

**LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Sophie Walters (SW) – chairman.  
Cllrs David Burnfield (DB)  
Cllr Ivan Gibson (IG)  
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)  
Cllr Rebecca Griffiths (RG)  
Cllr John Milne (JM)  
Cllr Selina Musters (SM)

Clerk John Musters

1. **Election of Chairman.** There being no other candidates, and SW being willing to stand again, CG proposed and JM seconded that Cllr Walters be elected chairman for the year. This was supported unanimously by councillors, and she was duly re-elected. Cllr Walters signed to declare her acceptance of office.

2. **Apologies.** Colin McIntyre (CM) (Leckford Estate).

3. **Minutes of Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> April.** Agreed for adoption and signed.

4. **Matters Arising:**

a. **Highways & Traffic.** (1) HCC contractors had completed a ‘surface treatment’ throughout the village from Carbery X to Hazeldown. While it remedied the pothole problem for the time being, it remained to be seen how lasting and effective the work would be. (2) The 30 mph limit sign by ‘The Willows’ had still not been re-fixed upright. On the subject of the speed limit, clerk was asked to press HCC once more to have the start of the zone moved to Whiteshape Bridge, such that all The Bunny would be inside the 30 limit. (3) Church Road culverts – Leckford Estate had reported finding a wayleave agreement with HCC that detailed HCC’s responsibilities to maintain the culverts, and said they would keep up the pressure on HCC. Councillors pointed out that the problem lay equally with the outflow, which is a landowner’s responsibility (in this case the Estate), and that once that had been cleared, Highways could more easily jet blast the culvert. With a blocked outflow, no amount of jetting would solve the problem.

**ACTION:** Mr McIntyre, Clerk

b. **Lengthsman.** He had done a good job in April cleaning and preserving the benches (cemetery, war memorial and Salisbury Hill); and in May was due to do a complete litter pick through the village and clean the main river bridge (cost-share with Stockbridge PC). He would be tasked in June to trim round the Bunny bench and cut back overgrowth obscuring all road signs through the village.

**ACTION:** Clerk

c. **Roman Road field.** Chairman reported the agreement she had reached with the landowner’s gamekeeper, whereby residents of Roman Road would be able to walk the perimeter of the field, provided dogs were kept under control. The wood had been fenced and was out of bounds. Any infringement would be ‘unhelpful’.

5. **HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Event.** Chairman gave a brief update on progress towards the event on 12<sup>th</sup> June. All was in hand, and she was in regular contact with Stockbridge and Leckford representatives over their contributions. Full details of the day would be given prominence in the Newsletter due out at the end of this month.

**ACTION:** Chairman, Cllr Musters

6. **Correspondence.** In addition to regular e-updates from HALC we had heard from: (a) HALC, calling for entries for the Village of The Year competition (categories including best village hall, best playground, and best pub as a 'community hub'). (b) HALC, with results of the clerks' 'stress survey'. (c) HCC's April News for councils. (d) HALC's 'Affordable Rural Housing' guide for downloading. (e) TVBC re HARAHA's new Registered Housing Provider (Hampshire Village Homes replacing the Hyde Group). (f) TVAPTC's revised Constitution – passed to DB and IG. (g) TVBC, re the Freedom Parade in Andover 3<sup>rd</sup> July. (h) TVBC, with notes from the Neighbourhood Planning Workshop 21<sup>st</sup> March – passed to JM. (i) TVBC, calling for completion by 8<sup>th</sup> June of their Community Facilities and Public Open Space Audits – clerk to action. (j) HCC report on HALC's conference/workshop on planning for gypsy & traveller sites – passed to JM. (k) Fields in Trust and RBL, with an invitation to nominate a recreational space in the village as a Centenary Field to commemorate the dead of WW1.

**ACTION:** Clerk

7. **Finance.** The internal audit of accounts having been completed, they would be available for public inspection by electors for 30 working days (3<sup>rd</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> July).

**ACTION:** Clerk

## 8. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Affordable Housing. (DB). DB noted the appointment of the new HARAHA Housing Provider; and commented on some points in HALC's Affordable Housing Guide relating to 'right to buy' and 'priority' (Item 6 (d) and (e) above).

b. Allotments, Cemetery, Trees. (IG). (1) Allotments – the parish council is responsible for the state of trees surrounding the allotments. Gareth Evans had called for a detailed quotation from Gus Penfound for the work required for the council to consider. (2) Cemetery – clerk had told the Garden Club of the council's decision not to allow a memorial tree for the late Nicholas Tatton Brown to be planted in the cemetery.

**ACTION:** Clerk

c. Footpaths and Transport. (CG). CG had done a useful audit of missing/broken finger posts, waymark posts and waymark discs on the parish footpaths, and would order replacements. Once delivered, it would be appropriate work for the Lengthsman to install. The Lengthsman could also usefully clear vegetation round certain posts – CG to provide clerk with details.

**ACTION:** Cllr Grieve, Clerk

d. Test Valley School. (RG). Following complaints from residents in Roman Road, RG would talk to the school about gate opening hours to prevent delivery vans queuing outside in the early hours with engines running.

**ACTION:** Cllr Griffiths

e. Environment. (JM). JM complimented the chairman on her success with the dog warden in tackling dog fouling in Church Road.

f. Newsletter and Village Hall. (SM). SM reported on the recent AGM of the village hall - details in the Newsletter. On the Newsletter, SM said she had done 10 years as compiler/editor and wished to give up this time-consuming and demanding activity. Chairman said she thought there were others who might take on the role, and she would put a note in the Newsletter calling for volunteers.

**ACTION:** Chairman, Cllr Musters

g. Playground and Website. (SW). The playground annual inspection was due again, but no date had been given. Chairman had a list of several small items that needed fixing. She would speak to the neighbour to the south of the recreation field about re-positioning a dung heap that had appeared in the corner by the trampoline.

**ACTION:** Chairman

9. **Planning Applications. 20 Roman Road** (convert one house into two) – still with TVBC for decision. **Poplars Farm** (erect farm manager's house) – with TVBC for decision. **Church Farm** (rebuild chimney breast) – TVBC refusal. **Yew Tree Cottage** (replace existing rotted windows; repair and re-render cob walls) – with TVBC for decision. **Longstock Mill** (reduce willow; fell macrocarpa) – PC no objection. **Hunters Lodge, Stockbridge** (demolish existing house, rebuild new) – revised application. Chairman would speak to the owner of Mulberry House to gauge her reaction and what support Longstock PC might offer.

**ACTION:** Chairman, Clerk

10. **Any Other Business/public comment.** Due to unavailabilities, the July meeting would take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.

11. **Date of Next Meeting.** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Cheques Signed:

Nil.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2125.