lane Longton PT4 4AE

2015/0769 – Single storey rear extension @ 4 Fengrove Longton PR4 5BA

2015/1185 – Single storey side and front extension linking existing garage @ 9 Old School Lane Longton

*It was resolved that no representation should be made.*

47/15 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

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| 300061  | Zurich Insurance | Insurance renewal (subject to agenda item 13) | 522.50  |
| 300062  | LBKVC            | Grant for Room Hire already agreed            | 48.00   |
| 300063  | LALC             | Subscription                                  | 761.31  |
| 300064  | Len Slade        | Internal Audit                                | 105.00  |
| 300065  | NLVH             | Room Hire                                     | 108.00  |
| On line | P Heise          | Lengthsman                                    | 1135.20 |
| 300066  | LCC              | Room Hire – Longton Library                   | 60.00   |

*It was resolved that the above mentioned payments should be approved*

48/15 To appoint representatives to various groups

***It was resolved that the following representatives should be appointed***

Brickcroft Management Committee (Cllrs Welch and Artis)

LALC Area Committee (Cllrs Gooch and Artis)

Hutton Grammar School Foundation (Cllr Gooch)

PACT (Cllr Fox)

New Longton Village Hall Committee (Cllr Coulton)

49/15 To consider and approve the Internal Auditors Report for the year ended 31st March 2015 (enclosed)

***It was resolved that the Internal Auditors Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 should be approved***

50/15 To receive and approve the Financial Statement of Accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 (enclosed)

***It was resolved that the above mentioned Statement of Accounts should be approved***

51/15 To approve and authorise the Chairman and RFO to sign Section 1 (Statement of Accounts) and Section 2 (Annual Governance Statement) being part of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 (papers enclosed)

***It was resolved that the Chairman and RFO should signed the above mentioned documentation***

52/15 To confirm renewal of the Council's insurance with Zurich at £522.50 (last year £516.20) in accordance with the existing LTA.

***It was resolved that renewal of the Council's insurance should be effected as above.***

53/15 To note that the law has now changed and it is now legal to send the agenda and accompanying papers by e-mail to members. This will save the Council money in terms of postage, stationery and printer ink costs and will also allow the agenda and documents to be put into a pdf file which can be loaded onto the web site to provide better communication to members of the public. Where a member does not have access to their own e-mail account hard copies will continue to be sent.

***It was noted that in future meeting papers would normally be delivered by electronic mail.***

54/15 To confirm that this Council remains eligible to use the General Power of Competence since it has the required number of elected members and the clerk holds the requisite qualification.

***It was confirmed that this Council remains eligible to use the General Power of Competence.***

55/15 To consider whether any member wishes to attend the LALC Spring Conference at a cost of £35 per head – see enclosed Conference Agenda.

***It was resolved that no members would be attending the Conference.***

56/15 To note that we have now received payment from New Longton Rover Junior FC of £300 as requested and consider the enclosed plans which they have now produced which show the detail of the football pitches ostensibly to be included into any licence but also a plan showing the area they intend to maintain in addition to the existing grass cutting undertaken by SRBC.

***It was resolved that the plan outlining the area of the two football pitches was satisfactory but that clarification should be sought as to why the football club wished to provide maintenance to other areas of the ground that they do not use.***