**LONG LOAD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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**Present:**

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| Cllr Marsha White (Chair)  Cllr Pat Collins  Cllr Richard Collis  Cllr David May  Cllr Diana Taylor  Clerk Dawn Porter  Cllr John Bailey (County)  Cllr Emily Pearlstone (County/District) |  |

1. **Apologies for absence**

No apologies were received

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Marsha White and Cllr David May declared an interest in item 6 on the agenda.

**3. Matters arising**

La Lade caravan site was discussed. It was resolved that the clerk would chase the planning enforcement team to find out if they are planning to visit the site.

It was resolved that the debate regarding the opening times of the church yard would now be closed as the Parish Council do not have any power to enforce this.

**4. DC/CC Reports**

A report was received from Cllr John Bailey and Cllr Emily Pearlstone. A copy of this will be uploaded to the website under the category Minutes of Meetings.

Cllr Emily Pearlstone reported that she had met with Highways regarding the village stone. It was noted that the hedge would need to be chopped back harshly in order for the stone to fit so it was resolved to look at the other side of the road and to report back.

There was no representation from the District Council.

**5. Warm Spaces/Village Hall**

It was noted that the Village Hall Committee have discussed using the hall as a warm space and do not believe that the building is suitable for this purpose however this may change when it becomes colder.

It was resolved that perhaps it could be tried when it gets colder and to monitor demand.

The clerk will endeavour to find out what other parishes in the area are doing under this project.

**6. Tree Cutting**

A letter was sent to the Parish Council from Fore Moor Allotment Association requesting a financial contribution towards pollarding trees and cutting the blackthorn hedges. The request was for the sum of £300 as a contribution.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would agree to the contribution and a cheque was written in the sum of £300.

**7. Defibrillator**

It was noted that the council have not got very far with this project. It was resolved that the only suitable place to site the defibrillator is the village hall.

It was resolved to contact the company and purchase a defibrillator and speak to the company concerned for them to apply for planning permission to site it on a listed building.

It was agreed that David May would be the contact for any queries that the company may have.

**8. Parish Noticeboard**

It was noted that the Village Hall Committee have put this project on the back burner in order to get a survey done on the building.

**9. Correspondence & Planning**

Correspondence was received from Fore Moor Allotment Association as discussed in point 6 above.

Planning application number 22/02325/LBC was discussed and no objections noted.

**10. Accounts**

Three cheques were signed as follows:

Clerk salary, invoice for poppy wreath and cheque as agreed in point 6 above for tree cutting.

**11. Public Participation**

The matter of Long Load Bridge was raised. It was reported as being damaged and in need

of repainting. It was noted that this is the responsibility of Highways and they should be contacted directly regarding this.

It was raised that the signs for the footpath have been removed. It has been reported that dog walkers using the footpath are not taking responsibility for their dogs. They are walked without leads in a field where cattle are present and are not picking up dog mess from the field. It was noted that the footpath is a permissive one and if things do not improve then the land owner may withdraw permission for walkers to go on his land.

Cllr Marsha White agreed to send an email to village contacts regarding the above.

The matter of speed enforcing equipment was raised and it was resolved to investigate the cost of smiley face signs.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

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

**13. Any other business**

Cllr Richard Collis stated that he was not aware of Martock Surgery closing. Cllr Marsha White confirmed that no doctors are present at the surgery, only clinicians and that it has been that way for a long time.

Chairman Cllr Marsha White declared the meeting closed.

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