**LONG LOAD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

(7.30 pm - 8.40 pm)

**Present:**

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| Cllr Pat Collins (Chairman)  Cllr Roger Harvey  Cllr Dave May  Cllr Richard Collis  Cllr Olwen Herridge |  |

Cllr Neil Bloomfield

Ms Dawn Porter (Clerk)

1 residents of the village

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from:

Cllr Graham Middleton

The Police had turned up for the meeting but were unable to stay as they were called out on a job.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were raised.

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held in February 2019 were signed and declared correct by Cllr Pat Collins (Chairman)

1. **Matters arising**

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

The youth club started by Sarah Badger was discussed and it was noted that the Council was happy to support it. It was decided to leave it for now and wait and see if Sarah needs any further support.

1. **DC/CC Reports**

It was noted that there was nothing to report due to the elections next month.

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

Cllr David May had considered the paperwork given to him and was of the opinion that the Village Hall Committee could still run without a Trustee from the Parish Council. It was agreed by all that one was not needed.

1. **La Lade Caravan Site**

Clerk Dawn Porter had drafted a letter to the District Council. The Council read the letter and agreed that it should be sent.

1. **Future of the Village Bier**

The bier had sold on Ebay for £500 (although there are ebay fees still to be deducted) to a funeral director in South Wales. They were given contact details for collection but the bier remains in the shed and it is not clear when it will be collected. It was the general opinion that it was good that it was going to a good home where it will be used.

1. **Correspondence & Planning Applications**

No planning applications were noted.

1. **Parish Website**

No issues were noted with the website.

1. **Election of Parish Councillors**

No nomination forms were received. It was noted that Roger Harvey was retiring from his post and he was thanked for all his hard work. An election will take place on a future date to be agreed.

1. **Accounts**

Three cheques were written:

Clerk salary

Cheque for weed killer/Craig Howe

1. **Public Participation**

It was noted that a long term resident of the village, John Gilliam, has been admitted to Horton Cross Nursing Home.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 May 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

**15. Any Other Business**

The Millenium bench was discussed as it was felt that it was now showing its age and needed some repairs/maintenance. Cllr Roger Harvey said that he will assist with any work needed. Cllr Graham Middleton had also offered to help move it to its new location when it was decided. There are a few options for siting it to be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Neil Bloomfield said that it was worth noting that the District Council can give funds of up to £1000 towards village upgrading.

It was noted that walkers on the footpaths in the village appear to be disturbing wildlife. Cllr Olwen Herridge wondered if it is possible to get more signage put up regarding nesting birds etc. Ash have recently completed a biodiversity survey and noted that there is a shift in bird and wildlife populations. It was agreed that there is not much that we can do as a Council.

The Chairman Patrick Collins declared the meeting closed.

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