**LONG LOAD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Long Load Parish Council held at **the Village Hall, Long Load on Tuesday 15 March 2022.**

(7.30 pm - 8.30 pm)

**Present:**

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| Cllr Marsha White (Chair)  Cllr Richard Collis  Cllr Diana Taylor  Cllr Dave May  Clerk Dawn Porter  Cllr Neil Bloomfield (County & District)  7 members of the public were present |  |

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Pat Collins

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**3. Matters arising**

Cllr Marsha White passed details for the defibrillator to the clerk.

The matter of the churchyard being closed has been investigated. The occupants of the property were not aware that the gate was locked and will ensure that the gate is open at the agreed times. Cllr Marsha White said that she had been unable to get in at one time due to the latch sticking.

**4. DC/CC Reports**

Cllr Neil Bloomfield provided an update on the current situation at District Council level which has not changed. He informed the meeting that several councillors had resigned recently.

**5. La Lade Caravan Site**

Clerk Dawn Porter confirmed that she has now received a response from the District Council and will await further correspondence.

**6. Road Closure**

Cllr Marsha White confirmed that she has sent details out to the village residents.

**7. Elections**

All councillors confirmed that they are happy to remain in situ.

**8. Village Stone**

Cllr Marsha White confirmed that she has seen the drawings. The stone will be 5 feet high and 2.6 feet wide and will need a concrete base of 8 inches deep.

Mark has confirmed that he wishes to donate the stone to the village as a gesture confirming that they wish to be a part of the village and that they are here to stay.

A highways licence for the stone will cost £500 although it could be argued that it is a replacement stone.

A stone for each end of the village was discussed and Cllr Marsha White to find out from Mark how much it will cost for 2 stones. The stone at the other end of the village would incorporate the bridge and the date of the jubilee. It was, however, agreed that there may be difficulties siting the stone at the other end of the village.

**9. Jubilee Celebrations**

It was suggested placing something outside the front of the village hall to commemorate the jubilee. Possibly planters and a commemorative bench at the back of the village hall.

Cllr Marsha White to investigate options.

Cllr Marsha White confirmed that the jubilee mugs are still in production and confirmed that she will investigate how many children are in the village.

Information on jubilee plans are to go on the website on 1 May.

**10. Brochure Front Covers**

Cllr Marsha White noted that there is a lot of old paperwork in the village hall cupboard, including old Long Load brochures.

Cllr Marsha White and the clerk agreed to meet in the village hall to go through the paperwork.

**11. Correspondence & Planning**

There was no correspondence and no planning applications.

**12. Accounts**

Nothing to sign or report

**13. Public Participation**

It was suggested that a map of the houses in Long Load could be added to the website.

Cllr Marsha White will email map to the clerk to add to the website.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 May 2022.

**13. Any other business**

Website responsibilities were discussed and it was resolved that responsibilities would remain the same with the clerk responsible for parish council posts and Denise responsible for any village events.

Chairman Cllr Marsha White declared the meeting closed.

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