

LONG LOAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Long Load Parish Council held at **the Village Hall, Long Load on Tuesday 15 January 2019.**

(7.30 pm - 8.40 pm)

Present:

Cllr Roger Harvey (Acting Chairman)
Cllr Richard Collis
Cllr David May
Cllr Olwen Herridge

Cllr Graham Middleton (County Councillor)
Ms Dawn Porter (Clerk)
5 residents of the village

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from:
Cllr Patrick Collins (Chairman)
Cllr Neil Bloomfield (District Councillor)

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were raised.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meetings held in November and December 2018 were signed and declared correct by Cllr Roger Harvey (Acting Chairman)

4. Matters arising

It was noted that all matters arising were listed in the agenda so would be discussed as they arose.

5. DC/CC Reports

As Cllr Neil Bloomfield was not present there were no reports from the County Council.

6. To appoint a Parish Councillor as a Trustee of the Village Hall

Cllr Olwen Herridge was not present at the last meeting but she has now read the paperwork and does not feel that there needs to be a Trustee from the Parish Council. The relevant paperwork was passed to Cllr David May to consider. The decision was deferred until Cllr David May has had time to consider the paperwork.

7. La Lade Caravan Site

It was noted that there are now approximately 100 caravans on the site and there has been some activity involving diggers and tarmac works going on. Cllr Richard Collis has spoken to the owner recently who explained to him that they were making a road into the second field as the ground had become sodden and muddy.

The Parish Council noted that they need to find out what authority the owners need to run a business on the site and have they obtained that authority prior to trading. This was passed to Cllr Graham Middleton to make enquiries on behalf of the Parish Council.

8. Future of the Village Bier

The bier has now been moved to the shed for storage. Cllr Roger Harvey had been in contact with the Rural Life Museum who suggested that any funeral directors may be interested in it. Cllr Olwen Herridge objected to the bier being moved on and was of the opinion that it should be sold if anything and the money put back into the village.

Cllr Roger Harvey was of the opinion that the bier should be used and it was noted that All Saints in Martock may be interested.

Cllr Olwen Herridge would like to see the bier used but was not keen for any funeral directors to make a profit from it when the money could be put back into the village.

Cllr Roger Harvey will attend a meeting with the Somerset Churches Trust and suggested that Cllr Olwen Herridge might attend also.

The matter will be discussed at the next meeting depending on the outcome.

9. Correspondence & Planning Applications

An article on rural water pollution was received and the monthly crime report from Avon & Somerset Constabulary was noted.

10. Parish Website

All agendas and minutes are now loaded onto the site. It was agreed that Denise Oakley would be helping by adding any village events onto the website.

The site is now up to date and meets with GDPR regulations.

11. Gritting of Roads through Long Load

The County Council had stated that there was no budget to grit certain areas in Somerset. Cllr Graham Middleton (District Councillor) stated that County may have some additional budget to grit roads with bus routes.

Cllr Richard Collis declared his concerns regarding school buses that travel through the village each morning and evening.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to County/Highways outlining the concerns. Cllr Richard Collis will draft the letter for Dawn Porter to forward.

12. Accounts

Two cheques were written:

Clerk salary

Second contribution to the village hall project

The Parish Council precept was discussed and passed for public participation. It was agreed that the precept should be increased by 5% and the forms to be submitted by Dawn Porter by 31 January 2019.

13. Public Participation

Sarah Badger was in attendance at the meeting to discuss the possibility of help from the Parish Council in setting up a youth group. She had run one meeting where 4 young people had attended and they were keen for the group to go ahead on a regular basis with fortnightly meetings in the village.

Sarah is looking for funding for equipment and materials. Cllr Graham Middleton (District) stated that the County Council have no support network for youth groups and the funds available from the District Council are limited.

Cllr Roger Harvey requested that Sarah bring a list of costs to the next meeting and it would be discussed further.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 February 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

15. Any Other Business

It was noted that a bag of rubbish was found dumped at the end of Church Lane. It was agreed that people in the village should be encouraged to collect rubbish if they see any dumped. It was also agreed that residents in the village that are dog owners are responsible and there is no problem in that respect.

The Acting Chairman Roger Harvey declared the meeting closed.

.....

Chairman

.....

Date