

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

19:30 – 22nd March 2021

Held remotely by video conferencing



Present:

Ms C Fagg (Chairman)
Ms L Anderson
Mr A Cartman
Mr C Cave
Mr J D'Alesio
Mr M Harris
Mrs S Hardingham
Mr P Jackson (Vice Chairman)
Mr C James
Ms L Lansley
Mr S McQuillan
Ms R McAllister-Kemp
Ms J Purkiss
Mr A Wilkinson

Absent:

Ms C Sellars
Mr A Johnson

In attendance - The Clerk, Mr Scott Jacobs-Lange, Mr Colm O'Doherty (minute-taker) and seven members of the public.

Public Participation

A member of the public provided a statement on behalf of a group of residents expressing their views to the council on the future of the Long Ashton Community Association.

C21.025 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lloyd-Jones

C21.026 Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations

No interests were declared and no new dispensations were requested.

C21.027 Exclusion of the press and public

No items required the exclusion of the press and public.

C21.028 Parish Council Minutes

To approve the minutes of Council meetings: 18th January and 15th February 2021.
Both sets of minutes were agreed.

The Clerk will arrange their signing after the meeting.

C21.029 Matters Arising (for information)

- a. C20.138 – Update from Clerk on Tydings Close s106 funding
The Clerk confirmed that £4300 funding has been received from North Somerset Council.
- b. C21.012 – Amendments to council's Standing Orders.
The Clerk confirmed that amendments to enable Long Ashton's District Councillors who aren't also Parish Councillors to continue to participate in Parish Council meetings had been made to the council's Standing Orders.

- c. C21.016 – Newsletter.
The Clerk confirmed the parish newsletter had now been printed and was currently being delivered.
- d. C21.018c – Parish Council’s representative on PCAA.
The Clerk confirmed that Cllr D’Alesio is now the representative for the Parish Council on the PCAA
- e. C21. 18e – Parish Council’s representative on ALCA.
The Clerk confirmed the Parish Council’s representative was now Cllr Fagg, following the resignation of Cllr Dave Johnson.

C21.030 Stuart Mc Quillan’s resignation as a Parish Councillor.

Cllr McQuillan confirmed his decision to resign as a Long Ashton Parish Councillor but would continue to participate in parish council meetings as a District Councillor. Cllr Fagg thanks Cllr McQuillan for his service to date.
This was noted and accepted.

C21.031 Finance and General Purpose Committee

To consider and adopt the Finance and General Purposes Committee minutes 15th February 21. **The Minutes were agreed and adopted.**

C21.032 Environment Committee

To consider and adopt the Environment Committee minutes of 25th January 21.
The Minutes were agreed and adopted.

C21.033 Planning Committee

To consider and adopt the Planning Committee minutes of 11th January & 8th February 21. **The Minutes were agreed and adopted.**

C21.034 Working Groups

- a) To consider and approve a proposal from Cllr Fagg to use and develop an Annual Work Plan to improve coordination and progress-tracking of the council’s working groups and strategic aims.
 - i. Cllr Harris will provide some details to Cllr Fagg to include projects relating to Leigh Woods.
 - ii. Other additions to include Green Belt and impact of Bristol’s proposed CAZ.
It was resolved to adopt the Work Plan and use it to track and manage progress on the council’s strategic objectives.
- b) Working Groups to confirm meeting dates and provide details to Clerk for inclusion on the Annual Work Plan.
It was resolved that where possible, working groups will provide details of regular meetings in advance to the Clerk so details can be shared on social media, newsletters and the website, but noting the fact that working group meetings aren’t always organised well in advance.
- c) To receive reports/ updates from the following council working groups:
 - i. LACA & LAPC Joint Working Group (Cllr Wilkinson & Cllr Hardingham)
 - 1. Cllr Anderson updated the meeting that the Joint Working Group has met a couple of times during the past few weeks. LACA is in a good financial position due to govt. grants and furlough. They’re now working with VANS to begin the process to incorporate the charity. LACA is working hard to get the community centre facilities

re-opened as soon as possible. Exact dates to follow when more details are known. Outdoor sporting facilities will open first then indoor facilities – in accordance with lockdown rules.

- ii. Library (Stuart McQuillan) – no update.
- iii. Community Engagement Working Group (Cllr McAllister-Kemp)
 1. Cllr McAllister-Kemp thanked Caroline Tarbuck for her report and invited questions. Cllr McAllister-Kemp confirmed the Community Engagement survey results would be shared at a full meeting of the council within the next couple of months.
- iv. Biodiversity Working Group (Cllr Anderson):
 1. To consider and approve a costed proposal from Cllr Anderson to support a programme of biodiversity activities during the 2021-22 financial year.
 2. Cllr Hardingham confirmed the sources of funding for this plan would be from the Environment Committee's budget and potentially the Climate Change and Tree budgets.
 3. Cllr Anderson will explore options for rotavating of the bank behind Fenswood Road.
It was resolved to approve the allocation of £1200 of the Environment Committee's annual budget for 2021-22 to be spent on Biodiversity projects.
- v. Skate Park Working Group (Cllr Jackson):

Cllr Jackson gave an update about the project identifying work to develop procurement and fundraising plans.
- vi. Coronavirus Steering Group (Cllr Wilkinson) – no update.

C21.035 Community Safety

To receive an update about local policing and community safety.

- i. PCSO Olivia Newell sent apologies as she was called away to an incident.
- ii. Cllr Harris updated the meeting about recent moped incidents in Leigh Woods.
- iii. Cllr McAllister-Kemp has put the latest Redwood Beat newsletter on the parish council Facebook page.

C21.036 Annual Parish Meeting

To consider and approve plans for this year's Annual Parish Meeting (26th April). The Clerk updated the meeting about final arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting and associated publicity which has been circulated.

C21.037 Peel Park

To consider and approve a proposal to contribute £1000 towards the cost of widening the entrances by adjusting the motorcycle inhibitor barriers, to repair the worn surfaces at entrance points to improve access for users of wheelchairs and pushchairs, and to repair damaged fencing at western end.

It was resolved that a budget of £1000 should be provided for improving the grounds, widening the entrance inhibitors and repairing the damaged fencing in Peel Park to improve access points.

C21.038 LACA

To consider the report proposing future governance options for LACA and agree the council's preferred direction.

- a) After some discussion, it was proposed that the Parish Council recommends that LACA seeks and recruits new Trustees now, prior to the CIO being established. This motion was not carried.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council recommends that LACA undertakes an open recruitment of Trustees, which would include all existing Trustees standing down when the new Foundation CIO is formed – this would not preclude them from standing again if they chose to.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** that a budget of £6000 be set aside to secure professional advice to guide the Parish Council on its current and future roles and responsibilities within LACA's governance arrangements.
- d) It was noted that LACA will engage VANS (Voluntary Action North Somerset) to support them through the process of converting LACA to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
- e) It was **RESOLVED** that LAPC and LACA should continue to work together through the Joint Working Group to progress governance matters.
- f) It was agreed that LAPC and LACA work to update the community regularly about these and future changes.

C21.039 Finance items

- a) To consider and approve the following expenditure:
 - i. Website upgrade and re-design (£2000 +VAT)
 - ii. Replace and repair up to 5 dog bins in the parish. (£1200 + VAT)
 - iii. Supply and install new sign at Gardeners Walk play area. (£145 + VAT)
 - iv. Replace grit bins at Providence Lane and Folleigh Lane. (up to £500 + VAT)
 - v. Purchase of replacement office equipment. (up to £400 + VAT)
 - vi. Funding to purchase items to support environmental volunteering activities. (up to £400 + VAT)
 - vii. Tree survey of council-owned trees. (up to £900 + VAT)
 - viii. Provision of funding to obtain professional advice and support re. charity governance. (up to £6000)

It was resolved to approve the above expenditure.
- b) Report on financial support for LACA 2020/21.
It was confirmed that LACA would not need to take up the Emergency Grant previously set aside by the council to cover lockdown – amounting to £20,000.
This was noted.
- c) To agree reallocation of remaining £100 from Youth Grants to Small Grant for 2020-21.
This was agreed.

C21.040 Date of next meeting

Monday 29th March at 7:00PM, Online.