**LONG LOAD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Long Load Parish Council held at **the Village Hall, Long Load on Tuesday 16 February 2019.**

(7.30 pm - 8.40 pm)

**Present:**

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| Cllr Roger Harvey (Acting Chairman)  Cllr Richard Collis  Cllr Olwen Herridge |  |

Cllr Graham Middleton

Cllr Neil Bloomfield

Ms Dawn Porter (Clerk)

PC Josh Weldon

4 residents of the village

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from:

Cllr Patrick Collins (Chairman)

Cllr Dave May

1. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were raised.

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held in January 2019 were signed and declared correct by Cllr Roger Harvey (Acting Chairman)

1. **Matters arising**

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

Sarah Badger was due to present information to the meeting with reference to the proposed Youth Club but it was noted that she was not present at the meeting.

1. **DC/CC Reports**

Council budgets were discussed together with gritting of the roads. The cost of services due to snow and ice far outweighed the cost of gritting so County may reconsider the budget for this although Long Load is a secondary route so still may not be gritted. The Parish Council have not yet heard back with reference to their letter sent to Highways.

Speed awareness implementation was discussed – data is provided by the device by recording speeds. Martock are currently considering using a second device. It was noted that Long Load had considered a device previously but had not gone ahead with one. Long Load will discuss further with Martock. Cllr Neil Bloomfield said that Martock would be happy to loan one to Long Load for 5 days if they go ahead with a second device.

PC Weldon said that the device in Langport works well.

The Parish Council noted their appreciation to the volunteers that currently carry out speed awareness duties.

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

Cllr David May is considering the paperwork but he was not present at the meeting so will defer a decision until the meeting in April.

1. **La Lade Caravan Site**

Cllr Middleton had spoken to Emma Baker in Environmental Health. They have a site licence for 60 caravans and/or tents. They are entitled to do any building works to improve the site and they are entitled to sell caravans without a change of licence. It was noted that they would need planning permission for any static caravans on the site.

Clerk Dawn Porter to draft letter to District Council and bring to next meeting in April.

Clerk Dawn Porter to obtain copy of the licence and research the site.

1. **Future of the Village Bier**

The bier is now on ebay for £500 with no bids. Cllr Collins not present at the meeting so discussions will be deferred to the meeting in April.

1. **Correspondence & Planning Applications**

No planning applications were noted.

A letter was received from Yeovil Shop Mobility requesting a donation from the Parish Council. It was decided to decline the request and notify them in writing.

1. **Parish Website**

No issues were noted with the website.

1. **Gritting of Roads through Long Load**

This was discussed at point 5.

1. **Accounts**

Three cheques were written:

Clerk salary

IT contract with Netwise

Somerset Leveller for advertising

The salary for the village Lengthsman was discussed and it was proposed to bring his salary in line with other parishes. He had not had a pay rise from Long Load last year. Will be discussed and approved at meeting in April.

1. **Public Participation**

Sarah Badger was not present at the meeting with reference to the proposed Youth Club. Cllr Middleton stated that he had given her some useful contacts but had not heard back from her. It was noted that she would need to attend a Parish Meeting to discuss the proposal further.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 April 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

**15. Any Other Business**

Marsha White stated that she was acting as an intermediary but that some concerns had been raised regarding access to the graveyard although it was also noted that no-one had contacted Graham or Suzanne.

Cllr Harvey stated that the first thing that should happen is that Graham and Suzanne should be contacted directly regarding these concerns before the Parish Council can intervene.

It was noted that Graham and Suzanne own the land and that they have contributed a great deal to the village. It was noted that the Parish Council felt that Graham and Suzanne would be accommodating where they are able to be.

The millennium bench was discussed. It was suggested that it could be relocated to a different spot where people could enjoy it more.

Cllr Herridge spoke to the meeting about a “sense of place in the village”. Cllr Herridge agreed to research some other villages and will report back to the Parish Council.

Cllr Collis stated that he had been speaking to Mr New who is concerned about parking outside of his house. He asked about amenity land for parking. It was noted that this would come under the remit of the Village Hall Committee.

The Acting Chairman Roger Harvey declared the meeting closed.

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