

LONGSDON PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 16th. May 2024 in the Upstairs Room of the Wheel Public House, Leek Road, Longsdon at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor J. Sargeant (Chair).

Councillors J. Cox, S. Dickinson, C. Hogan, D. Hughes, R. Lovell & K. Shaw

In Attendance: John Bourne, Clerk to the Council.

One Member of the Public.

27/24 Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

28/24 Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

29/24 Chairman's Address.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

30/24 Public Comments.

It was reported that the planning application for the New Inn would be discussed again by SMDC Planning Committee next week.

31/24 Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th. March 2024 had been circulated and it was agreed that the minutes be signed as a true copy.

32/24 Matters Arising.

(a) Site for Christmas Tree.

An unofficial approach had been made with a representation of the Memorial Hall but no decision on the suggested site had been made.

Solar lighting of the tree had been investigated and a suggestion of sponsorship for the tree was mentioned.

(b) Wild Flower Seeding.

The lengthsman had been approached and he was familiar with this method. It was agreed to seed an experimental area at the junction of Denford Road and Micklea Lane.

(c) Pedestrian Crossing Lights.

No further update on the cost installing a Pelican style crossing had been received.

The LED flashing lights on a crossing in an adjacent Authority's area had been viewed and it was agreed that the costs etc be investigated.

(d) Denford Road Speeding.

The matter was still ongoing after the local P.C.S.O's had been approached.

(e) Steps from Sutherland Road down to the Canal Towpath.

The Canal & Rivers Trust had been approached about the matter and had apparently erected safety barriers but it was reported that these had been placed to one side. The trust to be informed of this.

33/24 Other Business.

It was reported that the lengthsman had the paint and would be painting the bus shelters shortly.

34/24 Correspondence.

The following had already been distributed to Councillors:-

Staffs Police Surgery.

Moorlands Climate Action – What's On.

Moorlands Climate Action Newsletter – Spring 2024.

Parliament Visit from Dame Karen Bradley M.P.

35/24 Planning Matters.

There was no business under this item.

36/24 Finance Matters.

(a) To receive a copy of the Annual Accounts for 2023 / 2024.

(b) Appointment of Internal Auditor.

(c) Submission of External Audit Exemption Certificate.

(d) Orders for Payment.

It was agreed that the following items be paid:

J. A. Gibson.	£	168.00.	Agency Work.
Zurich Insurance.	£	395.24.	
John Bourne.	£	405.92.	Clerk's Salary & Expenses (nett).
H.M. Revenue & Customs.	£	81.00.	P.A.Y.E.
The Wheel.	£	25.00	Room Hire.
Ionos	£	12.00	Monthly Charge paid by direct debit
			£6.00 10 th . April 24.
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37/24 Public Comments.

There was no business under this item.

38/24 Items for Inclusion in the Agenda for the Next Meeting.

None other than previously mentioned.

39/24 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Thursday 11th. July 2024 at 7.00pm in the upstairs room of the Wheel Public House, Leek Road, Longsdon.