**LONG LOAD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Long Load Parish Council held at **the Village Hall, Long Load on Tuesday 21 January 2020.**

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**Present:**

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| Cllr Pat Collins (Vice Chair)  Cllr Richard Collis  Cllr Diana Taylor |  |

Ms Dawn Porter (Clerk)

4 residents of the village

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Marsha White and Cllr Dave May

1. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were raised.

1. **Matters arising**

It was noted that Cllr Richard Collis had been in contact with Streetscene with regards to the dog fouling and they confirmed they would come and erect some signs.

Cllr Pat Collins signed off minutes for December 2019.

1. **DC/CC Reports**

No Councillor were present so therefore no reports were discussed.

1. **Footpaths and La Lade Caravan Site**

Clerk Dawn Porter reported that no response had been received as yet from the District Council.

1. **Pot holes in road/Highways**

It was noted that some of the pot holes have again been repaired and some gully cleaning has been carried out. Concerns were raised that the edges of the road had been damaged by erosion and there were some big drops off the edge of the road. It was agreed to write again to Highways.

1. **Correspondence and Planning Applications**

No correspondence was received, and no planning applications were reported other than the inquiry starting on the housing proposed in Martock.

1. **Defibrillator**

It was noted that Cllr Marsha White has arranged for a demonstration of the defibrillator at the next meeting in February.

1. **Village Seat**

It was noted that Graham Weekes has kindly agreed to sort the location of the seat. It was agreed that the seat would be relocated and that there was no need to apply for listed consent.

**10. Traffic Enforcement**

Neil Bloomfield was not present at the meeting, so it was not possible to discuss the renting of equipment from Martock.

It was agreed to investigate the cost of renting the equipment from Martock for a 2 week period 4 times per year and to investigate what dates were available to do this.

**11. Lengthsman**

Cllr Marsha White was to place adverts for this role.

**12. Accounts**

3 cheques were written and signed.

**13. Public Participation**

It was noted from residents of the village that no agenda or minutes were being posted on the noticeboard. It was agreed that someone from the council would do this every month.

Suzanne Weekes informed the council that there were funds available from the Village Day and put forward the idea that a stone could be installed at the end of the village with the bridge on it and wondered where the council would like it to be placed. It was agreed that this was an excellent use of funds.

It was agreed that this could be incorporated with possibly a street party on the VE Day anniversary (75 years) and the cost of the stone could be covered by money raised by both events. The VE Day anniversary is 9 May and it was hoped that the stone could be in place by then and unveiled on that day.

The idea of gifts for the children in the village was raised and it was agreed that the Parish Council would cover the cost of this. To be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Andy McKay informed the meeting that he had written a letter to his MP regarding broadband and was informed that grants would soon become available for rural areas. It was agreed to keep an eye on this to see what is forthcoming.

The meeting was informed from the Neighbourhood Watch that fake £50 and £20 notes were in circulation in the area.

**14. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18 February 2020.

**17. Any other business**

It was noted that the caravan that was left in Church Lane had been removed.

The Vice Chairman Cllr Pat Collins declared the meeting closed.

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