**LONG LOAD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Long Load Parish Council held at **the Village Hall, Long Load on Tuesday 18 July 2023.**

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**Present:**

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| Cllr Marsha White (Chair)  Cllr Richard Collis  Cllr David May  Cllr Diana Taylor  Clerk Dawn Porter  Cllr Emily Pearlstone  (Somerset Unitary Authority)  Cllr John Bailey  (Somerset Unitary Authority) |  |

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Pat Collins.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising that did not appear on the agenda.

**4. Public Participation**

The matter of footpaths was raised again. It was confirmed that the landowner is responsible for the footpath in question. However, Cllr John Bailey agreed to look into this and let the PC know.

The issue of speeding was raised. Cllr John Bailey confirmed that the sharing of SIDs has gone by the board but parishes in the area are happy to get this going again. Cllr John Bailey will arrange a meeting with Ash and Martock. Cllr Richard Collis was nominated to be the Long Load representative and he agreed to do this. It was resolved to follow this up at the next meeting.

The issue of drainage in Church Lane was raised. Cllr John Bailey confirmed that Highways are responsible for the verges and the landowners are responsible for the hedges and ditches.

It was reported that Highways have agreed to resurface the road in Church Lane.

**5. Somerset Unitary Authority Report**

A summary of the report was provided.

It was confirmed that the Doctor’s surgery at Martock is not closing.

Cllr John Bailey confirmed that further transport planning will take place at Somerset Council. This has not reached consultation stage yet but Long Load will receive an invitation to any consultations.

It was reported that the open day at North Petherton went well.

The report can be found on the Parish Council website under the section Somerset Unitary Authority Reports.

Village Stone – it was resolved to refer this to the next meeting. Highways are waiting to hear from the Parish Council.

It was confirmed that the Parish boundaries are not changing. They are currently in Martock Division although they may change at the next Unitary election.

**6. Defibrillator**

It was confirmed that we had received no correspondence from planning. The cabinet and the equipment are due to be delivered at the end of July.

**7. Correspondence & Planning**

No correspondence or planning applications were received.

**8. Accounts**

The annual AGAR for the external auditor was signed.

One cheque was signed as follows: Admin/payroll.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 September 2023.

**10. Any other business**

It was noted that the Long Load village sign has disappeared. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Highways regarding this.

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were signed.

The minutes of the last meeting were signed.

Chairman Cllr Marsha White declared the meeting closed.

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