

Longton Parish Council

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

Tuesday the 1st March 2016 in **LONGTON LIBRARY** commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Gooch, Artis, Mather, Alsop, Fox, Welch, Coulton, Garside & Riley
There was one member of the public present

28/16 To receive Apologies

Cllrs Wignall, Turner and Barnes

29/16 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd February 2016 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd February 2016 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

30/16 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

31/16 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion.

The meeting was adjourned

It was suggested that in view of the LCC library closure plans that perhaps a joint letter of support for the retention of Longton Library by all Local Councils in the vicinity might be appropriate. It was further mentioned that Penwortham Town Council had put forward some suggestions that Longton Library remain open but that other elements of youth and child care might be located in Penwortham. It was further mentioned that a consultation on proposed closures would take place in May with decisions made in June of this year.

It was explained that there are to be 34 Service Provision Areas across Lancashire which will have a library, child care and youth facilities within each but that as yet no decisions could be made until an assessment of the buildings owned by LCC and currently used by them had been completed.

It was suggested that this Council might seek to obtain a copy of Penwortham Town Council's proposals which sounded an appropriate way of dealing with the situation in this Service Level Area – further discussion could then take place at a future Parish Council meeting.

The meeting was reconvened

32/16 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2016/0042/OUT – Outline application for erection two dwellings and garages (access only applied for) following demolition of existing storage buildings @ Land South of Orchard Ave New Longton

07/2016/0035/REN – Outline application for renewal of 07/2013/0024 for the erection of 1 no dwelling @ 31 School Lane Longton

07/2016/0059/HOH – Single storey extension to side @ 1 Seven Sands Longton

07/2015/1784/OUT – Outline application for erection of 1no two storey detached dwelling following demolition of existing double garage and store to rear @ 118 Chapel Lane Longton

07/2016/0078/HOH – Single storey extension to side and rear, bay window to front and dormer extensions to the rear @ 21 Sheephill Lane New Longton

07/2016/0092/HOH – Two storey extension to rear following demolition of conservatory, dormer to eastern roof plane and porch to side with formation of pitched roof over existing flat roofed garage @ 89 Liverpool Road Longton

07/2016/0118/HOH – First floor extension over garage with single storey extensions to front and rear @ 5 Dudley Close Longton

07/2016/0076/FUL – Formation of 5no parking spaces on existing pavement/grass verge area on Land to rear of 25 Boundary Close New Longton

It was resolved that an objection should be made to application 7/2016/0042/OUT since the land is situated within the Green Belt and therefore does not conform with the NPPF and Policy G1 of the South Ribble Local Plan 2015

33/16 To consider the proposed Contract/SLA with Preston Bus, agree any further actions that might be appropriate or are considered necessary before authorising the signing of the same by a representative of this Council (full details of the proposals have already been sent to members by e-mail or included with hard copy agenda papers for those not on electronic communication)

It was resolved that the contract as produced by Preston Bus should be signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman on behalf of this Council subject to an amendment as suggested by the Legal and Democratic Services Dept. of LCC who had looked at the proposed contract on behalf of this Council.

(The clerk will amend the contract as described in the response from LCC, arrange for it to be signed as above and forward to Preston Bus for their agreement and signature.)

34/16 To authorise payment of the following accounts:

300110	LCTP	Training Course	33.00
300111	LALC	Subscription 2016/17	741.72
300112	SLCC	¼ Share Practitioners Conference	94.25

It was resolved that the above mentioned payments should be approved

35/16 To consider the purchase and installation of two bus shelter benches for the bus shelter in Liverpool Road/Franklands and at a suitable (to be agreed) location in New Longton at a cost of £195 per bench and installation at £100 per bench by the suppliers (Ark Welding Chorley) or £150 per bench by SRBC; the costs to be funded from the recent CIL received by this Council.

It was resolved that since SRBC were to refurbish the Liverpool Road/Franklands bus shelter there was no further action needed by this Council however in terms of New Longton it was resolved that a bench should be supplied by and installed by Ark Welding Chorley subject of course to permission from the bus shelter owner (SRBC)

36/15 To consider entry into 2016 Best Kept Village Competition and confirm any Merit entries. Please note that there are restrictions on most Merit Entry sections which are now limited to only one. Full details will be made available at the meeting.

It was resolved that this Council should enter the 2016 BKVC and submit the following Merit Entries:

LONGTON

St Andrews Church, Longton Methodist Church, Longton County Primary School, Madhatter's Tea Shop, The Rams Head, Meadowside Castle - Bed & Breakfast and Longton VM Sports & Social Club.

NEW LONGTON

All Saints Church, New Longton Village Hall, Boundary Close Sheltered Accommodation, Children's Play Area Chapel Lane, New Longton Primary School, Stickyweeds Tea Shop and New Longton Cricket Ground

37/16 To consider writing to Stagecoach to retain the 12A Monday to Saturday evening service (18.50H leaving Fishergate), Preston via Lower Penwortham, New Longton, Longton and other villages in the Western Parishes and eventually to Ormskirk by making it commercial since it is a busy service used for employment purposes to and from Preston and for leisure, mainly be paying passengers.

It was resolved that this Council should not write to stagecoach as above but that it would be perhaps more appropriate to look at a later evening service from Preston when in future reviewing the arrangements entered into with Preston Bus as minuted at 33/16