

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on

Tuesday the 1st December 2015 in **NEW LONGTON VILLAGE HALL** at 7.30pm

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

There were 12 members of the public present.

96/15 To receive Apologies

Cllr Barnes and Turner

97/15 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd November 2015 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd November 2015 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

98/15 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

99/15 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion.

The meeting was adjourned

Strong concern was raised by a number of residents that the one and only bus service between Longton and New Longton is to be withdrawn in April next year due to the likely withdrawal of LCC subsidy. This has yet to be fully agreed by LCC full Council in February next year. LCC have also put forward proposals for individual parishes to run their own bus service. There is already a working group via LALC looking at a new bus service to Leyland from the Western Parishes. There might be an opportunity to extend its remit to include the potential loss of the 12/12A service. It was suggested by one resident that residents themselves might contribute in some way to maintain a service. It was further stated that this was yet another example of rural deprivation. It was suggested that the local MP should also be involved in any working group meeting. Residents were encouraged to write to their MP and also LCC itself. Concern was also raised that many people were unaware of the proposals. An agenda item is to be placed for the 2nd February 2015 to further discuss this matter at which LCC Cllr Fillis will be invited.

The meeting was reconvened.

100/15 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

2015/1665 – Two storey and single storey rear extension @ 25 Sheephill Lane New Longton

2015/1722 – Application for prior approval for single storey rear extension 6.4m length 3.5m height with 2.5m to eaves height @ 5 Meadoway Longton

2015/1709 – Application for Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed use for a single storey extension to rear @ 19 Windsor Avenue New Longton.

It was resolved that no representation should be made to the above applications.

101/15 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

On Line	Printing World	Newsletter	395.00
On Line	C & W Berry	Materials	6.72

On Line	Newgate Nurseries	Plants Boundary Close - Vinery	44.63
On Line	C & W Berry	Materials	9.91

It was resolved that the above payments should be approved

102/15 To consider the enclosed, Draft Budget and Precept proposals and set a Precept for the year 2016/17

It was resolved that the Precept for 2016/17 should be set at £83200.00 on the basis of creating a fund to assist with the protection of the local bus service.

103/15 To approve payment of one quarter share of the Clerk's 2016 SLCC membership subscription (approx total £280) and attendance incl. previous overnight stay costs at the Practitioners Conference 2015 (approx £360) being a combined net cost to each Council for whom he works of approx £160.00 (same as last year)

It was resolved that the above mentioned expenditure should be approved