

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL



COUNCIL MEETING

19:00 - 27th January 2020, Jubilee Pavilion

Present:- Mr D Johnson (Chairman)
Ms L Anderson
Mr A Cartman (**from 19:06**)
Mr C Cave
Ms C Fagg (**from 19:03**)
Ms S Hardingham
Mr C James
Ms L Lansley (**From 19:25**)
Mr O Lloyd-Jones
Mr P Jackson (**from 19:02**)
Mr A Johnson
Ms R McAllister Kemp
Mr S McQuillan (**from 19:11**)
Ms C Sellars
Mr A Wilkinson (**from 19:05**)

Absent:-
Ms S Barnes
Mr M Harris
Mr T Weir

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr Janet Turp, Assistant Clerk, Tracy Warren (minutes) and one member of the public (from 19:04).

C20.018 - Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Harris.

19:02 – Cllr Jackson entered the room.

C20.019 - Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations

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

C20.020 - Exclusion of the press and public

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

It was agreed to bring forward the 'Outside Bodies' agenda item

C20.021 - Outside bodies

a) Children's Centre Partnership group – Cllr Anderson reported:

"I have met with Samantha Manning the Children's Centre Manager (North), to discuss any gaps in provision for Long Ashton parents compared to other parents with Children's Centres in closer proximity (we used Nailsea as an example). I am pleased to report that there are very few gaps as far as I can make out.

1. Stay and Play with Health Clinics is the mainstay of regular service provision at the Children's Centres. We now have a well-attended weekly Stay and Play in the village with input from a health visitor team who offer self-weigh and advice (Health Clinic).

The only difference for LA parents is that the Health Visitor services are monthly. Sam reported that with such a good attendance at the Stay and Play she may be able to offer this more frequently.

2. Parenting Courses are only run at Children's Centres so our parents would need to travel. These are run once/twice a year.

3. Baby massage courses are offered at the Children's Centre and are very popular. There are privately organised courses that are slightly more accessible elsewhere locally.

4. Support for breastfeeding is offered at Backwell and Portishead. We do not have this service locally. The Backwell group has a low attendance compared to Portishead and Sam is currently working with Café Mama (the group who organise the peer support volunteers) to see whether this remains viable. At the same time Sam will talk to the Café Mama about the potential to offer something with a peer support worker to LA parents if there is a need as this might also increase uptake in Backwell."

19:03 - Cllr Fagg entered the room.

- b) Tyntesfield Patient Participation Group (PPG) – Cllr Anderson having attended recent meetings felt that there are probably more efficient ways to communicate with the practice, and said that she will discontinue attending the PPG meetings after May 2020.

19:04 – A member of the public entered the room.

19:05 – Cllr Wilkinson entered the room.

19:06 – Cllr Cartman entered the room.

- c) Parochial Charities – It was noted that Mrs J Pullin whilst no longer being a Cllr, is a PC appointed Trustee. It was agreed that at the review of appointments in May it would be preferable if the PC appointed roles were filled by two Cllrs but this could be opened to other nominees if this was not the case.

19:11 – Cllr McQuillan entered the room

- d) Parish Councils Airport Association – Cllr Fagg gave a report highlighting that NSC's Planning & Regulatory committee are considering Bristol Airport's planning application on 10th February at 18:00 at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare and that the public can attend. She also noted that the application for a Park and Ride facility for the airport at J21 had been withdrawn.

C20.022 - Youth Matters

- a) Youth Club – Cllr Jackson gave the following report (previously circulated):
"The community project involving graffiti workshop and the painting of the youth shelter has been completed, apart from some minor tidying up on the youth shelter. The Thursday night juniors' session continues to grow in terms of regular attendance and with numbers now going over 24, we've been looking at how to provide additional staffing to manage the young people safely. For the Monday's seniors' session, we're hearing a lot about teenagers spending time in their bedrooms playing on their X-Box or equivalent. Hence we've been exploring how we might revamp the Monday session to a tech or cyber session, and hope to have new plans in place by springtime. The annual Festive Fair took place in November which raised £300 for the Youth Club. We are finding a growing number of fairs at that time of the year which compete with people's time and money, and will more likely plan to have a summer event this year. A trip to Winter Wonderland at Cribbs Causeway for ice skating on the last youth club session of last year was very well supported with eighteen young people enjoying the trip. Feedback from young people and adults was very positive. Cllr Sellars and one other new member were welcomed to their first youth club management meeting on 14th January, and hence the management committee is getting back to a better size

following a number of the management team moving on after many years on the committee.”

- b) Long Ashton Network Report – The annual youth grant scheme has been launched.

C20.022 - Community Safety; Local Action Teams

- a) Leigh Woods – no report at this time.

- b) Long Ashton - Cllr Cave gave a report. 3 Cllrs attended the January PACT meeting and noted that as these meetings are to improve engagement with the Police and bring up local issues, it is important for Cllrs and residents to attend. Speeding and burglary remain the priorities, other topics raised included:

- Drains – it was noted that many are blocked and it was suggested that these should be managed on a risk based model. A drain on Rayens Cross Road near the GP surgery is surcharging and has been reported to NSC.
- Rubbish - non collection.
- Pot holes – Whilst some have been addressed, it was noted that others are awaiting attention including those in Cambridge Batch.
- Parking - this is not being enforced around Long Ashton. The non-compliant signs in the layby by the Post Office are awaiting replacement. There are concerns that commuter parking may increase in Long Ashton when the parking scheme in Leigh Woods comes into force.
- Theft from cars in Leigh Woods.
- Mud on roads around the Bristol City FC development in Failand.

The next PACT meeting is on the 24th March, at 19:30 in the Jubilee Pavilion.

One of the Vehicle Activated Signs has been moved to the centre of the village where it may be more effective as a deterrent to speeding.

C20.023 - Correspondence

- a) NS Crisis and Recovery Centre – ‘Second Step’ have been awarded the contract for mental health services and they are working with the CCG to start the service in spring 2020.
- b) Local Electricity Bill request – The PC has been asked to add its name to other PC’s supporting the ‘Local Electricity Bill’. However, as this was for the previous parliamentary session, it was agreed to wait to see if it is going to be brought forward to the current session before discussion.
- c) From NALC; consultation on strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments – NALC require a response by 19th February and as this proposal needs time for discussion it was agreed that this will be considered at a short Council meeting at 7 pm on 17th February before the F&GP meeting. Cllr McAllister Kemp will circulate articles for further information before the meeting.

19:25 - Cllr Lansley entered the room.

- d) From Wraxall & Failand councillor re Bristol Clean Air Zone – it was agreed that Cllr Cartman would talk to Wraxall PC about co-operation in any further consultation though some pressure on the villages – may have been reduced by removing the Portway from the clean air zone.
- e) From ALCA re climate emergency planning workshop – It was agreed that the Clerk respond to confirm that 5 or 6 Cllrs have expressed an interest to attend a one day workshop supported by ALCA and the Centre for Sustainable Energy, on Climate Action Planning. A date is to be determined.
- f) From NALC Chairman – The open letter to all Cllrs to thank them for the work they carry out and to outline NALC’s action plan going forward, was noted.

- g) From resident re empty house in Short Lane – it was noted that NSC has a policy on empty properties and agreed that the Clerk write to the NS Cllrs McQuillan and Cartman to forward onto them the resident's correspondence for their attention.

C20.024 - NALC paper on fighting loneliness

The NALC paper (previously circulated) was noted. It was agreed that Cllrs Anderson, Fagg and McAllister Kemp will meet to discuss the issues and draft a plan to bring to Council with the idea that it could be included in next year's budget.

C20.025 - Newsletter – The Chairman asked for Cllrs to give articles to the Clerk by 10:00 on 3rd February, on any projects that they have been involved with. Items for inclusion included the budget, VES and JSP.

C20.026 - Any items for information.

The Chairman announced that Cllr Semple had resigned from the Council and the Chairman confirmed he has written to Cllr Semple to thank him for his service. It was noted that a vacancy now arises for Chairman of the Environment Committee, and the Chairman asked Cllrs to consider this role.

Meeting closed at: 19:35

Date of next meeting: Monday 16th March 2020.