LONG LOAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Long Load Parish Council held at **the Village Hall, Long Load on Tuesday 19 June 2018.**

(7.30 pm - 8.40 pm)

Present:

Cllr Patrick Collins (Chairman)
Cllr Richard Collis
Cllr Michael English
Cllr Olwen Herridge

Cllr Neil Bloomfield (County Councillor)
Mrs Angela Cox (Acting Temporary Clerk)
2 residents of the village

At the beginning of the meeting the Chairman asked everyone present to observe a moment of reflection in memory of Mrs Diana Clark (Clerk to the Parish Council) who had passed away suddenly on 19th May, and also think of other parishioners in the village who were unwell or recently bereaved. He paid tribute to Mrs Clark who had worked as the Parish Clerk for Long Load Parish Council for over 40 years.

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1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Roger Harvey (holiday) and District Councillor Graham Middleton (holiday).

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Patrick Collins declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7: Planning application 18/01539/TPO at Coppers Barn, Martock Road, Long Load as an immediate neighbour to the property. He confirmed he would not take part in the debate of this application.

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was noted that these would be compiled from the notes left by the late Clerk and presented at the next meeting.

4. Matters arising

Cllr Michael English advised that Andy McKay had spoken of applying for permission for a hardstanding for parking at the village hall, although this was not intended to be a car park.

Cllr Patrick Collins referred to the high cost of delivering a high speed internet service to the village and asked if there may be any grants available from the County Council towards the cost. County Cllr N Bloomfield referred to the current financial pressures at the County Council in delivering children's services and regretted there would probably be no grant funding for this.

5. DC/CC Reports

County Cllr Neil Bloomfield advised that the current Leader of South Somerset District Council had announced he would step down shortly and so the District Council would shortly have a new Leader. He also advised that the Council's Transformation Programme was on-going.

County Cllr Neil Bloomfield advised of the following updates from Somerset County Council:-

- It was hoped to operate an on-demand bus service from September 2018, connecting Long Load to Martock and Long Sutton.
- Highway surface dressing programme was on-going although there had been complaints about the poor quality of pot-hole repairs.
- The recent Unitary Council bid was hoped to save the Council £15 to £25 million but could take up to 3 years to achieve.
- There would be a meeting of the Police and Crime Panel the following week.

6. Approval of advertisement for new Parish Clerk

Councillors discussed the draft advertisement which had been circulated and agreed some minor amendments. It was agreed to publicise the advertisement on the two village notice boards, the SSDC website, by email to existing Parish Clerks in South Somerset and any free newspapers.

7. Correspondence & Planning Applications

a. **18/01539/TPO** - Application to carry out tree surgery works to protected trees T1-T3 in the SSDC (LOLO 1) Tree Preservation Order 1986 at Coppers Barn, Martock Road, Long Load.

   Councillors briefly discussed the planning application and no objections were raised.

b. Letter from Citizens Advice South Somerset asking the Council to consider making a grant towards their service. It was agreed to grant £50 and a cheque for this amount was signed.

c. Invitation from SSDC Area North meeting with Town and Parish Councils on Tuesday 26th June 2018. It was agreed that Cllrs Richard Collis and Olwen Herridge would attend.

d. Zurich Insurance renewal. It was noted that the Parish Council's insurance policy was due to expire on 16th July 2018. The Acting Clerk agreed to contact them as it was noted that previous correspondence may have been sent to the late Clerk.

8. Parish Website

During discussion, it was noted that Cllr R Harvey had suggested that the parish could have a longload.gov.uk website or keep the existing longload.org.uk
It was agreed to keep the existing longload.org.uk domain name.

9. Accounts

It was noted that cheques had been drawn as follows:-

Somerset Association of Local Councils (affiliation fees) - £94.42
Pinnacle Accountancy Services (completion of payroll and internal audit) - £138.00
Mr C Howe (weed killer) - £22.68
Citizens Advice South Somerset (grant) - £50.00 (see correspondence above)

10. Public Participation

A resident asked what was happening with the caravan site at La Lade, Long Load.
It was noted that a letter had been drafted but not yet sent to the Licensing Department of SSDC to ask them to check if the operator of the site had changed. It was noted that a number of unoccupied caravans were being stored at the site and some were for sale. It was agreed that the letter be sent to the Licensing Department.

On behalf of the allotment holders, a resident asked permission to place a notice on the gate of the allotments requesting that dogs be kept on leads in that area. Councillors confirmed they were content for the sign to be placed.

11. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 17 July 2018

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Tuesday 17 July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Long Load.

12. Any Other Business/Items for next meeting

Request for a Parish Councillor to become a Trustee of the Village Hall

Future of the Village Bier – to be determined after the village history event on 6th July 2018.

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Chairman

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Date