

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS AND BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING

19:30, 25th March 2019, Jubilee Pavilion

Present: Mr N Moorcroft - Chairman
Mr A Cartman (from 19:31)
Mr C Cave
Ms S Hardingham
Mr M Harris
Ms L Lansley
Mr S McQuillan
Mrs J Pullin
Mr I Scoones
Mr M Semple (from 19:47)
Mr R Sterland
Mr A Wilkinson

Absent:-
Mr A Batt
Mrs S Hughes
Dr P Jackson
Mr A Johnson
Mr J Thomas
Miss M Uppington

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr JE Turp, Assistant Clerk, Tracy Warren (minutes) and 2 members of the public (until 20:00).

Hb19.20 - Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Miss Uppington

Hb19.21 - Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations.

Interests to be declared during the meeting and no dispensations were requested.

Hb19.22 - Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th January 2019 had been circulated and following the replacement of 'Lower Court Farm' by 'The Cricket Ground' in Hb19.10, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Moorcroft. All in favour.

Hb19.23 - Exclusion of the press and public

There were no matters necessitating the exclusion of the press and public.

Hb19.24 - Matters arising

- a) Hb19.05a – Management agreement; NSC planning department have promised to reply to the PC concerns, about how the conditions in the Exchange Land Management Plan can be monitored when NSC do not have a copy of the adopted plan, soon.
- b) Hb19.05e – Seat for the bus stop opposite Lovelinch Gardens; this has been ordered.
- c) Hb19.18b – from resident objecting to the minutes; the minutes of the last meeting recorded that snowdrop bulbs had been removed as a result of a residents work in Yanley Lane and the resident denies that any bulbs were removed. Given that this was said in the meeting the minutes cannot be changed, however, the committee notes the resident's denial that he had removed bulbs whilst carrying out this work.
- d) Hb19.09c – New wording to detail the process to make exceptions to the Burial Ground rules will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Hb19.25 - Leigh Woods

- a) Parking scheme (Hb19.06a) – Cllr Harris noted that consultation on the plan will take place soon with a July target date to commence work.
- b) Broken notice board (Hb19.06b) – This has been repaired. Cllr Harris reported that the dog bins in Leigh Woods are often overflowing and requested bins be emptied twice a week. Similar issues were reported for Peel Park. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the

contractor for a price for additional emptying, both for increased frequency and additional bins.

Hb19.26 - Ashton Brook and Flood Management

It was reported that the trash screen on the bund had not been cleared this year. The bank by Northleaze School has been partially cleared. Himalayan Balsam is generally becoming a more of a problem nationwide and will be monitored here.

Hb19.27 - Footpaths

- a) Footpath – No report at this time. Cllr Lansley reported that although the repair to gate on Clevedon road, Flax Bourton was good, dogs could slip under the fence either side of the gate and onto a very busy main road and proposed to ask the NS PROW officer to arrange one of their contractors make the fence more secure. It was agreed that Cllr Lansley should liaise with NS to get the work done with a maximum cost to the PC of £200.
- b) Peel Park footpath update – NSC are preparing the paperwork for dedication of the path and it will include the motorcycle inhibitors. The PC noted that a kissing gate would be difficult in this location because of its need to be set back from the road.
- c) Parsonage Road footpath update – the agreement is in place and is just waiting for NSC to finalise it.
- d) Metal kissing gate way markers – a resident has written suggesting a way that way markers can be added to metal kissing gates. It was agreed that the resident may proceed with installation of the markers provided safety rules are followed, treated wood is used and appropriate sealing paint (e.g. cold galvanising zinc paint) is used when galvanised frames are drilled.
- e) Footpath repairs – correspondence from resident commenting on recent footpath repairs was noted. It was noted that footpath users should take due care on any footpath.
- f) QEH ground works; it was reported that the footpath alongside the QEH sportsground has been fenced in making it narrow and it has become excessively muddy. It was agreed the Clerk write to NSC to inform them of the issue.

Hb19.28 - Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard.

- a) Heaven Scent Garden – no report at this time
- b) Garden of Remembrance – one quote has been received – all other companies approached had declined to quote. It was agreed to proceed with the quote from Gordano Tree Services for £935 as no others had been received and it seemed reasonable for the work entailed. It was noted that planning permission and a faculty from the Diocese will be needed and that the Tree Officer may not support the work in the conservation area. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Pullin would provide words justifying the works.
- c) Replacement of the wooden gate into the Burial Ground – the cost of the wood was £120 higher than agreed at the last meeting. The extra expenditure was agreed by the Chairmen of Highways, Council and F&GP so that the work could be done.
- d) Query from Diocese about the Gardeners shed in the vicarage garden update - the Diocese seems content to let the shed stay but will want an agreement about its maintenance and will send a draft to be considered by the PC.
- e) Request to put bench in burial ground – A family with relatives in the Garden Of Remembrance have offered to make a donation to fund a bench in the area. It was agreed that the PC agree with this in principle but that the position should be decided by the new council and a condition should be placed allowing the bench to be removed when it condition deteriorates.

Hb19.29 - Road safety issues.

- a) Vehicle Activated signs – Cllr Sterland noted the 3M camera continues to cause problems, its timer has been reset and if it resets to 1970, the battery will be changed. A report showing the results from the Westcotec camera was discussed. It showed that the average speed is below the speed limit but there are incidences of some cars travelling at high speeds noted at both ends of the village. Police enforcement of speed limits was thought to be key. It was

noted Cllr Sterland does not intend to stand at the election and someone will be needed to look after the VAS. The Chairman thanked Cllr Sterland for his work.

- b) Yanley Lane – NSC have rejected the request for installation of a new hump as the suggested site is not within a 30 mph area. It was confirmed that the existing humps are being restored to their original height at NSC's cost.

Hb19.30 - Hollis Close

Correspondence from resident and update; as part of the VES consultation the PC has received comments from a resident about her concerns about the hazard the present lay out of Hollis Close presents to children. It was agreed that this reflects the committee's own concerns and it was noted that the PC had expended significant effort, including a public meeting, to reach agreement with NSC about the work that needed to be done in Hollis Close but the resulting works carried out by NSC were not as agreed. The resulting layout, absence of road markings and obscured signs are now facilitating dangerous parking at the entrance to the close with child safety compromised. It was agreed to write to Birdwell School Academy to suggest that if they have concerns about the area they should contact NSC and to NSC to request a safety audit at the site. Cllrs McQuillan and Semple were reminded to draft a letter to include Cllr Thomas's comments, for the Clerk to send to NS. It was agreed that it would be helpful to include photos of dangerous parking.

Hb19.31 - Festival Way

- a) To receive any relevant items for information – none at this time.
- b) Bench for walkers (Hb19.12) – The Clerk has written to Greenbelt Services to ask permission to erect the bench.

Hb19.32 - Biodiversity

The banks have been mown at Peel Park so as to enable spectators to sit on them.

Hb19.33 - Village Enhancement Scheme working group

Following the report to full council, there have been 159 replies to date and they are still being received. Both the replies and comments at the village market showed strong support for the VES. A positive meeting with business owners has taken place with 4 of the 22 invited attending. Planters were discussed and it was noted that a resident has volunteered to set up a 'Bloom' group to maintain them.

Hb19.34 - SBLR and MetroBus – no report at this time.

Hb19.35 - Cycle Forum – no report but the minutes of the meeting have been circulated.

Hb19.36 - Double Yellow Lines

- a) To consider planning committees request that double yellow lines be requested opposite the lay by in Lovelinch Gardens – The PC agreed to re-submit the previous list of double yellow lines required in the parish, both new and reinstatements, and to request lines be added the whole of the length of Lovelinch Gardens.
- b) To consider request from resident that double yellow lines be requested at the junction of Lodge Drive and Long Ashton Road. The PC noted this is the only junction joining Long Ashton Road that does not have double yellow lines and it was agreed to add these to the report to be submitted.

Hb19.37 - Condition of Keeds Lane

It was agreed that Keeds Lane is in a poor condition and that the owners have not maintained the road. However, it was agreed that the PC cannot take on responsibility for the lane. Alliance homes could be written to remind them of the duty of care to its residents.

Hb19.38 - Dog Bins

A quote to replace the worst bins is still awaited and it was agreed that this can be looked at by F&GP. It was noted that the dog bin in Peel Park has been lowered to 5mm above the ground and needs to be lifted to avoid splash back causing corrosion.

Hb19.39 - Parking Enforcement outside the Post Office

Cllr Cave is in communication with NSC officers who confirm enforcement can begin when the signage is changed to reflect the traffic order.

Hb19.40 - Correspondence

- a) From resident thanking the committee for granting permission for an interment – noted.
- b) From resident re the speed of traffic in Glebe Road – the committee noted that excessive speeds are seen in the area but that its attempts to introduce further safety measures have not been successful and to respond to the resident that the speed humps in Yanley Lane are to be restored to their original height.
- c) From resident re fence; The PC agreed to write to the resident whose fence was possibly at risk of collapse.
- d) From resident re Peel Park footpath. The PC agreed to reply to the resident to confirm that the existing motor cycle inhibitors are a planning condition and are to remain.
- e) From resident re Long Ashton Highway Patrol – the resident's suggestion of setting up a volunteer group to do minor highway works was discussed but it was agreed that at present there would be no plans to set up such a group.
- f) From resident questioning the Parish Council decision to support horses using part of the Festival Way. It was agreed to respond to the resident informing him that the decision was in line with previous Council decisions and to note this is a permissive path and the committee understands that the owners no longer object to horse riders using the path.
- g) From resident re fly tipping at the back of the business units in Lovelinch Gardens. The PC noted fly tipping is an endemic problem and increasing, not helped by Backwell Refuse site being closed 2 days per week. The PC agreed to respond to confirm that the only advice it can give is to report the incident to NSC and to install CCTV and bright lights as a deterrent.
- h) From resident re the poor state of Fenswood Road – the committee understood that the road was to be surfaced during the 2018/19 year and will write to NSC to ask when it will be done.
- i) From resident re blocked gullies – It was agreed to write to NSC regarding the areas identified by the resident and to add others that need attention including Clarken Combe, the top and bottom of Yanley Lane, the top of Providence Lane, Longwood Lane, the bottom of Glebe and Chestnut Roads, by the Angel Inn and opposite St Martins.

Hb19.41 - Revised price to maintain Birdwell Rec and the Burial Ground – The contractor cutting the grass in these areas has increased the price of the work by £33 a cut for 2019. It was agreed to establish why the price had been increased and to also obtain a second quote for the work. It was agreed that F&GP should make the decision on the work. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the resident whose hedge borders the rec and ask them to cut the hedge to the boundary line.

Hb19.42 - Other Items for Information

- a) Letters written by clerk under delegated authority - none
- b) Upcoming road closures – Wraxall Hill, Ridgeway and Hillside Roads all have closures at present.
- c) Report from the team looking after the wild life area in All Saints Churchyard. The committee was pleased to receive a report of the wildlife (including moths and butterflies), wild flowers and grasses spotted in the 12 months since invasive brambles were cleared in early 2018 from the area. Jason Collins was thanked for clearing the excess waste vegetation.

Date of next meeting – 3rd June 2019

Meeting closed at 21:17