**LONG LOAD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

(7.30 pm - 8.40 pm)

**Present:**

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| Cllr Pat Collins (Chairman)  Cllr Marsha White  Cllr Dave May  Cllr Richard Collis |  |

Ms Dawn Porter (Clerk)

9 residents of the village

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from:

Cllr Neil Bloomfield

1. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were raised.

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

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

It was noted that the youth club had been put on hold as there was not enough interest from the local children. This may prove to be different in the Autumn. Parish Council are happy to support it if it is a success in the future.

The Parish Council agreed that they did not need to have a Councillor on the Village Hall Committee.

1. **Matters arising**

It was noted that the Parish Council was now quorate with 4 members so one more member was needed.

There were 3 interested parties from the members of the public that were present at the meeting. On asking the candidates to leave the room the Council discussed at length and Diana Taylor was chosen to be the successful candidate and co-opted onto the Council. The other candidates were thanked for their interest and recommended for the Village Hall Committee if they were interested.

Sadly Cllr Pat Collins had decided to step down as Chairman of the Parish Council after 4 years in the role although he will still remain on the Council. Cllr Collins nominated Cllr Marsha White to take on the role of Chairman and Cllr Richard Collis seconded. Cllr White then nominated Cllr Collins as Vice Chair and Cllr Dave May seconded.

It was noted at this time that Cllr Olwen Herridge had stepped down from the Council and the Council thanked Olwen and Michael for all the work they had put in over the years and the contribution they make to the village.

1. **DC/CC Reports**

There were not District or County Councillors present at the meeting. Graham Middleton has stood down from his role. Clerk Dawn Porter to find out who has taken his place and invite them to the next meeting.

1. **Bus Shelter and Millennium Bench**

Children are standing out in the rain waiting for buses. Graham Weekes had offered to have the bus stop in the church yard but it was deemed to be too expensive. It was decided that this needs to be discussed further and will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

1. **La Lade Caravan Site**

It was noted that no reply had arrived as yet from the District Council. It was decided to take this matter off the agenda for future meetings unless there were any developments.

1. **Correspondence and Planning Applications**

Application Number 19/01370/HOU was discussed and no comments or objections were noted.

An email was received from someone looking for a relative’s grave in the church yard. It was noted that we do not have a graveyard plan and we have no church records.

Cllr White thought that she may have an old digital graveyard plan at home and will check for the next meeting.

1. **Parish Website**

A new cheque was signed for the outstanding invoice so the website should be up and running again soon.

1. **Footpaths**

Cllr White met a gentleman recently checking the footpath. The gentleman said that the path was overgrown and that the bridge was not safe. A request had previously gone in for the path to be cleared and the bridge to be repaired so Cllr White wondered if it was something to do with this. Councillors were unclear as to who was responsible for clearing footpaths if they were overgrown. Clerk Dawn Porter will look into this and report at next meeting.

1. **Accounts**

It was noted that signatories need to change for signing cheques.

Clerk Dawn Porter to obtain forms for next meeting.

1. **Public Participation**

Footpaths were discussed and it was suggested that Craig Howe was asked to use weedkiller to kill the overgrown paths. It was noted that this would not be possible as there was livestock in the fields. It was noted that possibly Craig Howe could strim some of the growth.

Public transport was discussed and it was noted that this should be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Olwen Herridge reminded the meeting that the money from the sale of the bier should be spent wisely and with consultation. The money should be used for something worthwhile for the village. It was noted and added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 September 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

**15. Any Other Business**

Broadband was discussed briefly and it was added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Allotment accounts were added to the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chairman Cllr Marsha White declared the meeting closed.

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