

# LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING

19:00 – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Held remotely by video conferencing



Present:

Mr D Johnson (Chairman)  
Ms L Anderson  
Mr A Cartman  
Mr J D'Alesio  
Ms C Fagg  
Ms S Hardingham  
Mr P Jackson  
Mr C James  
Mr A Johnson  
Ms L Lansley  
Ms R McAllister Kemp  
Ms J Purkiss  
Mr A Wilkinson

Absent:

Mr C Cave  
Mr M Harris

In attendance - The Clerk, Mr Scott Jacobs-Lange, Mrs Howell (minutes) Sal Tarsey, Centre Manager for LACA and 3 additional members of the public.

C20.157 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr's Cave and Harris.

C20.158 **Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations.**

There were no interests declared during the meeting and no new dispensations were requested.

C20.159 **Exclusion of the press and public**

**It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council hold a confidential session for item 4 on the agenda (LACA Covid Crisis Support).**

C20.160 **LACA Covid Crisis Support**

The Chairman introduced this item, a background paper having been circulated. Long Ashton Community Association (LACA) have submitted a grant application to request emergency funding of £20,000 to support the ongoing operation of the Community Centre in the current financial year to 31 March 2021. Members of the Parish Council were asked to consider funding and support measures for the remainder of 2020/21.

*Members of the public were placed in the waiting room to allow for a confidential discussion relating to matters that could have an impact on staffing. Key points included:*

- *The Covid pandemic has meant that the Community Centre has been closed or operating on a much-reduced basis since the first lockdown in late March 2020.*
- *LACA has suffered a considerable loss of income which is likely to continue to the end of March and probably beyond impacting reserves. The running costs are being carefully checked.*
- *The PC recognises that the health and wellbeing of residents enjoying the Community Centre is of great importance and hopes the usual busy capacity can return as soon as realistically possible.*

- *Further support for the next financial year will be discussed in the F&GP meeting.*
- *LACA are eager to work in partnership with PC and all agreed it will take a collective effort from LACA, the PC and community to support the charity.*
- *The Covid crisis plan will need to consider urgent fundraising and the importance of co-operation between LACA and the PC going forward.*

*Members of the public were re-admitted to the meeting at 19.23 hours.*

**It was RESOLVED that the Council:**

- Supports the principles contained in the PC/LACA plan (circulated beforehand and as amended). Plan to be discussed with LACA on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am for further discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.**
- Award LACA emergency funding of £20,000.**

**C20.161 LACA / Parish Council Joint Working group**

**It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council appoint Cllr Fagg to the Working Group.**

**C20.162 Tydings Close s106:**

*Members discussed the s106 money for Tydings Close. It had previously been agreed that the balance held by NSC would be split equally for the projects of LACA tennis courts and the skate park. NSC have now requested invoices before the s106 can be released to the Parish Council.*

**It was RESOLVED that in light of these new circumstances, the balance of £4,300 for outdoor recreation will be reallocated according to NSC revised requirements as follows:**

- **£372.24 to pay Sovereign invoice for additional matting etc.**
- **Remainder to LACA towards cost of tennis courts.**
- **Skate park account to be reviewed at F&GP.**

**C20.163 Date of next meeting: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

There being no further business at 19:28 hours the Chairman closed the meeting.