**LONG LOAD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Long Load Parish Council held at **the Village Hall, Long Load on Tuesday 19 September 2023.**

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**Present:**

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| Cllr Marsha White (Chair)  Cllr Richard Collis  Cllr Diana Taylor  Clerk Dawn Porter  Cllr Emily Pearlstone  (Somerset Council)  Cllr John Bailey  (Somerset Council) |  |

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Pat Collins & Cllr David May.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman Cllr Marsha White declared an interest in a matter that would be discussed under agenda item 7 – correspondence. Her declaration of interest was noted.

**3. Matters arising**

Cllr Richard Collis confirmed that he attended the meeting in Ash with regard to speeding equipment. He reported that any sharing of equipment is not likely to happen at the current time.

Cllr John Bailey reported that there are still various options to consider and that he will keep Long Load Parish Council in the loop with any developments.

Cllr Richard Collis confirmed that he was happy to attend any relevant meetings regarding this.

No other matters were raised and the minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman.

**4. Public Participation**

Progress on the defibrillator was raised. It was confirmed that we now have the equipment and are awaiting a response from planning before installing the equipment on the village hall.

**5. Somerset Unitary Authority Report**

A summary of the report was provided by Cllr John Bailey as follows.

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

Cllr John Bailey confirmed that he has spoken to the landowner regarding the permissive footpath. The landowner is happy to extend the licence for a further 10 years but would like a fence to be erected. It was resolved that Cllr John Bailey would arrange to meet the landowner with a member of the Parish Council.

Village Stone – it was agreed that the village stone will not be progressed at this point in time due to difficulties with siting it.

Cllr Emily Pearlstone reported that there has been some movement with La Lade Caravan Park. She could not provide further information but agreed to keep the Parish Council updated.

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

**6. Defibrillator**

It was confirmed that we had received no correspondence from planning. The cabinet and the equipment are being held at Cllr David May’s house.

**7. Correspondence & Planning**

It was confirmed that no planning applications had been received.

A letter had been received from the Village Hall Committee requesting a further grant to carry out urgent repairs to the village hall. Before the letter was read out Cllr Marsha White left the room.

The Village Hall Committee had provided a list of works and a project sheet showing costs and it was confirmed that they had obtained 3 quotes for each phase of the works.

All relevant information was put forward to the councillors and the matter was put to the vote as follows:

Cllr Diana Taylor stated that the village hall was the only amenity in the village and agreed to support the request.

Cllr Richard Collis supported the request.

In their absence Cllr Pat Collins and Cllr David May were sent the information by email and both agreed to support the request.

It was resolved that the grant should be given on a unanimous vote of 4 Councillors.

**8. Accounts**

Four cheques weree signed as follows:

Admin/payroll

Parish Ranger – cheques for 2 invoices

Village Hall Committee grant payment

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 October 2023.

**10. Any other business**

No other business was raised.

At this point Chris from Wessex Internet was invited to speak regarding the internet installation in the village due to take place in early 2024 (notes can be found on the website under the Community Section)

Chairman Cllr Marsha White declared the meeting closed.

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