

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 16th January 2012

Present: Miss M Uppington - Chairman

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mr J Glew

Ms S Hardingham

Mr M E Harris

Mrs B Mackwood

Mr N Moorcroft

Miss A Moser

Mrs A Neale

Mrs J Pullin

Mr H B Roberts

Mr I Scoones

Mr G Williams

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance - The Clerk, Mrs M Addis and Mrs Smith (minutes)

Apologies were received from:-

Mr D Aggett

Mrs S Sterland

P112 - Minutes of the last meeting

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2011 had been circulated.

Further to the following amendments: -

- a. Cllr Cook was present.
- b. P105c to read – "...an amendment to include a 'live-work' unit.
- c. P106a to be removed and the following letters to be amended a-d not b-e.
- d. P106 – 11/P/2125/RG3 – Land off Yanley Lane – there was a discussion as to whether the minute was correct, however Cllr Ms Hardingham proposed, seconded by Cllr Moorcroft seconded that the minute should remain as it is. A vote was taken – 7 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions – carried.

The minutes were confirmed (subject to these amendments) as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P113 – Matters arising

- a. P105a – 20 Lyvedon Way – written appeal. Reference - APP/D0121/A/ 11/2166993 – Chairman will make further comment.
- b. P105b – Keeds Woods and the Brake – the new owner is not known.
- c. P105e – Co-op ATM – Cllr Cave said the NS Planning Briefing meeting still, has not been convened however the matter will be raised at the forthcoming meeting.
- d. P107 – 11/P/2125/RG3 – Land off Yanley Lane and alongside A370 to B3128 Ashton Road – The Chairman reported events regarding the application over the Christmas period. Discussion ensued. Planning permission was given by NS lasty week. Cllr Mrs Neale asked that it be noted that she was against the reversal decision.

P114 - Correspondence

- a. 29 Lyvedon Way – notice of refusal.

- b. Letter from resident of Parsonage Road regarding planning application for adjacent field. Clerk to reply.

P115 - New Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED: - that the Clerk will submit the following comments, on applications affecting property in the parish, to North Somerset District Council.

11/P/2306/F - 2 St Martins, BS41 9HP- Refurbishment of existing roof conversion. Works to include; cladding the roof in zinc sheeting, new dormer window to front elevation replacing existing dormers, installation of 2no. replacement roof lights and installation of 1no. new roof light, installation of solar panels to roof, replacement of 3no roof lights to rear elevation and

11/P/2307/LB – 2 St Martins, BS41 9HP.- Refurbishment of existing roof conversion. Work to include; cladding the roof in zinc sheeting, new dormer window to front elevation replacing existing dormers, installation of 2no. replacement roof lights and installation of 1no. new roof light, installation of solar panels to roof, replacement of 3no roof lights to rear elevation. Internal alteration to third floor.

This Council would like to express concern regarding the proposed change of materials as it is a listed building and in a conservation area. This Council feels this application should be referred to a listed buildings officer for a decision.

11/P/2315/F4 10 Warren Lane, BS41 9DA - Application to extend the time limit for implementation for planning permission 08/P/232 (Outline Application with details of access and layout for erection of a live/work dwelling).

No comments given.

11/P/2250/F - Bracken Hill House, North Road, LW. BS8 3PL - Change of use from a residential home Use Class C2 to Class C3 to form a single dwelling with 6 bedrooms, leisure wing and integral garaging. Alterations to include the provision of new openings in south west elevation to form the garage entrances, the reinstatement of the conservatory to south west elevation and ancillary works including alterations to driveways, bin stores and boundary treatments.

and

11/P/2251/CA - Bracken Hill House, North Road, LW. BS8 3PL. Change of use from a residential home Use Class C2 to Use Class C3 to form a single dwelling with bedrooms, leisure wing and integral garaging.

Alterations to include the provision of new openings in south west elevation to form the garage entrances, the reinstatement of the conservatory to south west elevation and ancillary works including alterations to driveways, bin stores and boundary treatments.

This Council has no objection however is very concerned about the adverse visual impact of the proposed subdivision of the garden of the former Bristol University Botanic Garden as it would significantly change this Registered historic designed landscape. We consider that the proposed fences, hedges and the heavily planted earth mound would destroy the open nature of the garden area, thereby severely detracting from the character and appearance of the historic landscape.

If North Somerset is minded to approve the application, this Council suggests that, because of the importance of the site, it would be appropriate to specifically omit the proposed estate fences and hedges from the grant of planning permission and to impose a condition on the

planning permission to remove the permitted development rights to control all subsidiary developments, including hedges and fences in the future.

11/P/2257/F - 66 Rayens Cross Road, BS 41 9DY - Erection of a two storey side extension following demolition of existing small kitchen extension.

This Council recommends approval provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment

11/P/2277/F - 27 Theynes Croft, BS41 9NA -Removal of condition 3 of permission

11/P/1585/P (for the erection of a first floor side extension above garage) to allow an opening roof light with clear glass.

This Council recommends approval.

11/P/2279/F - Apartment 13, Ferncliffe, North Road, LW BS8 3NQ.

Enlarge existing rooflight to provide access to new roof decking with guard rail balustrade.

This Council recommends refusal because it will overlook neighbouring properties particularly in Broadoak and could set a precedent with another flat occupiers to do the same.

Cllr Moorcroft declared a pecuniary interest in the following application as it is his daughter's property.

12/P/0009/F - 45 Lampton Road, Long Ashton, - Erection of a two storey side extension.

This Council has no objection providing materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment

12/P/0026/F - Ashton Hill Farm, Weston Road, - Erection of a single storey extension to existing.

This Council has no objection to the extension. This Council is concerned regarding light pollution and feel that any outdoor lighting should be discrete particularly as the observatory is in the vicinity.

12/P/0038/F - 38 Fenswood Road, BS41 9BX - Erection of a first floor extension and a single storey extension.

This Council has no objection providing materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment. The dwelling should retain its single occupancy status.

TREES

11/P/2327/WT - Ashton Court Golf Course, BS8 3PX - T1, T2, and T3 - Sycamore x3 - Fell to allow main drainage connection to be made.

This Council feels that the trees should be replaced within the area.

11/P/2331/TPO - Avonhurst, Church Road, L W BS8 3PG - T1 and T2 - Pine x2 - Reduce lateral spread on the east side only by approx 2m back to suitable growth points.

11/P/2263/TPO - Valley View, North Road, Leigh Woods.BS8 3PL T1 - Beech - Remove one branch growing into the adjacent Yew tree.

T2 - N. Maple - Crown lift by removing two branches and prune the remaining crown by 1m to balance crown. T3 - Small Yews, Fell small Yew at base of pine. T4 - Pine, crown lift by removing 3 branches.

P116 - North Somerset Decisions

- a. Trees – 38 Perry Road – refused except permission to crown lift.
- b. Trees – 9 Warren Lane – refused except permission for part of work incl. crown lift.
- c. Trees – Pear Tree Avenue – pear and apple trees – approved.
- d. 11 P/1986/F - 26 Yeomeads – refused off street parking due to size of space.
- e. 94a Providence Lane – permission given (against PC comments).

P117 – The Localism Bill

The Bill has been entered onto statute.

P118 - Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton – Review

Comment was made that regarding proposed developments in Lyvedon Way – under the NS Core Strategy as Long Ashton is a service village it will be subject to infill development.

Ashton Park Ltd is up for sale, offers to be submitted by the end of January 2012.

The PC was informed that the Judge is allowing the judicial review regarding the village green on proposed Bristol City Football Club development site. The PC is keeping lines of communication open with Bristol City FC.

P119 - Any Other Matters

- a. Taylor Wimpey estates – Cllr Cave is in touch with Steve Baker and is awaiting developments.
- b. Cllr Harris said the upcoming issue for Leigh Woods is the sale of Burwalls as a leisure and residential complex. A meeting with NS and the Leigh Woods Society is to be held next week.

Date of next meeting – 20th February 2012

Meeting closed 9.25pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 23rd January 2012

Present – Chairman, Mr N Moorcroft

Mr D Aggett

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mrs H Fordham

Mr J Glew

Ms S Hardingham

Mr M E Harris

Mrs B Mackwood

Mrs A Neale

Mrs J Pullin

Mr I Scoones

Mr J D Skeeles

Mr P Sterland

Mrs S Sterland

Miss M Uppington

Mr G Williams

In attendance - the Clerk, Mrs M Addis and Mrs Smith (minutes),

3 members of the public (for part of the meeting)

Mr M Riggall NS Liaison Officer and Mr Karuna Tharmananthar NS

Apologies were received from :-

Miss A Moser

Mr H C H Williams

Public Participation – John Ives

Mr Ives addressed the Council on the proposed Open Spaces Society Open Day and the Festival Way.

C1 - Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman explained that he would forego giving any remarks due to time constraints.

C2- Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st November, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C3 - Matters arising

- a. C100e – Power of Well Being – Cllr Mrs Mackwood to provide an update on the status of this power now the Localism Bill has been passed.
- b. C119f – Bristol Airport festive evening – Cllrs Mrs Neale and Glew attended the meeting at which the new route to Zurich was being promoted.

C4 - Planning Committee Report

The reports of the Planning Committee of the meetings held on 12th December and 16th January were adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee.

C5 - Highways and Burial Ground Committee Report

The report of the Highways and Footpaths Committee of the meeting held on 5th December was adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee.

C6 - Finance and General Purposes Committee Report

The report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the meeting held on 14th December was adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee.

Following a recommendation of the Finance Committee, (F75) it was RESOLVED:- “that when the current Parish Clerk leaves her post, no employees will be allowed to become members of the Local Government Pension Scheme” – . Cllr Ms Hardingham having proposed and Cllr Cave seconded 14 in favour and 2 abstentions. Vote carried.

Cllr Hardingham also highlighted that March 12th will be Mrs Addis’s last meeting, before she retires, and introduced the new Clerk, Mrs Janet Turp.

C7 -Budget 12/13

Cllr Ms Hardingham outlined the proposed budget for 2012/2013 which she said represents a 3% increase on the precept. This will mean an increase for a Band D house to £52.38 per year.

Youth Club funding was highlighted as differing from previous years due to NS cuts.

The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee put forward the proposed budget for 2012-2013 for consideration. Cllr Ms Hardingham proposed that PC adopt a budget as outlined in Appendix to the F&GP minutes. Cllr Skeeles seconded. Unanimous agreement. The 2012/13 Precept to be £137,477. North Somerset to be advised.

C8 - Community Association Report

Cllr Mrs Pullin gave a report. Hall administration is running smoothly and the caretaker appears to have a good relationship with the youth which is paying dividends on the vandalism front. The Quiz night raised £610 and a date for 2012 will be arranged. Transitions energy group FLoW have secured a grant which will include an energy audit of the complex.

A Holiday Activities Day is being planned for Tuesday 3rd April to include cooking, junior football, short mat bowling and jewellery making, soft play and café.

The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations (to be called Village Jubilee Celebrations) in June will feature stalls and a sing song for the elderly. An appeal for help will be made in newsletter. On 29th September LACA will be hosting a Beer Festival. Entry will be £5. Live entertainment to be provided.

The acquisition of Andree Peel Park will not require a change in LACA's constitution for it to manage this, but a supplementary lease to include the new land.

The Clerk advised that the term of Office for Trustees Cllr Mrs Pullin and Mrs Taylor term of Office does not end until December 2015.

It was agreed that F&GP will meet in the Green Room on Wednesday, 20th June.

C9 - FLoW Report

Cllr Sterland reported that there was nothing new to report from the TENONS website and suggested that this item be replaced with FLoW (Failand, Long Ashton and Wraxall Energy Group). FLoW have received a grant from the Department of Energy for £72,000 to be spent by 31st March. The work will be undertaken by consultants managed by a Project Manager.

There are five areas of work:

1. Review of the housing stock
2. Solar assessment – looking at individual house's suitability
3. Potential site for wind turbine
4. Biomass assessment
5. Heat density demand mapping (district heating potential)

Plus an energy assessment of three buildings of which the Community Centre is one.

C10 - Community Safety / Local Action Team Report

Cllr Cave reported that a meeting has not been held since the last Council meeting. The vehicle activated speed sign is now located at western end of the village. PC Laura Wheeler will return to work in February.

At the PACT meeting the emphasis on speeding was repeated and parking on pavements. Cllr Cave urged all to report incidents. Cllr Cave has also brought the attention of the Police to the problem parking of people stopping to use the Co-op ATM. The next PACT meeting is 11th April at the Royal British Legion.

C11 - Youth Report

Cllr Ms Hardingham, Mrs Fordham and Mrs Neale declared a personal interest.

It was agreed to change this item to Youth Report.

Cllr Mrs Neale reported that NS is still proposing to withdraw funding for youth clubs and Long Ashton's funding will cease from 1st April 2012. The Management Committee's priority is to raise enough funding to continue to open on three nights a week, keeping the present youth workers. The workers are setting themselves up as a Community Enterprise and the Management Committee intends to contract their services for £24, 000 per year.

NS wish to establish a Long Ashton Commissioning Network to look across all children and young peoples services in Long Ashton and are facilitating a meeting on Thursday. The aim is to apply for Transitional Funding from NS by working with other organisations in the village.

A former NS employee is setting up Youth Outreach NS to provide commissioned services from April 2012, however LA Management Committee have yet to discuss this option. The Youth Café project has been put on hold temporarily.

C12 -ALCA NS Group Report

Cllr Scoones reported there has not been a meeting held since the last Council meeting, however he has been forwarding the bulletin. Next meeting t.b.a..

C13 - Parish Councils Airport Association Report

The next meeting is to be held on 24th January 2012. A scoping document has been produced to update the White Paper which is now out of date. This document will include reduction of noise and compatibility with emission targets.

C14 - The Localism Bill

Nothing new to report.

C15 - Connect 2 Meetings

Cllr Moorcroft explained another Councillor is needed to attend these meetings with him following the resignation of Cllr Mrs Neale.

Cllr Mrs Neale proposed Cllr Sterland, Cllr Glew seconded.

Cllr Mrs Mackwood proposed Cllr Butcher and Cllr Miss Uppington seconded.

Cllrs Sterland and Butcher left the room as the vote was taken. Cllr Sterland received 8 votes, Cllr Butcher received 3 votes with one abstention. Cllr Sterland was elected as representative Cllr Butcher was asked to deputise.

C16 - Ashton Court Pay and Display proposals.

After a long debate about the possible implications for Leigh Woods and Long Ashton, Cllr Cave suggested that the PC write to BCC objecting to the proposals to charge to park. Cllrs Cave and Moorcroft to draft. Copy to be sent to NS.

C17 - Public inquiry into the BRT and footpaths.

Cllr Sterland reported that the proposal for the BRT is with the Department of Transport. Cllr Sterland has been in touch with presenters at the public enquiry and put together the Statement of Case. Cllr Sterland asked for Council's agreement to

submit the Statement of Case. The public enquiry starts on 22nd May and any issues that the PC wish to raise at the public enquiry must be provided before hand. Cllr Sterland suggested that the PC seek advice on this and he has got a quote from a transport consultant (Mr Keith Buchan) for this work at a cost of between £6, 000 and £7,500. Transport for Greater Bristol have pledged of around £2,400 for this work. Cllr Sterland proposed that the PC instruct Mr Buchan on its behalf for 3 days at a cost of £1,500 (from the development 'fighting fund') to enable the PC to have control of the work that is undertaken. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Neale. Unanimously carried. The two proposed routes for the BRT were circulated and discussed.

Cllr Cave reported on the South Bristol Link Road. The Road has been given the go ahead in theory and is looking probable. The PC is on favour of the link road being sited further to the west.

Meeting adjourned 8.09pm to enable Mr Karuna Tharmananthar to speak on the Link Road.

Meeting reconvened 8.12pm.

C18 - The Long Ashton & Leigh Woods Newsletter.

The newsletter goes to press at midday on 1st of next month. The Clerk asked if there were any suggestions for items.

C19 – Correspondence

- a. Email regarding the proposed changes to library opening times – Cllr Pullin reported on the current and proposed opening times and services provided. Cllr Pullin proposed that the PC suggest that the proposed full day opening be changed from Friday to Tuesday and that the library be staffed by paid staff only. Cllr Mrs Pullin to write to NS.
- b. Letter re Neighbourhood Planning event on 21st February 2012 – letters and booklet given to Cllr Mrs Fordham. Cllr Mrs Mackwood to attend training event at the Eden Project.
- c. Email re Strategy and Community Team meeting on 26th January.

Date of next meeting – 12 March 2012

Meeting closed 9.55pm.

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS & BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING
Date – 13th FEBRUARY 2012

Present:- Mrs J Pullin - Chairman

Mr D G Aggett

Mr T Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mr M Harris

Ms S M Hardingham

Mr N Moorcroft

Mrs A J Neale

Mr I Scoones

Mr P R Sterland

Miss M Uppington

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance the Clerk, Mrs Addis, and Mrs L Smith (minutes) plus one member of the public and Mrs J Turp, who attended at the invitation of the F&GP Chairman.

Apologies were received from:-

Mrs H Fordham

Mrs B Mackwood

Hb1 - Minutes of the last meeting

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th December 2012 had been circulated. Further to an amendment at H78 which should read 're-instate the Brunel's swivel bridge' the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Hb2 - Matters arising

- a. Hb78 – Park and Ride – Cllr Butcher reported that the Neighbourhood Development Plan may include a bid to NS for a grant to implement 'park and cycle' facilities at the Park and Ride to enable people to park and cycle in to Bristol, or cycle to the Park and Ride and use the bus. Cllr Butcher to speak to Kate Cochrane at NS regarding the proposals.

Hb3 - Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard

Communications with the Diocese and the PCC have resulted in notices of work to be done being in position in the Church and Churchyard. If no objections are lodged within 28 days (23rd Feb) work will be put in hand immediately.

Hb4 - Birdwell Recreation Ground

Clr Williams said there is a TPO on the tree at the south west corner. To be left in abeyance. Clerk advised that that the recent NS map did not show any TPO on Birdwell School or Rec.

Hb5 - Footpath Report

Working party has completed two jobs but been asked to hold off work due to no Council representative to oversee work. The Working Party is surveying paths.

Hb6 – Replacement for Cllr Williams to work with Footpath Working Party

A representative must be found. Chairman to talk to potential Cllrs.

Hb7 –Footpath 12/12A

Cllr Cook reported. On definitive map footpath 12/12A goes over Churchyard and Burial Ground. Mr Ives is claiming obstruction of this footpath and has served s130A (1) of the Highway Act 1980 notice on PC to remove the obstruction

The application has been approved for the cycleway, however only permissive as land not purchased. It is proposed to divert Footpath 12/12b onto the cycleway. Cllr Cook suggested that the PC make one application. There was discussion around what was the best way forward. Cllr Cook proposed that the Council make one application to regularise 12/12a at the Churchyard and Burial Ground end and to also apply to divert 12/12b onto the Festival Way so that it will be a Public Right of Way and can be upgraded to a bridleway. Cllr Cave seconded.

Clerk stated PC will need a faculty to break through the wall as it is on consecrated ground. Cllr Sterland proposed an amendment to vote on each footpath amendment. 6 for, 7 against. Vote was taken on the original proposal make by Cllr Cook - 8 for, 3 against, 1 abstention. Carried.

Cllr Cook proposed PC apply for a faculty if necessary. Agreed.

Hb8 – Footpath 12/32 – Problems noted by Mr Ives and Mr Ian Webb

Problems noted by Mr Ives and Mr Ian Webb.

Hb9 – Festival Way

Cllr Moorcroft gave a report. Work is proposed to start immediately. There will be a photo opportunity at certain places. A continued cycleway around Ashton Court around the school is being discussed. To be confirmed. The route along the B3128 on the west side is currently being determined whether to be on north or south side.

The suggested access point at cycleway/B3128 be made to encourage cyclists to use Park & Ride was not approved

Hb10 - Cycle Report

None given. Representative needed.

Hb11 – Cycle path survey at Cambridge Batch

To note that initial surveys have been undertaken for both sides of Cambridge Batch for the link up of cycle track between Flax Burton and Wild Country Lane. Consultation will follow when firmed up by Sustrans / NS.

Hb12 – Signage Dovecote

Photos from David Neale requesting approval for markings to be installed at Dovecote entrance and a further large sign to be erected showing cycles. It was suggested that a coloured surface be used on the cycleway with writing warning of cyclists on the road at both entrances. Clerk to contact NS requesting the work is carried out.

Hb13 - Best Kept Nominated Garden Competition

The Clerk asked all Cllrs if they could nominate a garden for the competition with no self nominations.

Hb14 – Balloon Fiesta

Previous comments to be collated.

Hb15 - Green Burial Area

Deferred - Clerk to put on next agenda.

Hb16 - Requests for traditional Cremation plots.

One request by Mr S was approved. On this occasion, an application which has been discussed with the Clerk by Mr T is to be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman to decide.

Hb17 - Park and Ride – can this be used by cyclists to leave vehicles?

Previously discussed.

Hb18 – Yanley Lane Traffic Calming Consultation

3 Flat humps to be erected. Each to be 6m long with 1.25m approach, gradient 1.16, maximum height 75mm. Carriageway minimum width 3m. Central hump to extend from kerb to kerb. Signage to be installed with priority to traffic from north. High friction surfacing, buff coloured on approach. Road to be marked with SLOW signs. Upgrade lighting with 2 more powerful units. No comments - the PC are happy to accept the proposals as they are and will inform NS of their approval.

Hb19 – BRT2 Report

Cllr Sterland gave a report. He has attended three informal meetings with various organisations involved – lots of knowledge. The expert Keith Buchan has been engaged. He wants to examine possibility of an alternative route. He has asked that a survey be carried out of users of the Park and Ride.

Hb20 - Zebra crossing at Northleaze

Meeting held with John Painter. Three options were discussed as possible:-

1. Either install a raised table – This was not agreed by the PC.
2. Upgrade the poles and lighting. This could be undertaken immediately if the PC put funds in with NS. £2,000 to be vired from Burial Ground to Street Furniture. Cllrs Cook and Cave to discuss with NS and up to £4,000 to be offered to assist funding.
3. Remove railing – it was agreed to await results of the survey which is on PC website.

Hb21 - Screening from play area at 4 Pear Tree Avenue

A resident has asked for screening from the play area. This was discussed but not agreed due to current amount of screening.

Hb22 - Bollards on pavement at Co-op (ATM)

Cars are parking on the pavement for the ATM. Suggest NS install bollards. Cllr Cook to pursue.

Hb23 – Other Business

Verbal request to plant a tree in memory of husband – to be put on the agenda for next meeting.

BCC charging for parking at Ashton Court – Cllr Cave has emailed an executive member asking for a meeting.

Hb24 – Correspondence

None.

Date of next meeting – **CHANGED TO MONDAY 2ND APRIL**
Closed 9.25pm



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PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 20th February 2012

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Mr D Aggett

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Ms S Hardingham

Mr M E Harris

Mrs B Mackwood

Mr N Moorcroft

Mrs A Neale

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Mrs S Sterland

Mr G Williams

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance - The Clerk, Mrs M Addis and Mrs Smith (minutes)

and Mrs J Turp, who attended at the invitation of the F&GP Chairman.

Apologies were received from:-

Mr R Cook

Mr J Glew

Miss A Moser

Mr H B Roberts

P120 - Minutes of the last meeting

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2012 had been circulated. Cllr Neale asked for an amendment of P113d) however a vote was taken and the minute was voted to remain as it is. P118 – should read “Lyvedon Way” not “Lyvedon Road”. Further to this amendment the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P121 – Matters arising

- e. P118 - Development until 2026 – Cllr Moorcroft advised that the recent information that has been released to the press that the judicial review has been withdrawn by the litigant is not true.
- f. P119a – Taylor Wimpey Estates – Cllr Cave reported that Wimpey are to provide a 1.8m chain link fence on the northern boundary of the sports pitch. Playdale who installed the equipment still deem the play area on the south side unsafe therefore the area cannot be opened. Mr Danny Lloyd has taken over from Mr Derek Maidmant.

P122 – Correspondence

- a. Appeal re. request for unit B Business Park on pear Tree Avenue - to be heard on 1st March, at the Town Hall, WsM.
- b. Bristol City Council Notice re. Bristol Development Framework – open for consultation for 8 weeks.
- c. NS notification that the development off Warren Lane is to be called Warren Close as the PC requested.

P123 - New Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED: - that the Clerk will submit the following comments, on applications affecting property in the Parish, to North Somerset District Council.

12/P/0050/F - Woodleigh, North Road, LW, , BS8 3PN - Revision of 10/P/0668/F - (Erection of a single storey building linked to house to enclose new swimming pool following demolition of existing outbuildings – Officer - Steven Sims.

This Council is pleased to see the pitched roof and feel the tiles should match those of the existing building.

Cllr Cave declared a prejudicial interest in the following application as he us a trustee and left the room during its consideration.

12/P/0193/F - Temporary Visitor Centre, Clifton Suspension Bridge, Bridge Road, BS8 3PA- Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission.

09/P/2086/F to renew the temporary consent for a further period of 2 years from March 2012 for the temporary single storey building used as a visitor centre.

This Council has no objections to this application.

12/P/0197/F - 9 Folleigh Drive, BS 41 9JD - Erection of a three storey rear extension including loft conversion with front dormer and 3no. roof lights to front elevation and 2no. roof lights to rear elevation.

This Council has no objections to this application proving the materials match the existing building but as this property is in a conservation area and has had previous extensions we ask if this exceeds the 50% rule for property development.

12/P/0224/F -Field north east of 174 Long Ashton Road BS41 9LU - Construction of new vehicular access to field following removal of section of existing wall. Erection of new fencing and gate.

This Council recommends refusal. This Council suggests the site is quite unsuitable for access due to the volume of traffic that is envisaged and the size of vehicles - which will include caravans and motorhomes. This Council would not be in favour of the wall being breached as this is a natural stone wall, as noted as important in the Village Design Statement in this conservation area. The Village Design Statement was adopted by NS Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

This is a pinch point in the road and it is close to one bus stop and opposite another.

12/P/0229/F - 28 Lampton Road, BS41 9AL - Erection of a front porch and the widening of drive.

This Council has no objections provided that materials match and neighbours have been given chance to comment.

12/P/0243/F - 35 Lampton Road, Long Ashton, - Erection of a single storey front extension.

This Council has no objections provided that materials match and neighbours have been given chance to comment.

12/P/0082/F – Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton, Peel House, Constable House, Sumachs House and Graham House – Change of use from C2 to C3 to create 4 dwellings with erected on 4 detached double garages ancillary to the dwellings.

TREES

12/P/0096/WT - 67 Long Ashton Road, BS41 9HW - T1 - Western Red Cedar - Crown thin by approx' 25%, crown lift on clients side by approx' 10%.

12/P/0226/WT - Ardmore, Vicarage Road, L W, BS8 3PH - T1 - Silver Birch - Crown reduce by approx. 20% back to previous reduction points. T2 - Yew - Reduce by approximately 50% - Jason Cox.

This Council appreciates that although trees need attention, we feel that 50% reduction of T2 yew is too severe.

12/P/0100/TPO -Leighwood House, 11 Church Road, LLW, BS8 3PQ T862 - Cherry - Fell. T900 - Fell. Officer - Jason Cox.

12/P/0164/TPO - Highstones House, Burwalls Road, L W, bs8 3PT - Silver Birch - Crown reduce by 30%. Officer - Jason Cox.

12/P/0166/WT - 75 Long Ashton Road, BS 41 9HW - T1, 2 and 3 - Yew - Reduce trees to 2m below top of telegraph pole, reduce the lateral spread of the tree nearest the coach house back so that it is in line with the gable end and clear the roof, trim back the remaining growth on the sides to tidy and to form the basis of a manageable hedge. T4 - Laurel - Fell.

P124 - North Somerset Decisions

Those previously circulated were noted.

P125 - Core Strategy Main Modifications Consultation

The consultation period extends from 26th January to 7th March.

P126 - NS Council reservoir risk classification consultation

The Chairman asked for comments. The PC to request that the Environment Agency include Barratt's Dam and Flood Control reservoir in their assessment programme.

P127 – The Localism Bill

Nothing further to report.

P128 - Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton – Review

Cllr Cave reported that the Barrow Hospital application for a care home and 43 houses has been passed by planning committee however is now going to the next Planning and Regulatory Committee.

The NS Core Strategy remains firm that there is to be no building in the green belt which would prevent the proposed Ashton Park development.

P129 - Any Other Matters

- c. Affordable Housing Cascade System - Cllr Scoones reported that NS Legal Department had ruled that the system had not been adhered to and therefore did not exist in the village.

Cllr Cave will take this matter back to NS Council.

Date of next meeting – 19th March 2012

Meeting closed 8.40pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES – 27th February 2012

Present: - Mr I Scoones – Chairman of meeting

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mrs J Pullin

Miss M Uppington

in attendance the Clerk, Mrs M Addis, and Mrs L Smith (minutes)

and Mrs J Turp, who attended at the invitation of the F&GP Chairman.

Apologies were received from :-

Ms S Hardingham

Mr M Harris

Mr M Moorcroft

Mr H C H Williams

F1 - Minutes of the last meeting

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and approved for signing.

F2 - Matters Arising

- a. F68b – Letter regarding legal advice from Zurich – Clerk checked with Zurich who advised for the Parish Council to wait until any solicitor's letter arrives and then they will advise.
- b. F68c - Cllr Cave said that Buxton's, who are PC solicitors, have asked PC for permission to send a copy of Jon Lansdown's email of 19th September 2011 to a third party. Having been proposed by Cllr Cave and seconded by Cllr Cook this was unanimously agreed.
Cllr Cave proposed that extra funds be made available to the Solicitor (up to a further £5,000 of the £20,000 allocated). Cllr Cook seconded. Unanimously agreed that the extra funds are to be provided if requested in writing.
Cllr Cave said that this expenditure will be matched by an anonymous donation by a resident.
- c. F72b – Wimpey Play Areas – South Side – The play area remains closed as Playdale and Mr Tony Moore from NS have deemed the matting underneath the play equipment to be unsafe. Matting to be lifted and turfed underneath by Wimpey.
- d. F72c – Wimpey Play Areas – Sports pitch – Taylor Wimpey have agreed to erect a fence on the northern boundary. There was a discussion regarding maintenance of the sports pitch by LACA. It was resolved that subject to the outstanding items being completed the Parish Council to take on the responsibility of the sports field and amenity area with a view to transferring it to LACA. There has been a request, by the person who works an adjoining field, for a gate to be installed in the northern corner adjacent to Keeds Lane. It was agreed to give permission for the gate for a limited period of time. Cllr Cook to provide address to the Clerk to write to Mr Andrew Hughes.
- e. F78 – Youth Partnership – Cllr Cave reported that the Management Committee has transition funding for the next financial year.

F79 – Andréé Peel Park – Clerk to provide the contact details for the family to LACA so that they can be approached before the opening of the park. Cllr Pullin advised that LACA requires a lease to be made rather than a change to the constitution in order to take over the management of the park.

F3 - Bi-monthly financial statement

The Clerk presented this to members in writing and the content was noted.

F4 - Bank reconciliations

The Clerk reported the bank reconciliation to end of January 2012 was £273,371.56.

F5 - To approve the Bi-monthly Income and Expenditure

It was RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £ 12,511.71 and receipts of £ 1,413.72 for the months of December 2011 and January 2012.

F6 - Wimpey Play Areas

Previously covered.

F7 - NS Review of allowances and mileage

It was noted that NS have reviewed the allowances and have made no changes.

F8 - Need for a Computer Use by Employees Policy

Clerk advised as the PC will be having its own computer in the office the PC will need a policy for its use. It was suggested to use the NS policy – to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

F9 - Review earmarked reserves

The earmarked reserves were reviewed. Parish Plan allocated figure to be vired to general reserves. Planning contingency figures to be checked by Clerk.

[F&GP Dec 08 - 20k, 08/09 –Earmarked Reserves 20k,
F&GP Dec 09 - 20k, 09/10 –Earmarked Reserves 31.2k,
F&GP Dec 10 - 15k, 10/11 –Earmarked Reserves 51.2k,
F&GP Dec 11 - 15k budgeted (66.2k) then after using £ 5,5k, F&GP Feb 12 agreeing a further £5k to be used. 11/12= Earmarked Reserves - £55,700]

Earmarked Reserves					suggest
AFTER F&GP 27.02.12		Add			FOR 12/ 13
Burial Ground future works	23185	1500	24685	less 9232	20732
Footpaths	4233	500	4733	less 200	4533
Street Furniture	13208			less 1929	6000
(8279 vired to BG uture works then Feb H&BGr vired back 3k)					
Cemetery Software	1000		1000		1000
Double Yellow Lines	2500		2500		2500
Parish Plan	4237		4237		0
(vired to general reserve by bF&GP Feb 12)					
Planning Contingency	51200	15000	66200	less 10.5k	55700
Youth Cafe	7500		7500		7500
Admin Cover	13680	1500	15180		15180
Office Equipment	15100	400	15500		15500
Pension (ringfenced)	3170		3175	used	
Training	1250		1250		1250
	140263				129895

Review of PC Financial Regulations

The PC Financial Regulations were reviewed. Cllr Cave proposed and Cllr Miss Uppington seconded that on page 12, item 10.3 to increased from £5,000 to £10,000.

Review of Full Asset Register

The Full Asset Register was reviewed. It was agreed to sell the old printer to the Clerk for £5.

Review of Fidelity insurance cover policy

The Fidelity insurance cover for Councillors and Clerk is £250,000. Agreed no changes needed as this is sufficient.

Review of insurance cover.

The Clerk had the insurance documents available and the insurance cover was reviewed. Agreed no changes needed.

Training Courses

The Clerk requested permission for the new Clerk to attend the “Cemetery Legal Compliance” training. Agreed.

Mrs Turp left the meeting at this point.

F10 - Parish Office

Cllr Pullin reported that the expenditure for the stable door, panic button and letter box needed to be approved. Disappointment was expressed about the lack of information provided to the Committee about these proposed changes to the Parish Office.

It was agreed to recommend to Council to have a sliding hatch in wall and not a stable door. All agreed. Office cleaning was discussed. Clerk to discuss the post and letter box with the new clerk.

There was discussion regarding the Post Office Box and extra pay for work done by the new Clerk prior to the start of her employment.

F11 - Correspondence

- a. Information regarding Pension Auto Enrolment in October 2012, from Whyatt Pakeman, was circulated.

F12 - Any Other Matters

- a. It was agreed to provide Mrs Ann Foord an annual payment of £25, in February, to cover her expenses when delivering the Long Ashton and Leigh Woods Newsletter.
- b. Footpath diversion on to the Festival Way – Cllr Cook said Kate Cochrane from NS to provide a list of landowners to the PC. Cllr Cook to request a contribution from NS for the application.
- c. The Clerk advised that she has reported receiving the summons, on behalf of the PC, as they are the landowner, and will be passing the summons notice received to the Parish Council on 12th March. A s130 notice was recently served on the District Council by Mr Ives.

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 12th March 2012

Present - Mr N Moorcroft - Chairman

Mr D Aggett

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mrs H Fordham

Mr J Glew

Mr M E Harris

Mrs B Mackwood

Miss A Moser

Mrs A Neale

Mrs J Pullin

Mr I Scoones

Mr J D Skeeles

Mr P Sterland

Mrs S Sterland

Miss M Uppington

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance – Retiring Clerk Mrs M Addis, and

New Clerk Dr Janet Turp and Mrs Smith (minutes) and

Mr M Riggall NS Liason Officer

Apologies were received from :-

Ms S Hardingham

Mr H B Roberts

Mr G Williams

C20 - Chairmans Remarks

The Chairman remarked that the judicial review is far from over for the Bristol City FC development.

C21- Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2012 had previously been circulated and were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C22 - Matters arising

Cllr Sterland reported back on C17 – Public inquiry into the BRT and footpaths – that there had been a public application for donations and the sum had been reached to pay for the consultants fee. At the public inquiry the Inspector emphasised the need for oral evidence, and Cllr Sterland asked the PC permission to attend and give oral evidence – agreed. The inquiry is to be held on 23rd May for 12 days. Cllr Sterland is also writing a more detailed Statement of Case by the deadline of 23rd April, and asked permission from Council to draw this up with H&BG Chairman Cllr Mrs Pullin. Agreed. Cllr Sterland to email it to Cllrs for information. Item to be included on the agenda of the next H&BG Committee.

The reports of the Planning Committee of the meetings held on 20th February 2012 were adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee.

C24 - Highways and Burial Ground Committee Report

The report of the Highways and Footpaths Committee of the meeting held on 13th February 2012 was adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee. Agreed with one abstention. The Chairman also noted the change of date to the 2nd April. It was noted that any funds used for the diversion of footpath 12/12a are to be drawn from Footpath Budget.

C25 - Finance and General Purposes Committee Report

The report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the meeting held on 27th February was adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee. Cllr Skeeles asked for the clerk to purchase a year's worth of stamps before April 1st due to the increase in postage costs.

C26 - Community Association Report

Cllr Mrs Pullin reported that Sarah Leong the manager of the Community Association has arranged some forthcoming events include Family Activity Day on Tuesday 3rd April, LA's Got Talent on Saturday 20th October to be taken over by LACA from our PCSO, Beer Festival, and Quiz and Jubilee celebrations on 16th June.

Cllr Cave asked Cllrs to attend the LACA AGM, Cllr Mrs Pullin to advise on date.

C27 - FLoW Report

Cllr Sterland reported that a substantial grant had been obtained and that a Project Manager has been appointed and the majority of the contract has been let. There will be a presentation on Wednesday on progress and Open Day in April at the Community Centre. Date TBA.

C28 - Community Safety / Local Action Team Report

Cllr Cook reported that crime figures are fairly low, however that we still need to be vigilant. The Police are worried about their jobs and have less time to spend in the village due to cutbacks. Next PACT meeting is 11th April 7.30 at the British Legion. Cllr Cave reported that the PCSO's role had been invaluable and that the PC should consider funding the post – to be put on agenda for Finance and General Purposes Committee. Under the Localism Act the PC now has a right to fund services in its area.

C29 - Youth Report

Cllr Neale reported that the Youth Management Committee have secured £4,650 Enabling Grant from NS. There have been two meetings of the LA Community

Network. A list of jobs required to run the Youth Club has been drawn up. Cllr Fordham reported that the Youth Club is aware of need to raise funds and is hoping to run a 500 Club to raise £4000 for the Youth Club Management Committee. The Youth Club will be re-launched on an Information Day in May.

Clerk to collate a diary of events for the village and put on website and email to Cllrs. NS will provide further funds which can be bid for 2012-13 and 2013-14. These funds are for extra activity. NS will provide office support for three years. An anonymous donor is interested in funding a particular project.

C30 - ALCA NS Group Report

Cllr Scoones reported that the County Secretary has resigned. They are looking to outsource the work and that there is a question over the organisation's future.

C31 - Parish Councils Airport Association Report

Cllr Glew reported that the Airport had made it clear that they wanted to extend their perimeter into the green belt for additional parking at the NS Core Strategy examination. The SBLR scheme was discussed and the Airport is promoting the improvements that they believe it will make e.g. improved transport to the Airport, reduction of traffic through Barrow Gurney etc. The PC is against the Airport extending into the green belt.

C32 – Village Jubilee Picnic request to groups for help – by LACA

Cllr Mrs Neale asked for help at the Barn Dance on 16th June. Cllr Mrs Sterland offered.

C33 - Neighbourhood Development Plan Report

Cllr Fordham reported that the Steering Group consisted of Cllr G Williams – Housing, Cllr Mrs Fordham – Education, Health and Amenities, Cllr Butcher – website, Cllr Mrs Mackwood – Transport and Business, Cllr Mrs Sterland – Services and Facilities (Assets). The Group has been meeting every week to formulate the Plan. Cllr Moorcroft and Cave are working on Planning with Mr David Johnson of UWE. The Group now need to talk to the wider community and haven't got representation from Leigh Woods. Cllr Mackwood summarised the Localism Act. Now need to hold workshops on involvement and have been encouraged to co-operate with neighbouring neighbourhoods. Cllr Scoones advised that there is NALC training on Localism in June.

C44 - Information from WERN re. heating oil bulk buying

This was noted.

C45 - Annual Parish Meeting 23rd April

This year the Annual Parish Meeting will feature Cllrs Mrs Mackwood, Fordham and Cllr Butcher speaking on the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

C46 - Bank Mandate

The Clerk asked for a resolution to be passed to include Dr Janet Turp, the new Clerk, on the list of signatories, and to remove Mrs Addis's name when she retires as Clerk on 31st March. Unanimously agreed.

C47 - Correspondence

- a. Hinkley Pylons -email previously circulated.
- b. NS email advising that the new waste calendars are to be delivered.
- c. NS Standards Committee - note the agenda and minutes regularly sent to PC.
- d. The Clerk handed the Chairman of the Highways and Burial Ground the section 130 Notice concerning Footpath 12/12a issued by N S Council, and advised action needs to be taken to avoid a Court appearance.

The retiring Clerk Mrs Marilyn Addis expressed her thanks to the Councillors for her Diamond Jubilee Presentation Charger Plate, and explained that, at no cost to the Council, she has had the hand written minutes 1894 to 1948 typed and all the minutes 1894 – 2011 put onto the PC website, as her retirement present to the Parish.

Date of next meeting – 14th May 2012

Meeting closed 9pm.

Following this meeting, the F&GP Committee Members present held a short meeting at the request of the Vice-Chairman, Cllr I Skoones.

Cllr M Harris gave his apologies for this meeting and the staff concerned were not present.

The PC Training Strategy for Staff was discussed, and it was unanimously agreed that both the Clerk and the Minutes Secretary/Admin. Assistant will be paid up to TWO hours study time per week plus fees and expenses whilst working on their CiLCA qualification.

The office was also discussed, and it was agreed to ask Mr D Addis to investigate the suggestions of a Stable type Door, or a Hatch, to allow secure public access to the staff at the times agreed

The Security company will install a Panic Button for £45 when the Clerk decides on the office layout.

It was confirmed that Cllr Ms Hardingham and Cllr Moorcroft were authorised to spend up to £3000 on office equipment at the December F&GP Committee Meeting.

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 19th March 2012

Present: Miss M Uppington - Chairman

Mr D G Aggett

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mr J Glew

Ms S M Hardingham

Mr M Harris

Mr N Moorcroft

Mrs J Pullin

Mr H B Roberts

Mr I Scoones

Mrs S Sterland

Mr G Williams

In attendance Dr Janet Turp (the Clerk) and Ms L Smith (minutes)

Apologies were received from :-

Mr R Cook

Mrs B Mackwood

Miss A Moser

Mrs A J Neale

Mr H C H Williams

The Chairman welcomed Dr Janet Turp as the new Clerk.

P130 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2012 had previously been circulated. Further to two amendments at P123 – New Planning Applications no. 12/P/0197/F to read “no objections to this application providing” and 12/P/0082/F to read “create 4 dwellings with the erection of 4 detached”, the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P131 – Matters arising

- g. P121b – Taylor Wimpey Estates – Taylor Wimpey have made a start on the chain link fence on the northern boundary of the sports pitch. The poor surface on the south side play area has been removed and turfed. Playdale to fit matting.
- h. P122a – Appeal re. request for Unit B Business Park on Pear Tree Avenue – The Chairman attended the appeal hearing on 1st March. Awaiting decision.
- i. P128 Development until 2026 – Planning application for Barrow Hospital site has been approved. S106 process is still to be completed.
- j. P129a – Affordable Housing Cascade System – Cllr Cave to pursue with NS. There was a discussion regarding the process that has been followed. It was discussed that the Localism Bill will assist in ensuring local people get allocated affordable housing. The PC is aware of four local people who want affordable housing in the village. The Neighbourhood Development Plan should facilitate this process.

P132 - Correspondence

- a) A copy of an objection letter sent to North Somerset re application 12/P/0305/F (26 Yeomeads) from a resident.

- b) Phone call from NS planning enforcement officer regarding 70 Long Ashton Road which has been refused planning permission. It was decided that the pedestrian gate was not causing any harm so the file has been closed.
- c) Email from NS regarding the process of sending decisions. The proposal is that the email sent by NS with application decision will also contain a copy of the case officer's delegated report. Clerk to reply in support.

P133 - New Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED: - that the Clerk will submit the following comments, on applications affecting property in the parish, to North Somerset Council.

12/P/0290/MMA - 9 Warren Lane, BS 41 9DA - Variation of condition 2 of 11/P/1641/MMA (Minor Material Amendment of condition 2 of planning permission 10/P/0368/F (Erection of 12no detached retirement dwellings with 2 detached car barns , detached double garage and detached bin store with associated means of access, car parking, landscaping and open space following demolition of dwelling at no 9) to allow for minor amendments to the scheme) to allow for minor amendments to the approved scheme as detailed on schedule Officer - Mike Cole.

The Parish Council has no further comments.

12/P/0305/F – 26 Yeomeads, BS41 9BE - Create a fore court area for parking for one car, bicycles, and waste bin. Officer Julie Walbridge.

This Council supports North Somerset's comments when refusing a prior application and recommends refusal.

12/P/0317/F – Co-op Store, 59, Weston Road, BS41 9AA – Installation of a trolley bay to east elevation. Officer to be allocated.

Although this Council is prepared to support the trolley bay to the east of the building it would prefer to see this at the front of the building so that the pedestrian access from the car park is still maintained to the east of the building.

12/P/0366/F – Littlecote, Burwalls Road, BS8 3PT - Erection of two storey extensions to north and west elevations. Erection of single storey extension to north elevation. Erection of balcony to west elevation. External wall insulation, new timber windows and solar panels to south elevation roof. Re-landscaping of patio and erection of a bike shed. Officer Chris Griggs-Trevarthen.

This Council has no objection to this application providing materials match those of the existing dwelling.

12/P/0393/F4 - Longwood Orchard, Clevedon Road, BS8 3TN - Application to extend time limit for implementation of planning permission 09/P/0618/F (Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions).

No comments.

12/P/0400/F – 59 Ridgeway Road, BS41 9EZ – Alterations to roof including the addition of roof lights and solar panels and the creation of a first floor level with a terrace/balcony to rear elevation. Officer - Chris Griggs-Trevarthen.

Whilst this Council is not enthusiastic it has no objection to the application provided neighbours have had the opportunity to comment. We ask that the tiles match the rest of the existing building and if possible to re-use the tiles from the existing building.

TREES

12/P/0294/WT – Pembroke House, Abbots Leigh Road, BS8 3PX - T1, Ash – Reduce height by 30% and re-shape. T2, Apple - Remove larger stems from old cut points to reduce height by 25%, thin crown by 20% and re-shape. T3, Ceonothus - Fell to ground level. T4, Cherry - Thin crown by 15%, remove crossing, rubbing and stumped branches, remove dead wood, general crown tidy required. T5, Birch reduce crown by 20% and reshape. Officer – Jason Cox

P134 - North Somerset Decisions

Those previously circulated were noted.

P135 - The Localism Bill

The Chairman said that the CPRE talk last week was very useful. Currently awaiting developments regarding the Bill. There was discussion about the Neighbourhood Development Plan and Ashton Park land. It was agreed that the cricket club should be safeguarded in the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

P136 - Bristol Development Framework - can be viewed at www.bristol.gov.uk/centralarea.

This document is being published on 23rd March and is open for comment for 8 weeks. To be put on the agenda for the April meeting.

P137 - Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton

The Neighbourhood Development Plan will include the aim of protecting the green belt as in the NS Core Strategy. There was discussion regarding the consultation process with the PC for development in the green belt.

Cllr Cave gave an update on the judicial review re the Town Green – the individual in whose name that the judicial review was lodged has withdrawn. SAVE applied to substitute another name which was granted but Bristol City Council then appealed. The decision hasn't yet been handed down. Awaiting developments.

P138 - Any Other Matters

None

Date of next meeting – 16th April 2012

Meeting closed 8.50pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS & BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING
2nd APRIL 2012

Present - Mrs J Pullin - Chairman

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Ms S Hardingham

Mrs B Mackwood

Mr N Moorcroft

Mrs A Neale

Mrs J Pullin

Mr H B Roberts

Mr I Scoones

Mr P Sterland

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr J E Turp and Mrs Smith (minutes)

Apologies were received from:-

Mr D Aggett

Mr R Cook

Miss M Uppington

Hb25 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th February 2012 had previously been circulated. Further to the removal of the line "The suggested access point....." the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Hb26 - Matters arising

- a. Hb2a – Park and Ride – no update.
- b. Hb3 – Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard – The work to make safe memorials is now underway.
- c. Hb4 – Birdwell Recreation Ground - Cllr Williams provided a map which showed the TPOs. Cllr Mrs Mackwood to refer the map to Mr Ian Monger at NS. Cllr Mrs Mackwood discussed the TPO process, which is placed in response to a threat of development. It was suggested that the PC should be proactive – **Cllr Mrs Mackwood** to consider which trees might benefit from a TPO.
- d. Hb6 – Replacement for Cllr Williams to work with Footpath Working Party – Cllr Butcher has agreed to act as the liaison with the Footpath Working Party.
- e. Hb7 – Footpath 12/12a – Cllr Williams asked if a faculty was necessary to break through the wall. Chairman to review. Cllrs Cave and Cook are working on the footpath.
- f. Hb12 – Signage at Dovecote – The PC has requested changes to Dovecote signage.
- g. Hb20 – Zebra crossing at Northleaze – The Chairman suggested that the PC wait until this year's schedule of works is completed which could include upgrading the crossing. Agreed.

- h. Hb22 – Bollards on pavement at Co-op – Cllrs Cave and Mrs Pullin are meeting with NS on the matter.
- i. Hb23b – BCC charging for parking at Ashton Court – Cllr Cave emailed Mr Gary Hopkins at Bristol City Council (BCC) requesting a meeting and received a reply declining to meet.

Hb27 – Closed Churchyard and Burial Ground

The Chairman asked whether, as there are only 20 traditional cremation plots, if provision needs to be made for more. Agreed to do so as and when needed. The Clerk asked for confirmation that she can allocate cremation plots that fill the criteria. Agreed.

Hb28 – Birdwell Recreation Ground

No report.

Hb29 - Footpath Report

Cllr Mrs Pullin gave a report from the footpath walk leader. Attendance has been between 7 and 14 walkers over the winter. During that time areas of the paths were muddy but have now dried out, but this has not been problematic. Litter and dog mess have however been a problem particularly on the railway footpath and the Birdwell to Northleaze School path. Newsletter article needed.

With regard to maintenance the working party has been stoning and making good the golf course path. When the path survey has been completed then a schedule of work can be prepared.

Hb30 - Bristol Rapid Transit

Cllr Sterland reported that the expert Keith Buchan met with BCC and that work is ongoing to prepare the case to be presented at the public enquiry. There has been a meeting between the cycling experts regarding the cycle route which was not very positive.

He has looked at the journey time calculations claimed by the BRT team and shown them to be optimistic. Cllr Sterland commented that he hadn't received any Park and Ride surveys and asked for more.

Cllr Sterland explained that as the BRT will use open space there has to be exchange land, of similar area and equally advantageous, provided to compensate for the lost open space. The map, showing the proposed exchange land, was circulated and a discussion held regarding the usefulness of the exchange land being offered. Cllr Sterland suggested that the issues regarding the land exchange need to be taken through the public enquiry. It was pointed out that the PC need to object to the compulsory purchase order by 5th April. **Cllr Sterland** to draft a response with Cllrs Moorcroft and Cave.

Cllr Mackwood suggested that a delegation from the PC request a meeting with the Minister regarding the BRT. **Cllr Mackwood** to request via Dr Liam Fox.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Sterland, Cave and Moorcroft for their work.

Hb31 - Footpath 12/12A

Mr Ives is claiming obstruction of this footpath and has served s130A (1) of the Highway Act 1980 notice on PC to remove the obstruction. Cllr Cook is dealing with the order for the footpath. The PC is looking into the need for a faculty.

Hb32 - Green Burials

Cllr Mrs Mackwood reported that there are non-denominational memorial woodlands near Thornbury where plots can be purchased in advance. **Chairman** to check with Mrs Marilyn Addis to see whether plots can be purchased in advance in the burial ground. **Cllr Mrs Mackwood** to contact Bristol Crematorium regarding their policy on the scattering of ashes.

Hb33 - Yanley traffic comment by resident

Cllr Moorcroft reported that he had been asked by a resident if the 30mph zone on Yanley Lane could be extended to where habitation starts. Clerk to request extension of the zone up to Yanley Farm.

Hb34 - Request to plant memorial tree

Cllr Mrs Pullin reported that a resident had asked if a tree could be planted in the village in memory of her husband. It was suggested that a tree could be planted to replace the tree that died on the recreation ground. Agreed and suggested that a pink flowering hawthorn be planted. The Chairman to talk to the resident and LACA.

Hb35 - Status of dam, roads and open spaces on Theynes Croft Estate

Cllr Mrs Neale asked whether the roads in the Theynes Croft Estate had been adopted and who maintains the drains and open spaces. Cllr Mrs Neale has contacted Roz Williams at NS. Cllr Mackwood reported that the developers still own much of the land and Lower Court Farm. **Cllr Mrs Neale** to continue her investigations. Clerk to write to Lower Court Farm regarding the condition of the trees by the stream.

Hb36 - Dog bin request at Northleaze/Westward Gardens

The PC has received a letter from Fountains advising that the cost of emptying dog bins is rising from £1 to £2 for existing bins and from £2 to £5 for new bins per empty. The Clerk confirmed that the bin that is due to be sited at Paulman Gardens would count as an existing bin. The Chairman explained that she had asked the clerk to accept the new prices and to continue with the Paulman Gardens bin. There were no objections. Last year dog bin emptying costs the Council £1572 which will double this year. Clerk to refuse the request for the new bin in Westward Gardens and any new requests. Clerk to investigate other contractors.

Hb37 - Grit bin request for the Weston Road end of Brock Lane

Request agreed depending on the status of the road. Clerk to ask residents if the road is adopted.

Hb38 - Flood Risk

Email received from Environment Agency. David Neale has been alerted regarding the flood risk. Cllr Moorcroft is in consultation regarding the Yanley area and also regarding the whole of Long Ashton.

Hb39 - Phase 3 Part-night lighting scheme

Now in Phase 3 of the scheme which includes the whole village. NS website provides details.

Hb40 - Advertising signs on verge bordering Durnford Quarry

Clerk to write objecting to the signs to NS Highways.

Hb41 - Purchase of notice board for Chancellors Park

Agreed to purchase the board and erect it by the footpath by the playground.

Hb42 – Correspondence

- a. NALC Financial Briefing regarding VAT. Local Authority supplies of memorials in Cemeteries are still to be VAT exempt from April 2012.

Hb - Any Other Matters

- a. Cycle Report - to be put on the agenda for next meeting.
- b. Belmont Hill - A school has asked to take a double decker bus up and down Belmont Hill which the committee agreed was very dangerous. PC to write to Highways expressing concern. Clerk to write to Wraxall and Failand PC. Alert re. the Balloon Fiesta when traffic is diverted down this road.
- c. Bollards on Providence Lane – Cllr Williams alerted PC about NS installation of bollards at the top of Providence Lane and stated that this should have been a kerb.
- d. Church House wall - The wall is to be looked at on Bristol side of Church House as it has a missing stone.
- e. Flooding on Kees Lane – **Cllr Cave** to contact Bristol water.

Date of next meeting – Monday 11th June

Meeting closed 9.45pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 16th April 2011

Present: Miss M Uppington - Chairman
Mr D G Aggett
Mr T Butcher
Mr C Cave
Mr R Cook
Ms S M Hardingham
Mr M Harris
Mrs B Mackwood
Mrs A J Neale
Mrs J Pullin

Apologies were received from:-
Mr J Glew
Mr N Moorcroft
Miss A Moser
Mr H B Roberts
Mr I Scoones
Mr H C H Williams

In attendance Dr Janet Turp (the Clerk) and Ms L Smith (minutes)

P139 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2012, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P140 – Matters arising

- k. P131a – Taylor Wimpey Estates – The chain link fence is in progress. The gate in the fence has been erected for use by Mr Andrew Hughes. It was noted that the access arrangement is a personal arrangement with Mr Hughes for a five-year term which needs to be formalised. Clerk to follow up and pass relevant information to the Finance and General Purposes Committee Chairman. LACA to be involved in the process of formalising the arrangement.

P141 - Correspondence

- d) Letter from North Somerset regarding ‘Emerging Sites and Policies Development Plan’ document. Meeting to be held at Weston on 25th April at which relevant information for Long Ashton will be discussed at 3pm. Three representatives from Long Ashton Parish Council to attend.
- e) Copies of objection letters re: the following applications sent to NS received from :- Resident in Rayens Close and two residences in Birdwell Road expressing concern regarding the proposed lighting and other issues around living in close proximity to the Co-op.

P142 - New Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED: - that the Clerk will submit the following comments, on applications affecting property in the parish, to North Somerset District Council.

12/P/0436/ADV – Co-op 59 Weston Road, BS41 9AA, Display of 2no illuminated fascia signs to side and rear elevation. 1no trough lighting unit fitted above existing fascia sign to front elevation. Officer – Julie Wallbridge.

This Council objects to the placing of externally illuminated signs on this building as the light pollution will inconvenience neighbours in Birdwell Road and Rayens Close. Should NS be minded to approve the application then this Council requests that the lighting should be switched off at closing time and in any case no later than 10:00 pm. The Council is against this type of illuminated lighting as it is unnecessary and inappropriate in a village and is against the Council's policy of prohibiting externally illuminated signs.

This Council would have no objection to an additional sign to the existing signage on the western elevation of the building as long as it is not illuminated. The sign to the rear of the building is totally unnecessary.

12/P/0449/F – 8 Arch Grove, BS41 9BW, Erection of a rear single story extension. Officer - Gaynor Whittington.

This Council recommends approval providing neighbours in numbers 7 and 9 Arch Grove have been given a chance to comment and that the materials used match the existing property.

12/P/0461/F – 90 Weston Road, BS41 9BP, Erection of a two storey rear extension and a single storey rear extension. Officer - Julie Wallbridge.

This Council is not against an extension to the dwelling, but it is of the view that, any extension should match the existing dwelling and therefore should be rendered and that the roof should match the existing roofline. The proposed extension is out of keeping with other properties in the area. The plans as put before this Council should be refused.

12/P/0464/F – Hillbrow, Bannerleigh Road, BS8 3PF, new garage/carport with study/shower over. Officer – Chris Griggs-Trevarthen.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment.

12/P/0530/F – 32 Parsonage Road, BS41 9LN, Erection of a two storey extension to front and side. Officer – Julie Walbridge.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours on both sides of the road have been notified and given the chance to comment.

12/P/0566/F – 14 Fenswood Road, BS41 9BS, Change of use from redundant offices to 2no five bedroom residential dwellings. Officer - Andrew Stevenson.

This Council has no objection to the properties proposed but as previously noted, on the initial application, it is concerned regarding access to and egress from the properties and believes it important that vehicles can leave in a forward direction. The question of parking and vehicular access to the properties needs to be looked at by the highways department, particularly in the case of the property on the southern side. This Council feels that sufficient off-road parking space must be provided for both properties.

12/P/0579/F – 14 Fenswood Road, BS41 9BS, Erection of 2no two bedroom single storey lifetime homes dwellings. Officer - Andrew Stevenson

This Council recommends approval and are pleased to see an application for two single storey dwellings but would like clarification of the term ‘lifetime homes dwellings’. However, and in conjunction with the other application for 14 Fenswood Road, we would ask that the Highways Department assess if suitable access can be provided for vehicles to leave the property in a forward direction.

TREES

12/P/0442/TPO – Bracken Hill House, North Road BS8 3PL, T10 - Beech - 15% crown reduction and brace with non-invasive slings, (Cobra style bracing). T44 - Golden Thuja crown lift to 2m approx. T7 - Prunus padus - Crown lift to 2m approx. Officer – Jason Cox. No objections.

12/P/0538/WT – 30 Glebe Road, BS41 9LH, T1 – Apple – reduce crown by 20%. Officer – Jason Cox. No objection.

P143 - North Somerset Decisions

Those previously circulated were noted.

P144 – The Localism Bill

Nothing to report.

P145 – Bristol Development Framework Update

The Chairman has reviewed the document – particularly the section relating to the Greater Bedminster area – in which there was no proposals for development to extend within North Somerset and it does highlight the need to preserve green spaces. The document does, however, detail that Alderman Moore’s allotments are highlighted for development and could have a capacity of 135 houses.

P146 – North Somerset Core Strategy

NS agreed all the modifications that were suggested by the inspector. The strategy guides development choices and decisions on planning applications and sets out strategic objectives, strategies and policies for conservation and development in the district up to 2026, the inspector recommends that it should be reviewed every five years. It is understood that if there is an upturn in the economy there is a duty on NS to co-operate with Bristol City Council.

P147 – Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton

Cllr Cave gave a report.

Ashton Vale Development – After the request by SAVE to name a substitute for the individual who had withdrawn from the Judicial Review was appealed against by BCC,

the judge has now given permission to substitute the individual. The judicial review is therefore still in progress and we are awaiting developments. Clerk to write to Richard Kent to ask for summary of provisions of the s106 agreement.

There is no update on the land that was owned by Ashton Park Ltd.

P148 - Any Other Matters

- a. Suspension bridge toll charges - There is a proposal to put the cash charge up on the bridge to £1 per crossing. There will be season tickets available to bring the cost down. A new barrier will be installed that will allow speedier passage.

Date of next meeting – Monday May 21st 2012.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES - 30th April 2012

Present: - Ms S Hardingham - Chairman

Mr C Cave

Mr M Harris

Mrs J Pullin

Mr Ivor Scoones

Mr H C H Williams

in attendance the Clerk, Dr J Turp, and Mrs L Smith (minutes).

Apologies were received from:-

Mr R Cook

Mr M Moorcroft

Miss M Uppington

F13 - Minutes of the last meeting

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and approved for signing.

F14 - Matters Arising

F2d) – Wimpey Play areas – A letter has been sent to Mr Andrew Hughes regarding access via gate onto the Bristol University Land. The agreement is personal to Mr Hughes. Taylor Wimpey are aware of the agreement.

F15 - Bi-monthly financial statement

The Clerk presented this to members in writing and the content was noted.

F16 - Bank reconciliations

The Clerk reported the bank reconciliation to end of March 2012 as £251,103.12

F17 - To approve the Bi-monthly Income and Expenditure

It was RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £28,844.02 and receipts of £1,213.85 for the months of February and March 2012.

F18 - Wimpey Play Areas

The south side play area has now been turfed and the matting has been put down. Another safety assessment by RoSPA would be appropriate to ensure that the matting has been laid safely. **Cllr Cave** to speak to Taylor Wimpey to arrange this.

There is a ten year warranty on all play equipment – PC to request copy of the warranty. PC has still to agree with Taylor Wimpey the timing of the payment of outstanding s106 monies and the extra money payable for Paulman Gardens land. Clerk to contact Natwest to investigate account to invest this s106 money.

The hedging by Fenswood Road has been replanted and Pear Trees have been maintained on the south side in Pear Tree Avenue. NS are liable to pay for 1.5 metre strip to be cut alongside the road edge of Pear Tree Avenue, however, it makes sense for the same company to cut the whole estate and the PC to then try to recover the cost from NS for this work.

Once Cllr Cave has met with Steve Baker to clarify all areas concerned, the Clerk is to seek quotes for south side maintenance for 14 cuts per year. The grass cuttings will need to be boxed on play area.

It has been previously noted that Zurich has requested a weekly visual inspection of play areas for safety reasons. This work is to be added to the Village Orderly work list. All checks to be logged. Clerk to ask Zurich for guidelines on undertaking inspection.

There must also be an annual safety report.

It was agreed to ask LACA to contact the Junior Football Club regarding using the new sports pitch. **Cllr Mrs Pullin** to advise LACA.

It may also be necessary to undertake another weed spray of the sports pitch and amenity area and access would need to be restricted to the public for necessary period if required.

Cllr Cave to notify Steve Baker regarding the seats.

F19 - LACA Lease & Sports Pitches

At the last meeting it was resolved that the PC will pass responsibility for this area to LACA once it is handed over to the PC. It will be some time before the legal transfer to the PC occurs and then the PC will grant a supplemental lease to LACA to expire at the same time as the existing lease of the community centre

F20 - Youth Club/Partnership

It was resolved to use the £7000 contingency (identified to be used this year if NS removed support from the youth club) to support the Youth Club, and to authorise the moving of the £7500 in the earmarked reserves from the Youth Café reserves to the Youth Club reserves. To be approved at Full Council.

F21 - Clerk arrangements – delegating power to deal with holidays, sick leave and appraisal

It was agreed that the Chairman of Council, Vice Chair of Council and the Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee should deal with employment matters such as holidays, sick leave, appraisals and probationary reviews of the Clerk.

If the Clerk is ill, the Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee is to be contacted and the Chair will liaise with the Admin Assistant to ensure adequate cover.

F22 - Communications

The agenda must be sent out as a hard copy to ensure the Council acts lawfully. It should also provide adequate detail for the public. The minutes can be sent by email but as they are sent out with other items or given out at meetings to reduce postage costs there is little benefit.

F23 - Opening to the public

It was agreed that the office will open on Tuesdays between 10 and 12am from the 1st August subject to holidays, illness etc. Liz Smith is in office Tuesday morning so that the Clerk will not be lone working during the open time. The office now has a panic button and the alarm rings in the Pavilion and Village Hall. Clerk to place an article in the newsletter re public opening.

Clerk, Chair of Council and Chair of F&GP to finalise whether public access hatch or stable door is needed.

F24 - Computer Use by Employees Policy

Clerk to bring to next meeting.

F25 - To discuss and approve expenditure on Jubilee Activities – Barn Dance and Mugs

LACA is covering the cost of the caller for the barn dance on 16th June. Other expenditure to be approved at Full Council. **Cllr Mrs Pullin** to enquire re licence for a bar. Clerk to email Cllr Glew regarding further arrangements.

The PC tradition of giving primary school children Queens Jubilee mugs is to be continued this year with mugs to be given to children at both primary schools, their linked nursery schools and primary age children in Leigh Woods. Up to £3,000 approved for expenditure on Diamond Jubilee mugs for school children.

F26 - Correspondence

- a) Tree News subscription agreed.
- b) Holly Hedge request for funds – Clerk to write to ask them to request in October/November.
- c) Information on Avon Pension Fund – Actuarial Deficit – the liability can now be determined as the former Clerk has retired. This has now gone for actuarial assessment. Clerk to seek advice.

F27 - Any Other Matters for Information

- a) Request for an up to date list of Councillors contact details including emails.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 20th June 2012

NB in green room: entry through door by kitchen.

Meeting closed 9.45pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 14th May 2012

Present – Chairman: - Mr N Moorcroft

Mr D Aggett

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mr J Glew

Ms S Hardingham

Mr M E Harris

Mrs B Mackwood – arrived 7.35pm

Mr N Moorcroft

Mrs A Neale

Mrs J Pullin

Mr I Scoones

Mr P Sterland

Mrs S Sterland

Miss M Uppington

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance – Dr Janet Turp (Clerk) and Ms Smith (minutes)

Mr M Riggall NS Liaison Officer

Apologies were received from:-

Mrs H Fordham

Miss A Moser

Mr H B Roberts

Mr J D Skeeles

Mr G Williams

C48 - Appointment of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Pullin and seconded by Cllr Butcher that Cllr Moorcroft be appointed Chairman of the Council. This was agreed by all those present. Cllr Moorcroft duly accepted the Office of Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the Clerk.

C49- Appointment of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Moorcroft and seconded by Cllr Miss Uppington and agreed by all those present that Cllr G Williams be appointed Vice Chairman of the Council. Cllr G Williams although not present at the meeting had previously indicated his willingness to the Chairman to stand for the said Office.

C50 - Chairman and Vice Chairman as Ex-Officio Members

It was RESOLVED: - that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will serve as Ex-Officio members on all committees. It was noted that as members they will have the right to vote. All agreed.

C51 - Election of the Planning Committee

Cllr Mrs Mackwood arrived at 7.35pm.

It was RESOLVED: - that the Planning Committee to have delegated powers to deal with all planning matters and the Clerk to have delegated powers to deal with planning applications mid-month in consultation with as many Councillors as seems appropriate. Proposed Cllr Mrs Neale, seconded Cllr Mrs Mackwood, all agreed

The following persons will serve on this committee.

Mr D Aggett	Mr A Butcher	Mr C Cave	Mr R Cook
Mrs H Fordham	Mr J Glew	Ms S Hardingham	Mr M E Harris
Mrs B Mackwood	Mr N Moorcroft	Miss A Moser	Mrs A Neale
Mrs J Pullin	Mr H B Roberts	Mr I Scoones	Mrs A Sterland
Miss Uppington	Mr G Williams	Mr H C H Williams	

Proposed by Cllr Miss Uppington and seconded by Cllr Mrs Pullin. All agreed.

C52 - Election of the Highways and Burial Ground Committee.

It was RESOLVED: - The Committee to have delegated powers to deal with matters related to the committee's responsibilities and that the following members will serve on this committee.

Highways and Burial Ground Committee

Mr D Aggett	Mr A Butcher	Mr C Cave	Mr R Cook
Mrs H Fordham	Ms S Hardingham	Mr M E Harris	Mrs B Mackwood
Mr N Moorcroft	Mrs A Neale	Mrs J Pullin	Mr H B Roberts
Mr I Scoones	Mr R Sterland	Miss M Uppington	Mr H C H Williams

Proposed by Cllr Cave, seconded By Cllr Harris. All agreed.

C53 - Election of the Finance Committee

It was RESOLVED: - The Committee to have delegated powers to deal with matters related to the committee's responsibilities and that the Finance and General Purposes Committee will be made up of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, each Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of each committee, North Somerset District Councillors and one LACA member if they are also a Parish Councillor plus up to two other Councillors. The last three members shall be nominated at the Annual Council Meeting. All agreed

It was RESOLVED:- that LACA Committee member Cllr Mrs Pullin (proposed by Cllr Miss Uppington and Cllr Cook – all agreed) and Cllr Harris (proposed by Cllr Cave, seconded by Cllr Miss Uppington – all agreed) and Cllr Hardingham (proposed by Cllr Mrs Neale, seconded by Cllr Cave – all agreed) will be the three nominated persons.

C54 – Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group – note membership

The Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group members to be

Mrs H Fordham	Mrs S Sterland	Mrs B Mackwood	Mr G Williams
Mr A Butcher	Mr Moorcroft		

Proposed by Cllr Cave, seconded by Cllr Harris all agreed.

That the Steering Group will also co-opt the following members

Cllrs Cave, Harris and Ms Hardingham

Proposed by Cllr H Williams, seconded by Cllr Butcher – all agreed.

C55 - Website Committee – note membership

Cllrs Harris, Ms Hardingham, Butcher and Clerk.

C56 – Newsletter Group – note membership

Cllrs Mrs Pullin, Miss Uppington, and Clerk. Distribution Mrs Foord, Mr Parsons and Miss Moser.

C57 - Parochial Charity Trustee Appointments

The Parish Council appoints two Trustees. It was noted that the terms of office of Cllr Mrs Pullin and Cllr Moorcroft are still current.

C58 - Wildlife Trust Membership and representation

It was RESOLVED: - that the Parish Council will continue membership of the Wildlife Trust and that Cllr Mrs Mackwood will continue to represent the Council at meetings. All agreed

C59 - ALCA Membership and Representation

It was RESOLVED:- that the Parish Council will continue as a member of Avon Local Councils Association and that 22 copies of the publication Local Council Review will be ordered. All agreed

It was RESOLVED: - that Cllr Scoones, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be the Parish Councillor representatives. Should they be unable to attend they are responsible for finding a substitute. All agreed

C60 - Long Ashton Churchyard Trust Representative Appointments

It was noted that Cllr Mrs Pullin and Cllr Cave's terms of office are still current.

C61 - Memberships of Other Groups

It was RESOLVED to continue membership of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), Volunteer Agency of North Somerset (VANS) and the Parish Councils Airport Association. All agreed

C62 - Nominations to Other Bodies

- a) Parish Councils Airport Association – Cllrs Glew and Mrs Neale.
- b) Youth Club Management Committee – Cllr Ms Hardingham and Cllr Mrs Neale.
- c) Long Ashton Crime & Disorder Representatives – (Local Action Team) – Cllrs Cook, Scoones, Roberts, Aggett, Cave and G Williams.
- d) Durnford Liaison – Cllr Scoones, Miss Uppington and Mrs Fordham
- e) Viridor Liaison – Cllr Mrs Pullin
- f) Welcome LA – Cllr Mrs Sterland

C63 - Minutes of the last meetings

The minutes of the meetings held on 12th March had been circulated. Further to an amendment of C22 where Statement of Case should read Proof of Evidence, the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and approved to be signed by the Chairman.

C64 - Matters arising

- a) C29 – Cllrs asked Cllr Cave to seek clarification on what support NS will provide in terms of back up / support to the Youth Club.
- b) C32 – Village Jubilee celebrations – Cllr Mrs Neale asked Cllrs for help with the Barn Dance the Parish Council are organising. It was agreed that the cost of food did not need to be covered by Parish Council funds as it would be covered by the ticket price.

C65 - Planning Committee Report

The report of the Planning Committee of the meetings held on 19th March and 16th April were adopted. Proposed by Councillor Cave, seconded by Cllr Scoones, all agreed.

C66 – Highways and Burial Ground Report

The report of the Highways and Burial Ground Committee of the meeting held on 2nd April was adopted. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Pullin, seconded by Cllr Scoones, all agreed.

C67 - Finance and General Purposes Committee Report

The report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the meeting held on 30th April was adopted. Proposed by Councillor Cave, seconded by Cllr Harris, all agreed.

It was RESOLVED: - to use the £7000 contingency to support the youth club and to move the £7500 in the earmarked reserved from the Youth Café to the Youth Club. Proposed by Councillor Ms Hardingham, seconded by Cllr Cave, all agreed.

C68 - Community Association Report

Cllr Mrs Pullin gave the report.

LACA can report a very successful Activities Day on 3rd April when more than 200 children attended the complex to take part in toddler's rugby and football, jewellery making, cooking and dancing events to name a few. The low cost to enter and take part, not to mention the café prices, was appreciated by all who attended. Running the café drew on the small number of volunteers available; however, an article requesting volunteers to join Friends of LACA for such things will appear in the next newsletter. Another event is to be held during October half term.

LACA's next big event is Sunday 17th June when a similar event is being held as last year with bouncy castles, stalls, music, quiz, pony rides, football events, BBQ, pig roast and cream teas – to be held from mid-day to 6pm.

The theatre event The 6 Wives of Henry V111 has now been booked for Friday 14th September followed by LA's got Talent on 20th October.

The Annual Quiz has been delayed to February. The AGM is Tuesday 19th June.

C69 – Neighbourhood Development Plan Report

Cllr Mrs Fordham to circulate to Cllrs.

C70 – FLOW / TENONS Report

Cllr Sterland gave a report. All of the activities that FLoW had received funding for have been completed and reports have been written except for final report which is due soon.

TENONS is to be removed from the agenda as no longer relevant.

C71 - Community Safety Action Team (CSATs) Report

Cllr Cook gave a report. The crime figures are fairly low. The Police are having to deal with cuts in funding. PCSO Laura Wheeler is now back and the PCSOs are doing an excellent job. The beat officer is now covering a larger area so is less able to be present in the parish. Clerk to write to Nailsea Police Station to express the PC's appreciation but also to note that although our parish forms part of a larger policing area we would appreciate a report to Council meetings. Next PACT meeting is on 5th September at the British Legion.

Cllr Cave reported from the last PACT meeting that the priority is still traffic and parking. Neighbourhood Watch is now being dealt with by the PCSO. The Police are not being paid to police the Balloon Fiesta. The mobile skate park is planned to be in Long Ashton on Wednesdays. There is concern over the effect of the Olympics on policing as some Avon and Somerset police may be deployed in London. In addition to Neighbourhood Watch the Police also have Farm Watch and Horse Watch schemes which are working well but are due to be updated.

C72 - Youth Report

Cllr Mrs Neale gave a report. Following NSC decision to withdraw from funding youth clubs in North Somerset, the last NS delivered youth club session was held on 19th April. In turn the youth club re-opened after the Easter period on 16th April in its new form following some nine months of preparation for this eventuality. This is fantastic that we have been able to maintain the youth club in Long Ashton to meet the needs of many young people. Huge thanks to all involved.

The two main issues to be addressed were firstly, the employment of the youth workers, and the associated issues relating to the removal of the NS Youth Service infrastructure, for example child protection policies. And secondly how would we fund the youth club at the previous level of three evenings a week.

Kathy and Beccy have formed a Community Interest Company called EPIC Youth to deliver the youth club, and a third worker Kim has been employed for the busier Thursday evening session. The CIC has been commissioned by the Management Committee to deliver three sessions a week for forty weeks over the year, in line with the previous youth club opening. The increase of youth provision agreed by the Parish Council provides a significant basis to maintaining the youth club. The Management Committee is now focusing on finding funding to cover a shortfall. A one-off enabling grant has been agreed with North Somerset to support the transition to community based youth provision.

A 500 Club has been launched in early May to raise funds for the youth club. There has been huge support from many people in the community. To date 58 subscriptions have been received. The support of the Parish Council is sought to promote and encourage further take-up of the 500 Club.

Other grant applications are being prepared. A request for funding from the NS Innovation Fund is being made to undertake positive activities and also for detached youth work in the new housing area of Long Ashton. EPIC Youth are currently preparing a grant application for healthy living activities from the Police Community Trust, covering such aspects as substance mis-use and making a positive contribution in the community such as supporting a stall at the Village Market.

The youth club has now been open for four weeks in its new format. Attendance over this initial period has been very encouraging, in the range of 15 to 20 youth people per session. With the new launch the activities on the three evenings is being structured as follows: Monday's sports and cooking, Wednesday's crafts and issue based learning. Thursdays – looking to turn this into a youth café evening.

Cllr Hardingham reported that there is innovation funding from NS for developing local community youth networks which form a partnership of five local community youth organisations. Long Ashton will apply for £20,000 funding for new projects or working with new young people. As there is no formalised commissioning network it would be useful, if the bid is successful, for the funds to be kept in the parish council account and ring-fenced. Clerk to seek advice to confirm if permissible.

C73 – ALCA NS Group Report

Cllr Scoones gave a report. There have been no further meetings but correspondence has been circulated.

C74 – Parish Council Airport Association Report

Cllr Glew gave a report. At the last meeting it was reported that the Inspector found that the Airport perimeter should remain as it is and not extend into the green belt - so until 2026. The next meeting is on June 26th.

C75 – BRT Inquiry

Keith Buchan, the consultant employed by the Transport for Greater Bristol Alliance, has issued his Proof of Evidence, which has been circulated to Cllrs. Cllr Sterland has prepared the Proof of Evidence on behalf of the PC which he will present to the Public Inquiry which starts on 21st May. The next meeting of the objectors to the scheme will co-ordinate questioning for the Inquiry. The PC thanked Cllr Sterland for all his hard work. There was discussion about the South Bristol Link Exhibition held at the Village Hall. The PC to write to the organisers of the event to state the process was not a public consultation and that comments did not seem to be taken on board. A sub-committee of Cllrs Sterland, Cave and Moorcroft will draft the PC response to the South Bristol Link consultation.

C76 – Correspondence

- a) Resignation of Long Ashton and Leigh Woods Directory Compiler – Clerk to write to thank Sara and Patrick Taylor for all their work in compiling the directory and website. An article to be placed in the next newsletter to request a volunteer to compile the directory.

C77 – Long Ashton and Leigh Woods Newsletter

Copies of articles for the Newsletter are due in by 1st June.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Date of next meeting - Monday 25th June

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 21st May 2012

Present:-Miss M Uppington - Chairman

Mr D G Aggett

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mr J Glew

Mr M Harris

Mrs A J Neale

Mrs J Pullin

Mr I Scoones

Mrs S Sterland

Mr G Williams

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance Dr Janet Turp (the Clerk) and Ms L Smith (minutes)

Apologies were received from :-

Ms S M Hardingham

Miss A Moser

Mr N Moorcroft

Mr H B Roberts

P149 – Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Pullin and seconded by Cllr Cave that Cllr Miss Uppington be appointed Chairman of the Committee. This was agreed by those present. Cllr Miss Uppington duly accepted the Office of Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned for Ms Fran Chick to speak about planning application number 12/P/0683/F.

P150 – Election of Vice-Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Pullin and seconded by Cllr Butcher that Cllr Cave be appointed Vice-Chairman. This was agreed by those present. Cllr Cave duly accepted the Office of Vice-Chairman.

P151 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2012 had previously been circulated. Further to amending the date of the meeting from 2011 to 2012 and Mrs S Sterland being present, the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P152 – Matters arising

- l. 12/P/0579/F – 14 Fenswood Road, BS41 9BS – Cllr Cook advised that NS are minded to approve this application, though he still has concerns about vehicle access to the properties.
- m. S106 Agreement (Stadium) – previously circulated.
- n. Agreement with Mr Hughes. Clerk read out the letter of agreement with Mr Hughes. Supplementary letter to be sent detailing that this is a personal permission for Mr Hughes only to access the field, and not permission for the University as his employer.
- o. Lifetime Homes Definition – the Clerk explained what is meant by the term.

P153 - Correspondence

- f) 42 Providence Lane – An Enforcement Notice has been issued by North Somerset in respect of a breach of planning control regarding fencing/steel balustrade.
- g) Appeal on Unit B Estune Business Park – the Inspector has dismissed the appeal.

P154 - New Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED:- that the Clerk will submit the following comments, on applications affecting property in the parish, to North Somerset District Council.

12/P/0619/MMA – Ashton Court Golf Club, Ashton Court, BS41 9JN. Minor Material Amendment to planning permission 11/P/0545/F (Erection of a single storey replacement Golf and Cycle centre with associated toilets, office and cafe and demolition of existing single storey toilets, Golf Club and Cafe) to create a replacement car parking area including the integration of the adjoining track and the eastern boundary of the car park to allow for the increase in parking capacity by 8 spaces (to 113 spaces), parking bays from 4 to 6 spaces and 25 spaces reserved for golf players. Officer – Mike Cole.

This Council has no objection.

12/P/0625/F – 55 Ridgeway Road, BS41 9EZ. Erection of a rear conservatory. Officer – Gaynor Whittington.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment.

12/P/0634/F – 8 Ridgeway Road, BS41 9EU. Erection of a two storey rear extension and alterations to rear terraces and front driveway following demolition of single storey rear extension. Officer – Tom French.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment.

12/P/0654/F – 2, Elmhurst Gardens, BS41 9AY. Erection of a first floor rear extension over existing extension. Officer – Angela Norris.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that neighbours, particularly those in no. 1 Elmhurst Gardens, have been notified and given chance to comment. If the neighbours object their objections should be taken into consideration. If permission is given then materials should match those used in the existing property.

12/P/0665/F – 3 Cedar Close, BS41 9DS. Erection of single storey rear and side extensions with 3 no roof lights following demolition of rear garden store. Officer – Gaynor Whittington
This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment. The Council note that the property extension would go very close to the boundary making access to the rear for emergency services very difficult.

12/P/0683/F – Flat 13, Ferncliffe, North Road, BS8 3NQ. Erection of a dormer window with external balcony and pitched tiled roof. Officer – Julie Walbridge.

This Council recommends refusal of this application as previously commented on earlier applications. The extension would overlook neighbouring properties, noise could be disturbing particularly for those living immediately below and the development could set a precedent for other flats in the area.

12/P/0726/F - 1, Bannerleigh Cottages, Bannerleigh Road, BS8 3PF. Increase height of external walls and ridge height and erection of 3no dormers to front and 4no rooflights to rear. Officer – TBA.

This Council recommends refusal as the development is totally out of keeping with adjoining properties, it is in a conservation area and the height will mean that properties opposite in Bannerleigh Lane will be overlooked.

12/P/0762/F – The Old Farmyard, Yanley Lane, BS41 9LR. Conversion of class B1 office building to dwelling with annex providing guest accommodation and associated offices. Works to include additional roof lights, alteration of roof to north elevation, erection of glazed walkway. Erection of detached garage. Officer – TBA.

This Council recommends refusal as this site should be retained as an employment facility within the village.

TREES

12/P/0614/TPO – Avonhurst, Church Road, BS8 3PG, T1 - Lawson Cypress - Reduce height by 6m. Officer – Jason Cox.

No comments

12/P/0615/TPO – Woodleigh, North Road, BS8 3PN, T1 - Yew - Fell and replant fruit trees on property. Officer – Jason Cox.

This Council does not wish to see the yew tree removed. If it is interfering with the overhead power lines it can be trimmed.

12/P/0695/WT – 6, Glebe Road, BS41 9LH. T1 - Poplar - Fell. T2 - Silver Birch - Crown reduce by 30%. Officer – Jason Cox

No comments

P154 - Discussed by Chair and Clerk as target date before meeting

12/P/00595/TPO – Oldlands, Bannerleigh Road, BS8 3F, T1 - Lime - Reduce and reshape crown by 30%. - Officer – Jason Cox . No comments.

P155 - North Somerset Decisions

Those previously circulated were noted.

P156 - The Localism Bill

Nothing further to report.

P157 - North Somerset Council Emerging Sites and Policies Development Plan Document

Cllrs Cave, G Williams, Moorcroft and Miss Uppington attended meeting at The Campus on April 25th (see notes below). NS are putting together a Sites and Policies Development Plan Document and will review detailed policies in the Replacement Local Plan.

Michael Reep and his team wished to discuss with Parish Councils local issues and what the Councils would like to see included in this document.

Aiming to produce a draft for consultation in early Summer 2012.

- Greenbelt will remain as defined in Replacement Local Plan and as stated in the Core Strategy.
- Emphasis is on 'identifying sites which will reflect local objectives' e.g. better mix of houses, jobs or environmental improvements.
- LA is a service village
- Residential minimum requirement in NS is 14000 dwellings by 2026 – 1350 dwellings still to be allocated through this document.
- No additional housing allocated for LA
- Employment sites safeguarded – LA Business Park, Yanley Lane, Estune Business Park, Pear Tree Avenue.
- Indicted proposed boundary for LA Local Centre
- Community facilities – nothing new proposed

The related questionnaire (to be completed by 31st May) was introduced by the Chairman and responses were collated. Clerk to return questionnaire.

P158 - National Planning Policy Framework (already circulated)

A planning workshop, which was related to the NPPF, was held by NS on 16th April and attended by Councillors Cave and Miss Uppington and the clerk. The Chairman highlighted its main points.

NS is in a strong position with the Core Strategy adopted, Sites and Policies document and Neighbourhood Plans.

NS to adopt an Agent Accreditation Scheme - at present there is a wide range of expertise in those agents representing clients making planning applications. It is hoped that the scheme will raise level of expertise and encourage good working relationships.

The latest copies of the Residential Design Guide – Section1 and Recycling and Waste Storage in Residential Development were available.

Attention is being given to flood management – Flood Asset Register.

The Drainage Scheme is to be approved before work on any site commences.

Other points:

- The right for Cllrs to be able to refer planning applications to Area Committee will remain
- Enforcement policy is being revised.
- Community Infrastructure Levy is replacing S106 agreement
- Planning guarantee - to give a decision within 12 months.

P159 - Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton

Cllr Cave reported that recent announcements from Bristol City Council mean that it may no longer be necessary to proceed with the judicial review. Negotiations are taking place.

Cllr Cave and Scoones have been working with Taylor Wimpey to enable opening of the sports pitch and south play area and the opening date looks like the 1st June. Taylor Wimpey has asked PC if they can pay s106 funds in two payments. The PC has been advised by NS legal team not to accept staged payments – **Cllr Cave and Scoones** to advise Taylor Wimpey. The PC will take over manually not legally from 1st June. Still awaiting information on the extra land by the railway line.

Cllr Cave thanked Cllr Scoones for his work and the difference his expertise has made to the process.

The Junior Football Club and very keen to use the sports pitch.

Mr Paul Maggs at LACA is getting quotes for its maintenance.

Public Art Funding – Cllr Neale to attend meeting 29th May.

P160 - Any Other Matters (for information only)

- a. Seat at Wild Country Lane – has disappeared. Clerk to contact Police.

Date of next meeting – Monday 18th June

Meeting closed 9.35pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS & BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING
11th June 2012

Present - Mrs J Pullin - Chairman

Mr A Butcher
Mr C Cave
Ms S Hardingham
Mr M E Harris
Mrs B Mackwood
Mr N Moorcroft
Mrs A Neale
Mrs J Pullin
Mr I Scoones
Mr R Sterland
Miss M Uppington

Apologies were received from:-

Mr D Aggett
Mr R Cook
Mr H B Roberts
Mr H C H Williams

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr J E Turp and Mrs Smith (minutes) and two members of the public for the presentation only

Hb44 – Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Moorcroft and seconded by Cllr Cave that Cllr Mrs Pullin be elected Chairman. This was agreed by those present. Cllr Mrs Pullin duly accepted the Office of Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned for a presentation by the Long Ashton Transition Group on their proposal for a Garden of Reflection and Peace in the Burial Ground extension.

Hb45 – Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Moorcroft and seconded by Cllr Cave that Cllr Moorcroft be elected as Vice Chairman. This was agreed by those present. Cllr Moorcroft duly accepted the Office of Vice-Chairman.

Hb46 - Minutes of the last meeting

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd April 2012 had previously been circulated. Hb30 – Bristol Rapid Transit - the last sentence of the first paragraph should read “between the cycling experts regarding the cycle route which was not very positive”. Further to this amendment the minutes were signed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Hb47 - Matters arising

- a. Hb26e - Footpath 12/12A - The Diversion Order has been placed with NS. These are dealt with in order of receipt and the pressure of work means it cannot be dealt with until October when informal consultation and inspection will take place. The Diocese has confirmed that a faculty will be necessary. The s130 notice has been withdrawn and the PC is investigating whether it is necessary to proceed with the diversion order.
- b. Hb26f - Signage at Dovecote - Red marking to go forward to NS minor works team to be assessed / graded, a decision will be made in the next few months. Work could be done quicker if the PC provides funding @ £40 per square metre. The suggestion of

the broken line does not comply with regulations and NS will not paint "caution cyclists" on the road surface as it does not comply with Traffic Regulations. The Chairman suggested that the PC is not able to fund this work at this time. New signage has been erected opposite the Dovecote to indicate cyclists are travelling in both directions. It was agreed that further signage is needed on the Dovecote and Bristol City Council (BCC) land. Clerk to write to BCC to ask that a sign be erected indicating that cyclists are travelling in both directions. Clerk to write to the Dovecote to make them aware of the problem and ask if signage could be erected on their land.

- c. Hb26g - Zebra Crossing at Northleaze. Replacement/upgrading of the crossing beacons and poles to newer internally illuminated ones is in the NS schedule and anticipated to be done by end of June. If we require removal of railings and it is done at same time as the above it will cost £280 approx., if done separately it will be £400 - the extra cost is incurred because of the need for a separate set up of traffic signals. A vote was taken on whether the railings should be removed (10 for, 1 abstention). Agreed. Clerk to request that the railings be dug out and the pavement made good – and not sawn off.
- d. Hb32 – Green burials (Advance purchase of Burial Plots) - We have in past verbally agreed that no graves or plot are sold in advance. Cllr Moorcroft proposed that a sub-committee be appointed to discuss green burials. **Cllr Mrs Neale and Mrs Mackwood** to form the sub-committee.
- e. Hb33 Extension of 30mph zone - The PC has had two responses from North Somerset regarding this. Budget constraints mean that few speed limits are being reviewed and that the nature of the road means that it is unlikely to be implemented. If it could be justified as a pressing need then the work could take place, however, no accidents have occurred and therefore the NS view is that it will be difficult to justify. It was decided to assess the impact of the traffic calming measures that are to be put in place by the Festival Way crossing and then re-discuss the issue.
- f. Hb34 Memorial Tree. LACA are not in favour of replacing the fallen tree. The open area is useful on event days for stalls and it is used by younger children as a kick about area. There were also queries about thorns and the tree's survival in a much used area. The Chairman asked for suggestions for another site. It was suggested that a tree could be located next to the play park on Chancellor's Park estate, or a seat be placed on Kings Croft play area. **Chariman** to talk to the resident concerned.
- g. Hb35 Lower Court Farm Trees. Letter sent no comment received. Mr Hewett has reported to a Cllr that all trees have been checked and are safe. The other trees in the location are owned by Mr Steve Brown. Cllr Mackwood reported on the history of the beech trees on the site.
- h. Hb37 Request for Grit Bin. Brock Lane is not adopted but is a PROW. Still pursuing NS about the grit bin and what the effect of Brock Lane's status is.
- i. Hb41 Noticeboard for Chancellor's Park. It was agreed to provide a notice board with two locked doors. Clerk to seek further quotes.
- j. Hb43b Belmont Hill – A response was received from NS explaining that the work was being done at the request of the operator of the St Katherines service as Belmont Hill is a route used to travel to and from Nailsea when the bus is not in service. The clerk

replied to NS that there were still significant concerns as the road is not at all suitable for double decker buses.

Hb48 – Closed Churchyard and Burial Ground

The Chairman discussed the Garden of Remembrance and issues around grassing it over, and the possibility of providing an area for shrub planting. It was agreed that providing an area for shrub planting would present problems for maintenance.

The Chairman also suggested that the plot size for traditional plots was too large and should be reduced to 18” square. **Cllrs** to visit the area and look at the plots and feedback to the next meeting in order that informed decisions can be made.

The Chairman asked Cllrs whether the Village Orderlies could be asked to clean the seats in the Burial Ground as they are in rather a dirty condition – agreed.

Hb49 - Birdwell Recreation Ground

Nothing to report.

Hb50 – Footpaths

Cllr Butcher reported that they had had a meeting with the Golf Club regarding the footpaths crossing it and will be talking with the Ramblers and other interested parties regarding the proposals. The work of the Footpath Working Group is progressing slowly.

Replacement of Stiles on Viridor Land – Cllr Pullin read out correspondence regarding the replacement of stiles on Viridor Land. Viridor are due to complete their work at the end of May. The original owner Mr Terry Adams agreed to replace all of the furniture once the site was closed, however Viridor have not carried forward this agreement. **Cllr Pullin** to remind Viridor of the original agreement in order to try to persuade them to fulfil this work. It was agreed that kissing gates are favoured. **Cllr Mrs Pullin** to forward correspondence to the Clerk and the Clerk to write to Viridor.

Hb51 - Cycle Report

Nothing to report. Cllr Mackwood raised issues that cyclists have raised regarding problems with signage of the cycle route from Cambridge Batch to Nailsea. **Cllr Mackwood** to raise with Nailsea Town Councillors.

Hb52 - Bus Rapid Transit Scheme

Cllr Sterland gave an update. The public inquiry is ongoing. Cllr Sterland has been questioning witnesses and will present his proof of evidence. Mr Keith Buchan presents his case on 21st June. The Chairman thanked Cllr Sterland for all his hard work.

Possible meeting with Transport Minister – **Cllr Mackwood** to pursue. There has been a suggestion that there may be insufficient funds to fulfil the Bristol Rapid Transport Scheme and BCC have spoken to a Cllr regarding talking to the PC regarding alternatives to the scheme.

Hb53 - South Bristol Link Road – Action Taken

Cllr Moorcroft reported that he has written to the promoters stating, among other things, that the consultation meeting was not a consultation exercise just a presentation of their plans and

there is no provision for footpaths crossing the road. The scheme has to go through the planning application process and it was suggested that the PC should prepare a document to be submitted then. **Cllrs R Sterland, Moorcroft and Cave** to work on this.

Hb54 - Pavement outside Co-op

Cllr Cave, Cook and Mrs Pullin met with NS to discuss the option of placing bollards on the pavement to prevent parking for the ATM. NS suggested that two planters are placed on the pavement – large one at the door end and a smaller one by the crossing. Options for planters were circulated. NS have asked what the upper limit of the PC's contribution would be. NS will put in the planters in position and fill them with soil. It was suggested that the Transition Group could be asked to be involved in planting them. It was agreed to install planters. It was suggested that funds could be vired into 'street furniture'. Clerk to ask the Co-op for a contribution. It was agreed after discussion the options that the planter model 'Christine' be purchased (one large, one smaller).

Hb55 - Stolen Bench

The bench halfway up Wild Country Lane has been stolen. It has been reported to the police and the Clerk has an insurance claim form. The Clerk has also contacted Bristol Water to ask if it was removed as part of the water works that are being undertaken.

Hb56 - Flood Risk

Cllr Moorcroft reported that the flood map for the village is very inaccurate and proposes to meet with NS Flood Officer and the Environment Agency to discuss flood risks, storm drains, sewers and proposed developments. **Cllrs Scoones, Sterland, Cave, Moorcroft, Mrs Neale** and Mr David Neale to draw up a agenda for the meeting and attend.

Hb57 - Status of dam, roads and open spaces on Theynes Croft Estate

Cllr Mrs Neale has contacted Roz Williams at NS regarding open spaces and they have set a meeting to discuss the public art on Chancellors Park for 16th July. The roads on Theynes Croft have been adopted. Cllr Mrs Neale is progressing with her investigations on this matter.

Hb58 - Correspondence

- a. NS Access Forum – Minutes of meetings - regularly sent to PC
- b. Email re. bus times – a resident has written to complain about the fact that the bus times are bunched together and not spread in time. Clerk has written to First however has not received a reply as yet.
- c. CPRE open day on Saturday 23rd June 11am to 3pm. Cllr Mackwood to set up a stall for the NDP however asked for a volunteer for the afternoon. Cllrs Mrs Sterland and G Williams to be approached.
- d. Notification from the CPRE Branch re. AGM – 7th July.
- e. Copy of a letter form a resident in Providence Lane re. 20 mph limit to Pepe Sanjurjo.

Hb59 - Other Items for Information

- a. Tree Day event for the south-west to be held in Long Ashton in the village hall on 7th October.

Cllr Moorcroft left the meeting at 9.55pm.

- b. Taylor Wimpey – the PC was set to take over areas including Chancellors Park and the sports pitch on 1st June. However, Taylor Wimpey announced that they were not prepared to pay the full amount of s106 funding so the take over could not proceed. The fencing remains around the sports pitch/amenity area. The PC is awaiting legal advice. Taylor Wimpey are concerned as they do not have insurance for the Chancellors Park play area and it is being used.
- c. Dog bins – Clerk was instructed to purchase two new dog bins for the sports pitch.

Date of next meeting – 6th August 2012

Meeting closed 10pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 18th June 2012

Present:- Miss M Uppington - Chairman

Mr D G Aggett

Mr A Butcher

Mr R Cook

Mr J Glew

Ms S M Hardingham

Mr M Harris

Mrs B Mackwood

Miss A Moser

Mrs A J Neale

Mrs J Pullin

Mr H B Roberts

Mr I Scoones

Mr G Williams

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance Dr Janet Turp (the Clerk) and Ms L Smith (minutes)

Apologies were received from:-

Mr C Cave

Mr N Moorcroft

Mrs S Sterland

P161 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2012 copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P162 – Matters arising

- a. P152c – Agreement with Mr Hughes – Clerk has written to make clear that Mr Hughes has been given a personal permission, and not one for the University.

- b. P159 – Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton – Public Art Funding – the meeting planned for 29th May was cancelled and rearranged for July.

P163 - Correspondence

No correspondence

P164 - New Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED: - that the Clerk will submit the following comments, on applications affecting property in the parish, to North Somerset District Council.

12/P/0848/F - 30A Keedwell Hill, BS41 9DR. Erection of a single storey rear extension. Officer – to be allocated.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment.

12/P/0867/F – 14 Rayens Cross Road, BS41 9DZ. Erection of a rear conservatory. Officer – to be allocated.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours, particularly those in no. 12 have been notified and given chance to comment, and that there are no objections from no. 12.

12/P/0871/F – 59 Ridgeway Road, BS41 9EZ. Alterations to roof, including the addition of roof lights and solar panels and the creation of a first floor level with an enclosed balcony to rear elevation. Officer – to be allocated.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment.

12/P/0943/F – 19 Lampton Road, BS41 9AL. Erection of a front, side and rear single storey extension. Officer – to be allocated.

This Council has no objection to extensions to properties, however, in this particular case it feels that any comments by neighbours in no. 20 should be taken into account as the extension could reduce the light into the property. This Council also notices the drive is to be raised and it wishes to be sure that off-road parking is still possible.

TREES

12/P/0871/WT – 18 Long Ashton Road, BS41 9LD. T1 Lawson Cypress reduce height by 1m. G1 Leyland Cypress reduce height by 1.5m. T2-4 Fell. T5 Sycamore – fell. T6-T7 Lawson Cypress – fell. Officer – Jason Cox.

This Council is unhappy about these proposals and does not wish to see all these trees slaughtered. It feels that this will totally alter the character of this conservation area and it asks if it would be possible to place a TPO on some or all of the trees.

P165 - Discussed by Chair and Clerk as target date before meeting

12/P/0830/WT – Cox's, 58, Long Ashton Road BS41 9LE, T1- 6 Ash - Fell. Officer – Jason Cox .

Cllr Mrs Mackwood attended the site with Ian Monger. One dead tree and one that was falling have already been removed by a contractor for health and safety reasons. A temporary TPO order has been placed on the site and it has been advised that an ecological survey should be undertaken before any more are removed due to the undisturbed nature of the site.

P166 - North Somerset Decisions

Those previously circulated were noted.

Application for Bannerleigh Cottages 12/P/0726/F has been withdrawn.

The application at Ferncliffe 12/P/0683/F has been granted permission. The Chairman read out the comments from NS explaining why they did not follow the PC recommendation.

Both applications associated with 14 Fenswood Road were given permission.

P167 – South Bristol Link Road

Cllr Moorcroft had given his apologies, however Cllr Mrs Pullin read out comments he had made regarding the proposal which had been sent to NS.

P168 – The Localism Bill

Nothing to report. Item to be renamed the Localism Act / Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Mrs Mackwood asked if anyone could 'man' the stand for the NP at the CPRE event on Saturday. Cllr G Williams/Neale to cover.

P169 – Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton

No further application at present.

P170 - Any Other Matters (for information)

None.

Date of next meeting – Monday 16th July

Meeting closed 8.25pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES - 20th June 2012

Present:- Ms S Hardingham - Chairman

Mr R Cook

Mr M Harris

Mrs J Pullin

Mr G Williams

Miss M Uppington

in attendance the Clerk, Dr J Turp, and Mrs L Smith (minutes).

Apologies were received from :-

Mr C Cave

Mr N Moorcroft

F28 – Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Miss Uppington and seconded by Cllr Mrs Pullin that Cllr Ms Hardingham be elected Chairman. It was unanimously agreed. Cllr Ms Hardingham duly accepted.

F29 - Minutes of the last meeting

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 30th April had previously been circulated. Further to the following amendments: F18 – Wimpey Play Areas the last paragraph should read “has been replanted and Pear Trees have been maintained on the south side in Pear Tree Avenue. NS are liable to pay for 1.5 metre strip to be cut alongside the road edge of Pear Tree Avenue..” F20 – Youth Club/Partnership “in the earmarked reserves from the Youth Café reserve to the Youth Club reserve. Subject to those amendments the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and approved for signing.

F30 - Matters Arising

- a. Contact list has been circulated.
- b. Account for s106 money – PC has details of another NatWest account available until 6th July to deposit the s106 funds for the south side when they are received. It was RESOLVED that a sum of money equivalent to two years maintenance should be kept back and the remainder be invested in this account (or another of comparable interest) for 3 years. Unanimously agreed. Proposed by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Miss Uppington.
- c. Youth Funding – It was RESOLVED to confirm that it was the intention to vire £7500 from the Youth Budget (2011/12) to earmarked reserves for Youth Provision at the year-end (2011/12) and to now do this. Cllr Ms Hardingham proposed and Cllr Cook seconded.
- d. North side s106 funds – these funds (currently £37,726.88) to be identified as earmarked reserves at the end of the current financial year.
- e. Jubilee Mugs – 612 have been distributed and 50 have been sold. The PC bought 1000 in total. It was RESOLVED to give free mugs to children, in other youth organisations within the village, who have not previously received one. Proposed by Cllr Miss Hardingham and seconded by Cllr Cook

- f. S106 funds for TaylorWimpey south side POS – Cllr Cook and Scoones to meet with NS legal representatives and Lee Bowering if necessary to resolve the current situation.

F31 - Bi-monthly financial statement

The Clerk presented this to members in writing and the content was noted.

F32 - Bank reconciliations

The Clerk reported the bank reconciliation to the end of April/May was £279,195.84

F33 - To approve the Bi-monthly Income and Expenditure

It was RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £39,042.58 and receipts of £70,137.22 for the months of April / May. Proposed by Cllr Ms Hardingham and seconded by Cllr G Williams.

F34 - Accounts for year 2011/12

The Chairman asked Cllrs to consider the internal auditors comments and discussed the letter from them, also agreed that all should be actioned as necessary.

It was discussed whether PC should spread funds with several banks in order to be protected should the banks fail. It was agreed to deposit £40,000 into the Natwest 12 month's account and that the clerk should investigate other possible accounts for the South Side S106 monies. It was RESOLVED to recommend the approval of the audited accounts for the year 2011/12 and agreement of the Annual Governance statement to the Council. Proposed by Cllr Ms Hardingham and seconded by Cllr Miss Uppington.

F35 - Pension Deficit Arrangements

The termination valuation from Avon Pension Fund had been previously circulated. The termination figure is £24,600. There are three options:

1. To pay the termination figure by 30th June 2012.
2. To pay it over 2, 3 or 4 years at 5% interest.
3. To carry on paying the default option of continuing variable payments over the next 17 years.

Wyatt Pakeman commented on the three options. The Chairman recommended option 1 as it gives the PC certainty and would not pass an uncertain cost onto the village in the future. It was RESOLVED to make the termination payment by the 30th June to the Avon Pension Fund using £10,000 from Admin Cover earmarked reserves, £10,000 from Office Equipment earmarked reserves and £4,600 from general reserves. Cllr Ms Hardingham proposed and Cllr Mrs Pullin seconded. Agreed unanimously.

F36 - Wimpey Play Area and Public Open Spaces

Quotes for maintenance – Three quotes have been obtained. It was RESOLVED that Ambience Landscapes will be advised that they have been successful in gaining the contract for maintenance to start when the PC takes over the south side open spaces and play area. Proposed by Cllr Ms Hardingham and seconded by Cllr Mrs Pullin This was unanimously agreed to take effect for the 12 months following contract commencement.

The Clerk advised that NS have stated that it is unlikely that they will collect waste from the bin in the play area as they are at full stretch.

F37 - Possible Funding of PCSO

The current situation was discussed – LA has two PCSO's. It was decided to wait for further information. Item to remain on agenda.

F38 - Standing Orders

This was discussed a year ago but it was decided not to adopt standing orders at that time. Since then the former clerk and Ms Smith have prepared draft standing orders and there are advantages to having these compiled in one document. The Clerk offered to circulate revised draft standing orders to be discussed at a subsequent meeting. Agreed.

F39 - Code of Conduct – new legislation

The Localism Act requires Councils to have a new code of conduct in place from the 1st July. NALC have provided a model code, previously circulated, which they believe is appropriate for Parish Councils. Once the code is adopted Cllrs will need to make a new declaration of interest. The register will be kept by the NS Monitoring Officer and will be available on both NS and the PC websites. The Code is prescriptive regarding declarations of interest. There was discussion regarding Appendix B. Clerk to seek clarity for the full Council meeting.

F40 - Computer Use by Employees Policy

Clerk had previously circulated draft policy. It was RESOLVED to adopt the policy. Cllr Miss Uppington proposed and Cllr Harris seconded.

F41 - LACA – Solar Panels on Village Hall

The Chairman suggested there are two issues for discussion:

1. Whether the PC, as landlord, is willing to give LACA permission to install the solar panels
2. Whether the PC funds the project at a cost of just less than £9000 or an alternative source of finance is used.

It was decided that it was LACA's decision as to whether they want to go ahead with solar panels.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to full Council that LAPC give permission for and fund the 4kW scheme out of general reserves. Proposed by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Harris (5 in favour, 1 against).

F42 – Correspondence

- a. Audit Commission – Consultation of Appointment of External Auditor for the next 5 years – the Clerk discussed the implications and no issues were raised. Cllr Cook believes that Grant Thornton may audit the accounts of a body of which he is a member. It was not thought that this was significant.
- b. NALC briefing - Funding arrangements for localizing support for Council Tax – noted.

F43 - Any Other Matters for Information Only

None.

Date of next meeting – Monday 13th August 2012 Meeting closed 9.45pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 25th June 2012

Present – Chairman :- Mr N Moorcroft

Mr D Aggett

Mr R Cook

Mrs H Fordham

Mr J Glew

Ms S Hardingham

Mrs B Mackwood

Mr N Moorcroft

Mrs A Neale

Mrs J Pullin

Mr H B Roberts

Mr I Scoones

Mr J D Skeeles

Mr P Sterland

Mrs S Sterland

Mr G Williams

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr JE Turp and Ms L Smith (minutes) and

Mr M Riggall NS Liaison Officer

Apologies were received from :-

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mr M E Harris

Miss A Moser

Miss M Uppington

Mr H C H Williams

C78 - Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman made no remarks.

C79 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2012 had previously been circulated. Further to an amendment at C72 para. 4 which should read “There has been huge support from many people”, the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C80 - Matters arising

- a. C64a – North Somerset Support for the Youth Club – Cllr Cave was not available to provide clarification on North Somerset’s support for Youth provision, however, Cllr Ms Hardingham reported that the Youth Club Management Committee had not received any support from NS.
- b. C76a – Long Ashton and Leigh Woods Directory – the Clerk has received two offers of help to take on the directory. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to both individuals and ask them to produce the directory in collaboration. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Pullin, seconded by Cllr Mrs Fordham (13 for and 2 against).

C81 - Planning Committee Report

The reports of the Planning Committee of the meetings held on 21st May and 18th June were adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee.

C82 - Highways and Burial Ground Committee Report

The report of the Highways and Footpaths Committee of the meeting held on 11th June was adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee.

C83 - Finance and General Purposes Committee Report

Cllr Ms Hardingham asked the Council to consider a number of items on the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 20th June.

- a. It was RESOLVED to approve the audited accounts for the year 2011/12 and the accounting statements included Section 1 of the Annual Return. Proposed by Cllr Ms Hardingham, seconded by Cllr G Williams, unanimously agreed.
- b. Annual Governance Statement – The Council agreed with all statements contained in the Annual Governance Statement, it was approved by all present and signed by the Chairman Cllr Moorcroft and the Clerk.
- c. F35 – Pension Deficit Arrangements – the Chairman highlighted the termination figure of £24,600 and the proposed arrangement for paying it.
- d. F41 – LACA – Solar Panels on Village Hall – the Chairman asked the Council to consider the two issues outlined in F41 1) and F41 2) (namely whether the PC, as landlord, is willing to give LACA permission to install solar panels and whether the PC funds the project at a cost of just less than £9000 or an alternative source of finance is used) and recommended that the PC gives permission for the panels to be installed and also that the PC finance their installation. Cllr Moorcroft asked whether the panels could be insured against damage – Cllr Mrs Pullin to investigate. It was RESOLVED that the PC gives permission for the installation of the solar panels, if LACA decide to proceed, and also to fund the panels to a maximum net cost of £9,000. Cllr Ms Hardingham proposed, Cllr Skeeles seconded (14 for, 1 abstention).
- e. F42a – Audit Commission – Grant Thornton is to be appointed as the PC's External Auditor and the Chairman asked if this causes a conflict of interest for any Cllr. No conflicts were identified.

The report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the meeting held on 20th June was adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee.

C84 - Community Association Report

Cllr Ms Pullin reported that the ceremony arranged for the opening of the new pitches has been put on hold. The Jubilee Celebrations were very successful with a good number attending the Barn Dance. The Sunday was very well patronised and was enjoyed by all. These activities raised in excess of £500 which will be put towards items needed on the complex.

The lock has been changed on the Pavilion lounge door, keys will be distributed to those who need them and the arrangement of locking the internal door when the lounge is not in use will begin on 1st September.

The accounts for the end of the year March 2012 showed a loss mainly due to increases in all the utility charges and a lower income from the Tennis Courts and Clubroom.

C85 - FLOW Report

Cllr Sterland gave a report. FLoW are currently moving towards implementing the recommendations from the report which was undertaken and is currently looking at how to increase community involvement. They are very glad to see the PC supporting the solar panels for LACA.

The Co-op currently has a scheme to finance solar PV on some of their shops and are looking into this for the Long Ashton store.

C86 - Community Safety / Local Action Team Report

Cllr Cook gave a report. Crime figures are generally down. The PCSO's continue to do an excellent job although the Police now have a larger area to cover. There is no Local Action

Team meeting planned, as a need has not been identified. The next PACT meeting will be on 5th September. Cllr Cook attended the last AGM of the Police Authority at which Supt. Julian Moss gave a presentation. The candidates for the Commissioner are currently being selected.

Cllr Scoones reported that the speed lamp has been installed in Yanley Lane. Cllr Scoones has passed on complaints to NS regarding long vegetation which is obscuring viewpoints on some junctions e.g. at the bottom of Belmont Hill and top of Providence Lane.

C87 - Youth Matters

Cllr Mrs Neale gave a report. The Youth Club has reopened under its new funding model and is opening three nights a week. The Youth Club Management Committee now has more responsibility as it taken on functions that were previously the responsibility of NS Youth Service. The number of people attending on Wednesday nights has increased and on average 15 – 20 people attend each session. Since reopening 25 new young people have attended the Club. The Club has increased the range of activities which are available. The filtered internet service will be switched off during mid-August and alternatives are being explored. The one-off enabling grant from NS of £4,650 has been received however no further NS funding is available to the Youth Club.

A submission is being made to the NS Innovation Fund by the LA Network which will include detached youth work in the areas of Blackcurrant Drive and Bramley Copse. This is for new projects and will not fund the Youth Club.

Around 100 people have now subscribed to the 500 Club.

During the summer months the Youth Club will be undertaking some organised trips.

The recent article in the newsletter by Cllr Cave stating that NS are providing ongoing support to the Youth Club gave great concern to the management committee as no further funding or support is available. Discussion was held regarding the content of the article, but in the absence of Cllr Cave no conclusion could be reached. The next meeting with NS is on Monday 23rd July and Cllr Ms Hardingham asked Cllrs to attend in order to understand the situation. Cllr Ms Hardingham also asked if more Cllrs could volunteer to be on the Youth Club Management Committee – the next meeting is 18th July at 8pm in the Club Room.

Cllr Ms Hardingham to liaise with Cllr Cave by email to clarify the situation with NS.

Clerk to contact Cllrs asking for volunteers for the Youth Club Management Committee and members for the 500 Club and to include them in her Estune article.

C88 - ALCA NS Group Report

Cllr Scoones reported that the AGM is due to be held in a weeks time.

C89 - Parish Councils Airport Association Report

Nothing to report. Next meeting is 26th June.

C90 – Neighbourhood Development Plan Report

Cllr Mrs Fordham gave a report. The group has been meeting fortnightly. The first of three consultation events is to be held this Wednesday (the other events are to be held in July and September). The group had a presence at the Jubilee weekend and the CPRE event. They met with Phillippa Yates of NS Affordable Housing team regarding Blackcurrant Drive and Bramley Copse and a representative from Redland Housing is to attend a meeting with them. Ms Yates has s106 funding available which could be provided should the project fulfil a needs assessment. Two UWE students have been looking into particular areas within the village providing interesting ideas. The group is hoping to formulate the Neighbourhood Development Plan later in the year for voting on in the New Year.

C91 – Bristol Rapid Transport Inquiry

Cllr Sterland gave a report. He has attended the Rapid Transit Public Inquiry at which he presented his supplementary Proof of Evidence. Regarding the land exchange, the strip of land by the railway line is now not being offered as the land it was to be exchanged for is no longer classed as open space. The management plan has now been issued for the land proposed for exchange and access to it would be by permissive route. The promoters have said that they will maintain the continuity of footpaths crossing the BRT route. Our transport consultant has identified what he believes to be faults in the modelling of the cost benefit ratio for the scheme. He will invoice the PC for his work.

C92 – South Bristol Link

Cllr Sterland gave a report. Our consultant on the BRT has said that he is happy to assist the PC to prepare for the planning application in September and has suggested two days work would be necessary.

The PC has sent a letter to NS regarding the SBL consultation including questions about land previously identified as an extension to the Park and Ride and issues regarding footpath routes being severed by the road. The Chairman read the response from NS.

C93 – Code of Conduct – required as part of the Localism Act

The Clerk circulated the updated draft NALC Code of Conduct. Discussion was held regarding the content of the document. It was RESOLVED to adopt the Code of Conduct. Cllr Cook proposed, Cllr Roberts seconded (14 for, 1 abstention).

C94 – Correspondence

- d. Letter from CPRE thanking the PC for providing the Village Hall for their Open Day.

Date of next meeting – 3rd September 2012

Meeting closed 9.35pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 16th July 2012

Present: Miss M Uppington - Chairman

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mrs H Fordham

Ms S M Hardingham

Mr M Harris

Mr N Moorcroft

Miss A Moser

Mrs A J Neale

Mrs J Pullin

Mr I Scoones

Mrs A Sterland

Mr G Williams

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance Dr Janet Turp (the Clerk) and Ms L Smith (minutes)

Apologies were received from:-

Mr D G Aggett

Mr J Glew

Mr H B Roberts

P171 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2012 copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P172 – Matters arising

- c. P162b – Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton – Public Art Funding – Cllr Neale attended a meeting earlier today (16th July) with North Somerset about the funding for public art that formed part of the S106 agreement with Taylor Wimpey – it is still being pursued.
- d. The Localism Bill – of the people attending the CPRE event only 6 people were from Long Ashton and of these four had been involved in the Neighbourhood Development Plan previously.
- e. P164 – New Planning Applications – Trees – 12/0871/WT – 18 Long Ashton Road – Approval has been given for felling the trees by Jason Cox due to their condition.

P173 - Correspondence

None.

P174 - New Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED: - that the Clerk will submit the following comments, on applications affecting property in the parish, to North Somerset District Council.

12/P/0972/F - 7 Glebe Road, BS41 9LJ – Erection of a conservatory. Officer – Gaynor Whittington.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment.

12/P/0984/F – 1 Lyvedon Way, BS41 9ND – Erection of a two storey side extension. Officer to be allocated.

This Council has no objection to the extension provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment. However, as it involves demolition of the garage adjacent to that of no. 3 it is surprised that no detail was provided of this work.

Cllr Cook declared a prejudicial interest in the following application due to some outstanding material disagreement with the owner and left the room during its consideration.

12/P/1004/MMA – 9 Warren Lane, Minor material amendment application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 12/P/0290/MMA (erection of 12no detached retirement dwellings with 2 detached car barns, detached double garage and detached bin store with associated means of access, car parking, landscaping and open space following demolition of dwelling at no 9) to allow for minor material amendments to approved scheme. Officer – Mike Cole. This Council has no objection to the minor material amendment. The Parish Council is pleased have notice of these prior to approval. This Council wishes to advise that the bank on the north side of the approaching lane is being eroded away by the construction traffic using the lane, which is disturbing roots of the large tree. COPY to JASON COX.

12/P/1056/F – 26 Chestnut Road, BS41 9HR. Erection of side and rear extension following demolition of existing garage and rear additions. – Officer to be allocated.

This Council is not against an extension being added to the property, however, the materials should match that of the existing building and the roof shown as a standing-seam zinc roof should be tiled to match the existing roof. All other materials, including those indicated as timber cladding, should match the existing building. The chimney for the wood-burning stove is not in a suitable position as it should be above all windows of the property and this Council has concerns over its legality. The Council is also concerned over the loss of a garage as the property is bounded by two roads and cars should not be parked outside the property as they will present a hazard.

12/P/1080/F – 90 Weston Road, BS41 9BP. Erection of a two storey rear extension and a single storey rear extension. Officer – Julie Walbridge.

This Council has no objection other than the timber cladding which is out of keeping with the rest of the property.

12/P/1083/MMA – Bracken Hill North Road, BS8 3PL. Variation of condition 17 of planning permission 11/P/0632/F (Erection of six dwellings within the former kitchen garden.

Ancillary works including the construction of new roadway, bin stores, driveways and car parking spaces) for additional railings and gates. Officer - Lee Bowering.

This Council has no objection.

12/P/1085/MMA - Bracken Hill North Road, BS8 3PL. Variation of condition 19 of planning permission 11/P/1602/F (Erection of two new dwellings and gardener's amenity within the walled garden and alterations works to provide 3 dwellings within the Coach House at Bracken Hill House. Partial demolition of existing wall and ancillary works including access roadways, bin stores, driveways and car parking spaces. (Amendment to planning approvals 08/P/0970/F and 09/P/1262/F)) for the addition of railings and gates. Officer – Lee Bowering. This Council has no objection.

TREES

12/P/0987/TPO – Highway adjacent to Bridge Yard, Bridge Road, BS8 3PA. T1 - Lime - Lift crown to 6m from ground by removing lowest epicormic growth. Remove 2 x lowest remaining branches over Bridge Yard. Thin crown by max 10%. T2 & T3 - Limes - Remove basal growth and lift crowns to give 5.2m clearance over road and 2.4m clearance over footpath. Officer - Jason Cox.
No comment made.

12/P/1032/TPO – 36 Perry Road, BS41 9FE. T1 and T2 – Hornbeam x 2 – Crown lift to 1.8m. Officer – Jason Cox.
This Council recommends the trees are crown lifted to only 1.5m to be consistent with those on neighbouring properties.

12/P/1081/WT – 106 Long Ashton Road, BS41 9LF. T1 Copper Beach, Fell Officer – Jason Cox.
This council does not agree with the tree being felled as it would completely alter the street scene in this conservation area. This Council would be happy for the branches that are fouling the power lines to be trimmed appropriately.

12/P/1100/TPO – 97 Long Ashton Road, BS41 9JE. T1, 2 and 3 – Conifers – Fell. Officer – Jason Cox.
This Council has no objection to the felling of the trees and would be pleased to see trees planted in their place, however, it does not agree that ornamental cherries are the best choice.

P175 – Planning applications submitted to NS between 2nd and 6th July

Cllr Mrs Neale declared a personal interest in the following application due to her position on the PCC.

12/P/1136/F – All Saints Church – Siting of an air source heat pump unit in church grounds and installation of solar panels to south elevation roof.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.35pm. Meeting reconvened at 8.40pm.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that it can be shown that the noise from the pump will not affect the neighbours.

12/P/1145/F – 59 Ridgeway Road - Alterations to roof including the addition of roof lights and solar panels and the creation of a first floor level with balcony to rear elevation.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment.

P176 - North Somerset Decisions

Those previously circulated were noted.

P177 – South Bristol Link Road

No report.

P178 – The Localism Act / Neighbourhood Development Plan

The NDP team has held two consultation events – the first in the evening which was well attended and the second one last week in the morning which was less well attended. Some residents from Park Homes attended the morning meeting and discussed the effect of their nearest bus stop being removed and possible solutions. Discussion was held regarding the history of the bus stop.

Another consultation event is to be held in September.

P179 – Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton

Cllrs Cave and Mrs Neale met with Taylor Wimpey this morning (16th July) regarding the s106 monies. NS are in agreement with the PC, that all the money stated in the original agreement should be paid by Taylor Wimpey, but we are still awaiting the formal letter from the legal department. If external legal advice or action is needed it will be jointly sought by NS and LAPC.

Cllr Harris and Miss Moser left the meeting at 9pm.

Discussion was held regarding the status of the judicial review however nothing further to report.

P180 - Any Other Matters for Information

- a. The wall at the bottom of Hobwell Field has been breached and a door placed in it without planning permission. NS are aware.
- b. 20 Lyvedon Way Appeal – PC had objected to a house being built in the back garden and the appeal by the applicant against refusal by North Somerset was dismissed. It is likely that another application will be submitted.
- c. 9 Warren Lane – problems are being caused by lorries moving in and out of the lane. The tree officer and another officer have been to visit and part of the bank is now going to be removed and reinstated when the work is finished.
- d. Old Farmyard in Yanley Lane – the property has been marketed for business use, with no success, but at a very high cost.
- e. A meeting has been requested with the flooding officer at NS and the Environment Agency and the date will be advised.

Date of next meeting – Monday 20th August 2012

Meeting closed 9.10pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS & BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING
6th August 2012

Present - Mr N Moorcroft – Vice Chairman in Chair

Mr D Aggett
Mr A Butcher
Mr C Cave
Mr R Cook
Mrs H Fordham
Ms S Hardingham
Mrs B Mackwood
Mr N Moorcroft
Mrs A Neale
Mr I Scoones
Mr R Sterland
Miss M Uppington
Mr H C H Williams

Apologies were received from:-

Mr M E Harris
Mrs J Pullin
Mr H B Roberts

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr J E Turp and Mrs Smith (minutes) and one member of the public

Hb60 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th June 2012, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Hb61 - Matters arising

- a. Hb47c - Zebra Crossing at Northleaze – Clerk emailed John Painter at NS regarding removing the railings. Awaiting reply.
- b. Hb47f - Memorial Tree/Seat – Cllr Pullin has contacted the resident. No decision.
- c. Hb47h - Grit Bin for Brocks Lane. Ongoing.
- d. Hb47i - Notice Board for Chancellors Park. Clerk has received three quotes for notice boards with two lockable bays. Two were fitted with self healing pinboard and the other with magnetic panels. which were read out. A vote was taken. The majority of the meeting voted for the magnetic board. Carried.
- e. Hb48 - Cleaning of Burial Ground Seats – Clerk reported that the seats have been cleaned by the village orderly. Cllr H Williams offered to coat the seats in preservative which was agreed. The Chairman thanked Mr Williams.
- f. Hb50 - Kissing Gate on Viridor Land – Cllr Pullin has written to NS stating that PC will pay for one of the kissing gates to be replaced, with other being replaced by Viridor.
- g. Hb54 - Pavement outside the Co-op – The planters were ordered however were unable to be offloaded on delivery lable. The planters are now at the NS depot at Banwell and will be delivered at a later date.

- h. Hb58b - Timing of buses – Clerk had received a response from First to say that they are looking into the timetabling, however as it would impact other parts of the timetable it cannot be guaranteed that they can make changes. Clerk to write again if no reply in 6 weeks' time.
- i. Hb47b - Ashton Road Signage – Clerk wrote to Dovecote and Ashton Court Estate. The Dovecote have forwarded the letter to their area management. Ashton Court replied asking for a contribution from the PC towards the cost of signage. Clerk to reply that the PC is not prepared to fund the signage as Ashton Court Management have created the entrance and the PC believes feels that it is their responsibility to pay for new signage under their duty of care.
- j. Hb59c - Dog Bins – Clerk has not ordered the bins yet but will order them in the near future.
- k. Hb55 - Stolen Bench – the Clerk has put in an insurance claim. The replacement cost is £1000, however insurance will only pay out £681 therefore Clerk has been advised that a cheaper bench can be installed rather than a 'like for like' replacement. It was agreed for the Clerk to get a quote for a recycled plastic bench.
- l. Hb59b - Chancellors Park – Taylor Wimpey are still not co-operating at present. A letter is being sent from NS to Steve Baker of Taylor Wimpey stating that the full index-linked amount as laid down in the s106 agreement must be paid. Cllr Scoones and Cave have checked the measurements of the sites to be maintained and Taylor Wimpey's measurements are accurate, however, TW are trying to reduce the amount they pay per square metre of land. They are, at present, refusing to pay £94,000 of the funds owed to the PC. Roz Williams (NS) has advised that the PC can ask for an additional sum for the extra land (at the end of Paulman Gardens) not included in the s106 agreement, or it can refuse to take on its maintenance. The sports field has not been cut for over a month now.
- m. Hb58e – Letter re. 20mph speed limit in Providence – an additional and separate request has been received from a resident for a 20mph speed limit be put in place on Providence due to a recent accident. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of a wider 20mph zone for other areas of the village. Cllr Mackwood advised that NS has a new officer dealing with road safety who could assist. Earlier measures agreed by NS have not been put in place and the Clerk is to write to NS asking them about the white lines that were agreed and to request the name of the contractor that they have asked to do the work. Clerk to make road safety issues a standing agenda item.

Hb62 - Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard

- a. Size of Cremated Remains Plots – Currently the plots are 2ft x 2ft. There was discussion on the most appropriate size of plot and it was proposed by Cllr Miss Uppington and seconded by Cllr Williams that the 2ft square plot size remain. Unanimously agreed.
- b. Green Burials – **Cllrs Mrs Mackwood and Mrs Neale** had nothing as yet to report but would undertake research on green burials and report back to next meeting. Cllr Mackwood raised the issue of the gas pipeline which will act as a restriction on which areas can be used. The Clerk advised that the PC had not received any further information from the Transition Group regarding their plans for a Garden of Reflection and Peace but that it would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Hb63 - Birdwell Recreation Ground

No issues. Item to be removed as a standing agenda item.

Hb64 – Footpaths

- a. Footpath Report - Cllr Butcher reported that John Ives has resigned as leader of the Footpath Volunteer Group, and a meeting is to be held with the Group to discuss the way forward. Some footpath maintenance work has been undertaken. Cllr Butcher to ask the group if they could also undertake vegetation removal where required. A meeting has been held with the Golf Club regarding the re-direction of the path. Awaiting response from Golf Club. **Cllr Butcher** to be provided with a map of new route which he will email to Cllrs.
- b. Footpath 12/12A Diversion
Cllr Cook reported that the figure for the cost of diversion has not changed. The Parochial Church Council has resolved to support the faculty for the diversion and the PC are proceeding with the diversion order.
- c. Park Homes Footpath – residents of Park Homes have raised concerns regarding their safety getting to the bus stop. Cllr Mrs Mackwood is working with the landowner to allow safe access to where a bus stop was positioned and to get it reinstated.

Hb65 - Cycle Report

A Connect 2 meeting was held on 31st July attended by Cllrs Moorcroft, Cave, Cook, and Sterland and Cllr Mrs Neale in a personal capacity. Work on the Parsonage Road section of the cycle path is due to be started on 13th August and is planned to take 8-12 weeks. Plans for the Weston Road section were discussed. A combined cycleway/footway on the north side of the road has been proposed by NS (map previously circulated). Reservations were expressed about the suitability of the NS proposals and Cllr Cave proposed that the Clerk should write to NS stating that the current planned route for this section is totally unacceptable and to request a meeting to discuss other options. There are proposals for a celebration opening event to be funded by NS, if the PC is prepared to organise it. The formal opening for the whole route is in May.

Hb66 - Bus Rapid Transit Scheme (BRT)

The public inquiry is now finished and the Inspectors report is due in November. The decision from the Secretary of State is expected early 2013. Keith Buchan's evidence showed that the greatest benefits of the scheme are due to the changes to The Centre with the guided route providing little benefit at a high cost. Depending on the Inspectors report it is possible, therefore, that a modified scheme may be suggested which incorporates those aspects of the scheme with greatest benefit.

Post inquiry "Stop BRT" are now raising public awareness by leafleting and will particularly target BCC and NS Cllrs and the business community. Cllr Sterland is involved in a presentation the group is giving to the Enterprise Zone businesses and asked if he could represent the PC at the meeting. Unanimously agreed. The group are also aiming to secure a meeting with Dr Liam Fox.

Hb67 - South Bristol Link Road (SBL)

A copy of the answers to questions posed by Dundry View Pride of Place had been circulated. It confirms that if the BRT fails it will seriously damage the viability of the South Bristol Link Road. Keith Buchan is available to work on behalf of the PC in preparing a response to the planning application and for any Public Inquiry and has submitted a quote for the work. It was proposed by Cllr Cave and seconded by Cllr Ms Hardingham that this Committee recommends to Finance and General Purposes Committee that the PC fund three days work by Mr Buchan to help the PC prepare a response to the planning application. Unanimously agreed. It was noted that the PC may need advice on wildlife and PROW issues. **Cllr Williams** to ask Avon Wildlife Trust if they could provide advice on wildlife issues. **Cllr Cook** to find out whether the delayed delivery of the decision on the BRT will affect the timing of the planning application for the SBL.

Hb68 - Flood Risk (Cllr Moorcroft)

Cllr Moorcroft to provide an update after meeting with NS and the Environment Agency on Wednesday 15th August.

Hb69 - Status of dam, roads and open spaces on Theynes Croft Estate

Cllr Mrs Neale had contacted Andy Carroll at NS who advised that the roads have been adopted. He is now looking at the open spaces and the link to Tydings Close.

Hb70 - Nominated Garden – this year’s competition and future years.

The Clerk advised that the competition was judged last week. Cllr G. Williams to present the certificate to the winner at Long Ashton Flower Show in September. The Clerk suggested that in order for the competition to continue, wider publicity is needed. Cllr Cook proposed and Cllr Miss Uppington seconded that residents should be able to nominate their own gardens. Unanimously agreed.

Hb71 – Correspondence

- a. John Ives email 25 June – re. funding of diversion order. Noted.
- b. OSS subscription renewal – unaminously agreed to renew subscription at £40.00 a year.
- c. Speed of Traffic on Theynes Croft – letter from resident requesting traffic calming measures. This will be considered with other speed issues in the village.
- d. Providence Lane Footpath – letter from resident to say thank you for clearing the path.
- e. Brock Lane – contact from resident regarding vegetation overhanging path. Footpath group to assess the situation and see if they can clear the path.
- f. The Wycke – contact from from resident regarding vegetation on path. Footpath group to assess the situation and see if they can clear the path.
- g. Bank by Arch Close – Contact from resident re the untidy state of the bank. Clerk to approach Martin Drew to see if he is still willing to maintain the bank.

Hb72 - Other Items for Information Only

- a. Overflowing bins on Chancellors Park play area – Clerk advised these have been emptied by the Village Orderly.
- b. Balloon Fiesta – Cllr Scoones that, despite attempts to contact the organisers, the PC has not been informed of arrangements.
- c. Play equipment on Chancellors Park play area – positive comments have been received from youth club attendees.
- d. Regarding the suggestion from residents that there should be a footpath link from Wild Country Lane to Monarch's Way, Cllr H Williams read out a part of a letter he received some time ago from J Davis of AVG Grimley suggesting that such a link is part of the Barrow Hospital site planning agreement.

Date of next meeting – Monday 8th October

Meeting closed 9.55pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES - 13th August 2012

Present:- Ms S Hardingham - Chairman

Apologies were received from :-

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook – arrived at 7.35pm

Mr M Harris

Mr M Moorcroft

Mrs J Pullin

Mr G Williams

Miss M Uppington

in attendance the Clerk, Dr J Turp, and Mrs L Smith (minutes).

F44 - Minutes of the last meeting

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2012 had previously been circulated. Further to an amendment of F34 – Accounts for year 2012 - which should read ‘...auditors comments and discussed the letter from them also agreed that all should be actioned as necessary’, the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and approved for signing.

F45 - Matters Arising

- a) F30b - Account for s106 money – The Clerk has researched bank deposit bonds available to parish councils and has found bond from Triodos Bank paying up to 3% (for 36 months), which is similar to the rate payable by NatWest on its accounts. It was agreed for the Clerk to make the application to open an account.

Cllr Cook arrived at 7.35pm.

- b) F30e - Jubilee Mugs – The Clerk reported that the PC has distributed 905 mugs to date.
- c) F34 - Annual Return – The Clerk has been asked by the external auditors to amend the annual return to include the long term investment as a payment.
- d) F35 - Pension Deficit Payment – Avon Pension Fund have confirmed that the payment for the deficit has been received.
- e) F38 - Standing Orders – It was agreed that the revision of the draft Standing Orders will be carried out when time allows.
- f) F39 - Code of Conduct/Declaration of Interests – Clerk had written to NALC for clarification regarding Cllrs representing the PC on other organisations, particularly when acting as trustees or in a position of management, and how this may affect their participation at PC meetings. The Clerk read out the response which explained that when on the outside body Cllrs must act in the best interest of that body and when at Council in the best interests of the Council, hence the possible conflict of interest. It is likely, however, that without dispensations for those nominated by the PC on LACA and the Youth Club Management Committee, F&GP would be unable to carry out its functions, as there would not be sufficient committee members to recommend the budget, so dispensations will be sought. Clerk to seek appropriate way for the dispensation to be drawn up.

The Clerk has received notification from NALC that their Code of Conduct, on which the PC had based its own, is not completely compliant and the PC will need to adopt their latest version which will be put to the Council meeting in September.

- g) Solar Panels on Village Hall – The PC has made the payment to LACA and the solar panels have now been installed.

F46 - Bi-monthly financial statement

The Clerk presented this to members in writing and the content was noted.

F47 - Bank reconciliations

The Clerk reported the bank reconciliation to end of July was £234,991.21.

F48 - To approve the Bi-monthly Income and Expenditure

It was RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £59,856.72 and receipts of £11,653.06 (including £10,000 to be held for the NDP team) for the months of June and July, all agreed.

F49 – Wimpey Play Areas and Open Spaces

Cllr Cave reported that it appears that Taylor Wimpey now wish to settle the s106 funding issue and want the PC to take over the areas in October. The indication is that they are now prepared to pay the full amount stated in the agreement but may ask to pay the PC in two tranches. The PC will seek legal advice from NS before making a decision. The PC has already received £37,726.08 for the northern LEAP and a further £195,000 is outstanding. Wimpey are still responsible for the southern play area. The land on Chancellor's Park by Paulman Gardens was not on the original s106 agreement so extra payment will be needed if this is to be taken on (it includes a large hedge so will be expensive to maintain). If Taylor Wimpey is not prepared to pay maintenance for this area then the PC is not obliged to take it on. Cllr Moorcroft thanked Cllrs Scoones and Cave for their hard work. Clerk to include item on Council agenda.

F50 – Consultation on payments by Parish Councils

The link to the consultation paper issued by Dept. Communities and Local Government on "Payments by parish and community councils and charter trustees" had previously been circulated. The government are undertaking consultation on amending legislation to remove the requirement that all parish council cheques have to be signed by two councillors, this will make it easier for PCs to use electronic banking. Cllr Moorcroft proposed and Cllr Ms Hardingham seconded that the Clerk respond to the consultation saying that the PC supports the removal of the requirement for two signatories for payments. Unanimously agreed.

F51 – Quote for expert advice on South Bristol Link Planning Application

It was proposed by Cllr Moorcroft and seconded by Cllr Cave that the PC approve expenditure up to £1500 for Keith Buchan to provide up to 3 days of advice to prepare for the South Bristol Link Road planning application. All in agreement.

F52 - Correspondence

None.

F53 – Any Other Matters – for information only

- a) Balloon Fiesta – Cllr Cook is arranging a meeting with the Police, Balloon Fiesta organisers and NS to discuss the problems which arose during the Fiesta.
- b) Ashton Gate Town Green – Cllr Cave reported that this has been referred back to the original inspector and so the PC has achieved what it set out to do.

Mrs Smith left the meeting.

- c) The chairman reported that, because of the changes in VO/handyman arrangements, the Clerk is to increase the VO hours to a maximum of 10 hours a week. Decision supported by all present.

Date of next meeting – 29th October 2012

Meeting closed 9.00pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 20th August 2012

Present Miss M Uppington - Chairman

Mr D G Aggett

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mr J Glew

Ms S M Hardingham

Mr M Harris

Mrs B Mackwood

Miss A Moser

Mrs A J Neale

Mrs J Pullin

Mr I Scoones

Mrs A Sterland

Mr G Williams

In attendance Dr Janet Turp (the Clerk) and Ms L Smith (minutes)

Apologies were received from:-

Mr N Moorcroft

Mr H C H Williams

Mr H B Roberts

P180 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2012 copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P181 – Matters arising

- f. P177 – South Bristol Link Road – Cllr Cook attended a meeting in Bristol to discuss the SBL road plans and how they affect public rights of way and also plans for the cycleway. The consensus was that the cycleway needs to be either on the carriageway or alongside it.
- g. P180b – 20 Lyvedon Way Appeal – the applicants have taken pre-application advice for a new application they expect to submit.
- h. P180c – 9 Warren Lane – a small section of the bank has been removed and the part that was being damaged has been protected.
- i. P180e – Meeting with flooding officer – Cllr Moorcroft chaired the meeting with Mr Doug Baker of NS and an Officer from the Environment Agency. NS to investigate various items and to report back.

P182 - Correspondence

- h) NS Draft Residential Design Guide – latest copy received. This was similar to an earlier draft so no comments were needed.
- i) Concerns raised about development adjacent to Old Stores Long Ashton Road – residents have spoken to the Chairman to about their concerns about the building work and she referred them to NS for further advice.

P183 - New Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED:- that the Clerk will submit the following comments, on applications affecting property in the parish, to North Somerset District Council.

12/P/1220/LB – Clifton Suspension Bridge, Bridge Road, BS8 3PA - Demolition of existing stores, workshop and offices. Relocation of an electrical sub-station. The building of a new Heritage and Learning Centre and Operations building. The new Centre includes the taking down and the re-building of part of a boundary wall. The Centre includes exhibition and learning facilities as well as a small shop, WCs and an office. The Operations building houses offices, WCs and storage areas. Officer - Angela Norris

12/P/122/F - Clifton Suspension Bridge, Bridge Road, BS8 3PA - Demolition of existing stores, workshop and offices. Relocation of an electrical sub-station. The building of a new Heritage and Learning Centre and Operations building. The new Centre includes the taking down and the re-building of part of a boundary wall. The Centre includes exhibition and learning facilities as well as a small shop, WCs and an office. The Operations building houses offices, WCs and storage areas. Officer - Angela Norris

Cllr Cave declared an interest in this item as he is a Trustee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm so Cllr Cave could answer questions on the application.

At 8.15pm Cllr Cave left the room, the meeting was restarted, and the application was discussed and considered.

This Council appreciates the time and effort taken to develop the plans and in general has no objection to much of the design. However, it does not agree that the zinc roof is appropriate and feels consideration should be made of a more suitable material in keeping with buildings in close proximity. It is quite obvious there will be many traffic problems generated during the construction of the building and afterwards, and no traffic management plan has been put forward. A traffic management plan should form part of the application. Because of the traffic problems in Leigh Woods the Council would like to see that the traffic plan stipulates that coaches should always be parked on the Clifton side of the bridge. The Council would like to see facilities for on-site cycle parking included in the plans.

Councillor Cave returned

12/P/1252/MMA – Land adjacent to Kingcott Farm, Beggar Bush Lane, BS8 3TF – Minor material amendment to planning application 11/P/1449/F (Proposed creation of new access, revised internal access road and relocation of adult pitch) to realign the route. Officer – Lee Bowering.

This Council has no objection to this application.

12/P/1306/F – Towerhurst, Church Road, BS8 3PG – Erection of a single storey extension, changes to roof pitch and introduction of roof lights. Officer – to be allocated.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property.

12/P/1307/F – 7 Glebe Road, BS41 9LJ – Erection of a first floor side extension and a single storey rear extension. Officer – to be allocated.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment.

12/P/1308/F – Pembroke House, Abbots Leigh Road, BS8 3PX Erection of a single storey double garage/workshop attached by a link canopy to the side elevation following the demolition of the existing garage. Canopy to the front elevation to create a covered walkway. Erection of a single storey infill extension with a glazed roof to the other side elevation following the demolition of the existing rear porch. Officer – to be allocated.
This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property.

12/P/1337/F – 18 Heath Ridge, BS41 9EW – Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey front and rear extension together with external alteration to existing house and associated landscape works following demolition of existing garage.
This Council has no objection to the extension, however, it is not in favour of the zinc roof and believe feel it should be tiled in keeping with neighbouring properties. Neighbours must be notified and given chance to comment.

Trees

12/P/1176/TPO – 10, Warren Lane, BS41 9DA - T1 - Ash - Reduce large branch growing towards 39 Kings Croft and overhanging the garage by 5m to growth point just beyond the edge of the drive. Reduce back small branches overhanging drive by approx. 1 to 2m to driveway edge, up to a height of 5m. Reduce back small branches overhanging garage by approx. 1m to 2m to clear garage roof. Officer – Jason Cox.
This Council has no objection.

12/P/1316/TPO - 34 Perry Road, BS41 9FE – T1 – Hornbeam – Crown Lift to 1.8m. Officer – Jason Cox
This Council agrees with the crown lifting of the hornbeam however this should be to 1.5m as with other hornbeams in this area.

12/P/1326/TPO – The Grange, Rownham Hill, BS8 3PU – 1 x pine fell and replant with pine tree further away from building. Officer – Jason Cox.
This Council agrees with felling the pine and is pleased to see it replaced with another tree planted further away from the building.

P184 - Amendments referred by North Somerset

None.

P185 - North Somerset Decisions

Those previously circulated were noted. The Chairman commented on 90 Weston Road where permission has been given contrary to the PC's comments.

P186 – The Localism Act/Neighbourhood Development Plan

Consultation meeting being held in September.

P187 – South Bristol Link Road

The Clerk has written to Keith Buchan regarding purchasing 3 days of his time for advice on response to the planning application.

P188 – Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton

Aston Vale Town Green - Ros Crail, the inspector who made the initial town green recommendation, has been provided with new evidence by Bristol City Council (BCC) and will be making a decision on the Town Green Status of the Ashton Vale site possibly by the end of August. This will then be considered by BCC's Public Rights of Way Committee.

Steve Baker of Taylor Wimpey in discussion has in principal suggested that Wimpey will agree to pay the amount owed, however, they may ask for the indexing to be reduced. It has been suggested that the PC take over the sites in October, this will depend on outstanding work being completed. The section near the railway line at the end of Paulman Gardens is not included in the s106 agreement and will require extra funding.

P189 - Any Other Matters for information

- a. Member Developer Summit – several NS Cllrs have been invited to a meeting in Bristol between Councillors and developers.
- b. Taylor Wimpey appears to be looking for land to develop around Long Ashton.
- c. Durnford Quarry – Cllr Scoones asked who is managing this now as many Churngold signs have been erected. Cllr Cook to enquire.
- d. Warren Gardens – AA signs have been erected for Warren Gardens which the Clerk has asked to be removed.
- e. Balloon Fiesta – Cllr Cook has arranged a meeting with the organisers, Police and NS on 6th September to discuss the problems.

Date of next meeting – 17th September 2012. Meeting closed 9.35pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 3rd September 2012

Present - Chairman

Mr D Aggett

Mr A Butcher

Mr M E Harris

Mr N Moorcroft

Miss A Moser

Mrs A Neale

Mrs J Pullin

Mr J D Skeeles

Mr P Sterland

Mrs S Sterland

Miss M Uppington

Mr G Williams

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr JE Turp and Mrs Smith (minutes)

Apologies were received from :-

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mr J Glew

Ms S Hardingham

Mrs B Mackwood

Mr I Scoones

Mr H B Roberts

Mr M Riggall NS Liaison Officer

Public Participation – Presentation by Long Ashton Junior Football Club

Mr Downey gave a presentation on the football club, its aims and aspirations and areas that might be suitable for Parish Council support.

C95 - Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman remarked that he was very disappointed that the Parish Council wasn't involved before the event by the organisers of the Balloon Fiesta which would have helped to minimise the many problems which occurred.

C96 - Minutes of the last meeting

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2012 had been circulated. Further to an amendment at C86 – 'speed lamp' should read 'speed sign', the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C97 - Matters arising

C87 – Youth Matters – Cllr Mrs Neale read out a statement agreed by herself, Cllrs Cave and Ms Hardingham. They agreed that “the contradictory statements that had caused offence to each side regarding the extent of NS funding for the Youth Club had been made in good faith and no suggestion of misrepresentation had been intended. All are agreed on the importance of maintaining good provision for young people in Long Ashton and in particular that community support is needed for the Youth Club which clarified the situation re Youth Club support by NS. Long Ashton Children and Young People's Network has this month been successful in obtaining a grant from NS from the Innovation Fund. This will total £16,500 for the next 12 months. About half of this sum will be for a Healthy Living Project which will run in conjunction with the Youth Club on Wednesday evenings. The remaining funds will be used to commission the social enterprise, EPIC Youth Community Interest Company, for detached work in the Blackcurrant Drive area and fundraising. It is appreciated that all involved have worked hard to achieve this outcome and it has not been an easy task: having to adapt to the new model where NS do not provide a youth club but instead Long Ashton has

had to commission its own social enterprise, with the detailed implications of that change having to be fully investigated.”

C98 - Code of Conduct

The Clerk stated that NALC have issued a further draft of their Model Code of Conduct with a new Appendix A clarifying the need to declare Pecuniary Interests of a member’s spouse or civil partner or a person with whom they are living as husband and wife or as if they are civil partners. The recommendation is that this is incorporated into the PC Code of Conduct Appendix A as circulated.

IT WAS RESOLVED: - to adopt the revision to Appendix A. Agreed unanimously.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to delegate the ability to grant dispensations to all committees.
Proposed by Cllr Mrs Sterland, seconded by Cllr Skeeles. Unanimously agreed.

To ensure that the Council can be kept fully informed about the activities of bodies to which it appoints members

IT WAS RESOLVED:- that, subject to the member submitting a written application, the Council grants a dispensation for the period up to the next full Council elections in 2015 permitting any member to speak and vote on any matters relating to the affairs of a body onto which they have been appointed or nominated by the Council and where such a body is included in that member’s register of interests. Proposed by Cllr Butcher, seconded by Cllr Skeeles. Unanimously agreed.

IT WAS RESOLVED:- that the standing agenda item “Declaration of Interest by Members” be replaced by “Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations” so that any requests for dispensations that arise from time to time can be granted. Note - the member must still submit a prior written application to the Clerk seeking a dispensation. Cllr Mrs Neale proposed, Cllr Skeeles seconded. Unanimously agreed.

C99 - Planning Committee Report

The reports of the Planning Committee of the meetings held on 16th July and 20th August were adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee.

C100 - Highways and Burial Ground Committee Report

The report of the Highways and Footpaths Committee of the meeting held on 6th August was adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee.

After discussion it was decided that to allow a proper discussion of the Weston Road cycleway plans an additional meeting of the Highways and Burial Ground Committee will be held on Tuesday 11th September at 9.30 am, with the plans available for members of the public to look at for 15 minutes prior to the meeting. Clerk to invite officer from NS. Clerk to ensure that agenda is on noticeboard including the invite to the public to attend from 9.15am to 9.30am to view the plans. Plans also to be put on the PC website.

C101 - Finance and General Purposes Committee Report

The report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the meeting held on 13th August was adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee.

The Clerk explained that in order to apply for a deposit account with Triodos Bank as described in the report it is necessary to have a resolution passed by the Council to appoint them as bankers to the PC.

IT WAS RESOLVED: - to appoint Triodos Bank as Bankers to the Parish Council according to the resolution printed on the circulated information. Cllr Miss Uppington proposed, Cllr Butcher seconded. Unanimously agreed.

C102 - Community Association Report

Cllr Pullin reported that it is planned to install Wi-Fi in the Club Room and that there was a disappointing response to the request for people to act as friends of LACA to help at village events.

C103 - FLOW Report

Cllr Sterland reported that there are several projects in early development. It is expected that FLoW will contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan.

C104 - Community Safety / Local Action Team Report

The next meeting is on 5th September.

C105 - Youth Matters

a. Youth Club Report

Cllr Mrs Neale reported that, as planned, the Youth Club has been on day trips over the summer instead of evening meetings and that the normal meeting nights had resumed this week. Wednesday nights are for younger children, Thursdays for older and Monday evenings have an open format. The Management Committee have more responsibility for operation and delivery of the service within the new set up but are content that adequate policies are in place, which NS are due to audit. Community based funding has become more important. EPIC Youth has received £1,000 funding for a healthy living project from the Police Community Trust Fund. The 500 Club now has 140 members. Cllrs to encourage more people to join the 500 Club.

The Long Ashton Children and Young People's Network (LAN) has been formed to represent various groups concerned with children and young people and includes the Children's Centre, Hebron Church, LA Youth Club, NS, Avon & Somerset Police and LA Cricket Club (6 groups is the minimum requirement by NS). IT WAS RESOLVED: - to appoint Cllr Mrs Neale and Cllr Ms Hardingham to represent the Parish Council on LAN. Agreed unanimously.

LAN has been successful in obtaining a grant from the NS Innovation Fund of £16,550, which will probably be received in 3 tranches over the next 12 months. The funds will be paid to the PC on behalf of LAN. The PC needs to be satisfied that payments out are for the proper purpose of the Innovation Fund. IT WAS RESOLVED: - that the clerk can make payments as required by LAN if they have the appropriate approval and are in line with the circulated schedule. Agreed unanimously.

b. The Network meets quarterly. The Innovation funding has been secured to fund positive activities for the next twelve months including:

- Healthy Living Project
- EPIC Youth detached work programme
- General activities in the village

Clerk to list Youth Club Report and LAN Report as separate agenda items in future. Agreed unanimously.

C106 -ALCA NS Group Report

The next meeting will be held on October 17th at Weston super Mare. It is hoped that the meeting will mark the beginning of a new phase in ALCA-NSC relations with both parties aiming to forge much stronger, and effective, links between NSC and ALCA.

C107 - Parish Councils Airport Association Report

No report.

C108 – Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr G Williams reported that the last couple of NDP team meetings have been poorly attended. The team is still involved in collating people's ideas. The final public consultation meeting will be held on 12th September. Following that, the team will be involved in drafting the plan. It was confirmed that the group are still working to the original timeline.

C109 - Fenswood Court and Social Housing

No report.

C110 - Taylor Wimpey

TW are yet to pay the funds due to the PC for taking over maintenance of the LEAPS on Chancellor's Park and the Sports Pitch on Keeds Lane. They have offered to make the payment in three tranches over six months. Negotiations are ongoing.

C111 - South Bristol Link Road

Cllr Sterland reported that a Local Enterprise Partnership has been approached to see whether they would like a presentation made to them. It is still unknown when the planning application will be made. Clerk to remind Cllrs Cave and Cook to try and find out when the application will be made.

C112 - Balloon Fiesta

A meeting is being held this week with interested parties to discuss those issues, such as litter, low flying balloons, traffic and parking problems and helicopters, encountered during the Fiesta.

C113 - Dates of meetings for 2013 – suggested dates circulated.

The Chairman asked Cllrs to advise the Clerk of any issues with, or suggestions about the proposed dates for next year within the next 10 days.

C114 - Newsletter

The Long Ashton & Leigh Woods Newsletter goes to press at midday on 1st of next month. Items suggested were – 500 Club, Footpath Walks, position of noticeboards, Welcome LA and dog fouling.

C115 - Correspondence

- a. Request from NS to endorse the North Somerset Town and Parish Charter – as a new version of the Charter is to be produced the Clerk to place the item on next agenda.
- b. Alliance Homes – Sheltered Accommodation in North Somerset – offered to talk to the PC. Clerk to arrange.
- c. In the circulated NALC Briefing there was an article on proposed changes to Post Offices – Clerk to find the paper referred to.
- d. Email from a resident re. Festival Way works – the Chairman read out the letter. Clerk to write to Jason Cox regarding the comments about possible problems with tree care.

C116 - Admin Assistant hours

The Clerk reminded the Council that it agreed, in December, to extend the contract for the admin assistant's extra admin work to the end of September 2012. The clerk recommended that this should be extended for a further six months until the end of March 2013. Proposed by Cllr Moorcroft seconded Cllr Mrs Pullin, all in agreement.

In answer to a question by Cllr Butcher the Clerk confirmed that all Parish Council employees are paid at or above the "Living Wage" hourly rate.

Date of next meeting – 5th November 2012

Meeting closed 9.25pm

Presentation by Long Ashton Junior Football Club

Given by Simon Treherne – Club Chairman

Phil Downey – Treasurer

Goals of the Club

- Junior Football Club for all up to the age of 16
- Based from the village
- With Club facilities including dedicated pitches and clubhouses

Current Status

- Over 160 players aged 5 to 16
- 9 teams, 6 playing in formal leagues
- 20 volunteer coaches and committee members
- Train in Failand
- Match pitches in 5 locations

Support

- Players pay
- Local sponsors
- Coaches etc. are unpaid
- Minimise running costs
- In the past have had PC funding
- Still operating at a deficit for the past two years

Infrastructure expenditure

- New format for U11 and U12's
- FA status recognition – need CRB check, qualified coaches etc.
- LACA pitch storage facilities and amenities

Summary

- Important Youth Club for village – want to offer subsidised rates for less well off
- Face significant investment in infrastructure

PC could help by

- Looking to the PC for funding for infrastructure spend
- Looking for PC support to create training

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS & BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING
11th September 2012

Present Mrs J Pullin - Chair

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mr M E Harris

Mrs A Neale

Mr I Scoones

Mr R Sterland

Miss M Uppington

Mr G Williams

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr J E Turp, David Murphy (NS Highways Engineer) and twelve members of the public

Apologies were received from:-

Mr N Moorcroft

Mr H Williams

Two members of the public, Sarah Hughes and Julia Butler, spoke to give their views of the proposed cycleway.

Hb73 - Weston Road, Long Ashton - Provision of a combined cycleway/footway.

The Chair expressed frustration at the time it has taken for the plans to be sent to the Parish Council for comment and the tight deadline the Council is now being subjected to. The current plan from NS in front of the council shows dedicated cycle provision on both sides of Weston Road.

Concerns were expressed about conflicts that could occur between users on the North Side because of the Garage, Gatcombe Lane, housing and the farm shop entrance. Narrowing the carriageway would cause an impact on traffic flow when deliveries were made to Birches Farm since large lorries unable to cross the bridge need to stop on the highway to discharge their goods. Car deliveries to the garage would also impede flow as would buses at the stop on the south side. The NS view is that the carriageway would still be wide enough. A view was expressed that the present design would not benefit all road/path users and that parents may still not consider it safe enough for their children to use. Safety of all users was the primary concern.

Cllr Sterland, who represents the PC on the Connect 2 steering group, stated that although the present route is a compromise, it is, in his view, the best that can be achieved.

The possibility of a south side route was discussed and problems were highlighted around the Cambridge Batch junction where there will be cyclists travelling in both directions and cyclists will have to cross the road twice. The present suggestion is thought, by NS, to be more predictable as the lane is with the traffic flow and cyclists and pedestrians are separated. Mini roundabouts are considered safe for cyclists as all traffic has to give way and would be more acceptable to cyclists than having to dismount.

It was asked whether any attempt had been made to negotiate with National Rail to use some of their land for the cycle route.

It was confirmed that NS Officers associated with safe routes to school were on the cycle forum.

The Clerk read out 3 emails she had received from members of the public on the proposal.

Cllr Mrs Pullin confirmed there had been 38 signatures on a petition against the earlier (two way cycle track on the North side) route.

Cllr Cave thanked Mr Murphy for attending the meeting and his patience.

Cllr Mrs Pullin moved the vote on the proposal before the Council - to support the cycle way design that is before the Council with cycle track on both sides of Weston Road between Wild Country Lane and Cambridge Batch

In favour 2, against 5, abstentions 2. Proposal not carried

Cllr Mrs Neale left the meeting at this point (10:35 am)

Cllr Butcher proposed that the south side route should be further investigated.

RESOLVE to ask North Somerset to look at a South side, dedicated cycleway with safe crossing at the Cambridge Batch junction.

In favour 4, against 1, abstentions 3 - carried

Cllr Cook proposed that the route beside the railway should be looked at.

RESOLVE to ask NS to negotiate with Network Rail with a view to a completely new cycle way on the shelf along the top of the railway bank.

In favour 6, against 1, abstentions 1 – carried.

Meeting closed at 10:45.

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 17th September 2012

Present: Miss M Uppington - Chairman

Mr D G Aggett

Mr A Butcher

Mr J Glew

Ms S M Hardingham

Mr M Harris

Mrs B Mackwood

Mr N Moorcroft

Mrs J Pullin

Mr I Scoones

Mr G Williams

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance Dr Janet Turp (the Clerk) and Ms L Smith (minutes)

Apologies were received from:-

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Miss A Moser

Mr H B Roberts

P190 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th August 2012 copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P191 – Matters arising

- j. P183 – New Planning Applications – 12/P/1220/LB – Clifton Suspension Bridge – this application was taken at North Area Committee. Permission was given.
- k. P188 – Ashton Vale Town Green – we are awaiting the decision from the Inspector, Ros Crail, as to whether the application will go to full appeal or just be based on the alleged new evidence. This is expected in October.
- l. P189d – Warren Gardens – A very large sign has been erected. Clerk to investigate whether permission has been given for it.
- m. P189e - Balloon Fiesta – The meeting with the organisers was held and was very successful. It was agreed that a pre-2013 Fiesta meeting will be held in April. Road closure of Ashton Road is planned for Brisfest to be held this weekend. NS have not notified the PC or advertised locally. Clerk to email Ben Hardy re. Brisfest to ask for contact details as promised at the meeting.
- n. Bristol Water Works – Clerk to write to ask for an update on their programme of works and to ask about compensation for local businesses that are being inconvenienced and losing trade.

P192 - Correspondence

- j) TPO / Conservation Area Tree Works Consent Notification for:-

Letter from NS advising that the TPO on 58 Long Ashton Road has been confirmed.

- k) 12/P/1308/F – Pembroke House, Abbots Leigh Road, BS8 3PX – Concerns expressed by neighbour that they weren't informed of the application until after the Parish

Council had considered it. Clerk, Cllrs Miss Moser and Harris have been in communication with the resident and NS have called the application in to North Area Committee.

- 1) Problems being experienced on Warren Lane due to building work on the Blue Cedar Homes Development. Letters of complaint have been received from residents in Warren Lane expressing concern that the pre-works agreement is being breached with regard to the size of lorries used and the road not being cleaned. Cllr Cook has been dealing with the issues.

P193 - New Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED: - that the Clerk will submit the following comments, on applications affecting property in the parish, to North Somerset District Council.

12/P/1384/MMA – Field Adjoining QEH Sports Club, Clevedon Road, BS8 3TN - Variation of conditions 2, 6 and 18 of planning permission 11/P/0320/F (Change of use from school playing field to a combined use by QEH school and Bristol City Football Club with erection of temporary changing facilities, excavation and levelling of site to create 2 plateaux for 6 training pitches with landscaping, irrigation plant, overspill parking area and access via adjoining sports pavilion site.) to amend fuel source from oil to LPG with new position for tank and amendment to canopy detail to gymnasium/changing room. Officer – Lee Bowering.

This Council welcomes the change to LPG and supports the comments made by Kevin Carlton, Landscape Officer with Natural Environment Service Area [*that the gas tank proposal requires a compound (approx. 9 x 7 m) that is far larger and more prominent than the original oil tank enclosure (about 3 x 3m and tucked behind the building). Note also that the drawing submitted does not accurately reflect the indicated dimensions. The proposal also appears to impact upon the perimeter hedge, introducing fencing within the hedge line and this is unacceptable. The compound should be moved away from the hedge and an accurately scaled plan drawn up. Although a temporary consent, because of its increased size and more prominent location, I would suggest that a perimeter native hedge be planted around this compound.*].

This Council has no objection to the canopy.

12/P/1403/F – 32 Parsonage Road, BS41 9LN - Erection of a two storey extension to the front and side elevation. Officer – Julie Walbridge.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours on both sides of the road have been notified and given chance to comment.

12/P/1419/F – 45A Yanley Lane, BS41 9LR - Erection of a single storey extension. Officer – to be allocated.

This Council has no objection to the extension however the materials should match those used in the existing property and therefore the roof should be tiled to match the rest of the roof in this conservation area.

12/P/1425/F – The Cottage, 47 Yanley Lane, BS41 9LR - Erection of a two storey flat roof extension to the rear following part demolition of the existing ground floor extension. Officer – Julie Walbridge.

This planning application should be refused as the plans provide insufficient detail for the Council to make a recommendation and the property is in a conservation area.

12/P/1434/F – Clifton Suspension Bridge, Bridge Road, BS8 3PA - Installation of 6 footpath lamp standards to the Leigh Woods approach to the Clifton Suspension Bridge. Officer – to be allocated.

12/P/1435/LB – Clifton Suspension Bridge, Bridge Road, BS8 3PA - Installation of 6 footpath lamp standards to the Leigh Woods approach to the Clifton Suspension Bridge. Officer – to be allocated.

This Council has no objection to this application.

12/P/1442/F – 123 Long Ashton Road, BS41 9JE - Installation of 3no. roof lights to the rear elevation. Change height of pitched roof to rear. Rebuild rear walls and extend kitchen. Replace rear ground floor door and window with french doors (retrospective). Officer – Gaynor Whittington.

This Council objects to this application and notes that work was undertaken without prior planning permission and that this building is adjacent to and attached to a Listed Building i.e. 121 Long Ashton Road. The alteration to the height of the rear roof is unacceptable and has had a detrimental effect on light availability to 121 Long Ashton Road. More information is also required regarding the kitchen extension. If the application had been submitted before building commenced this Council would have objected to it due to the change in roof height.

Cllr Moorcroft declared an interest in the following application.

12/P/1482/F – Yanley Court, Long Ashton Business Park, Yanley Lane, BS41 9LB – Application for a change of use from B1 (Business) to D1 (Non-residential Institutions) as a complementary therapy centre. Officer – to be allocated.

This Council has no objection to this application.

12/P/1535/NMA- 6 Glebe Road, BS41 9LH - Non material amendment to planning permission 11/P/0648/F (Erection of a side sun room following demolition of existing sun room) to reduce the width of the sun room and amend the size of the front and side elevation windows openings. Officer – Gaynor Whittington

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours, particularly those in no.8 have been notified and given chance to comment.

Trees

12/P/1386/TPO – 58 Long Ashton Road, BS41 9LE – T1 to T5 – Ash - Fell. Officer – Jason Cox.

In principal this Council has no objection providing the works have the full agreement of the tree officer.

12/P/1387/TPO – The Red Lodge, Abbots Leigh Road, BS8 3PX – T1 - Ash - Fell. T2 - Mulberry - Prune clear of house roof maintaining a gap of 1 metre from the guttering. Officer – Jason Cox.

In principal this Council has no objection providing the works have the full agreement of the tree officer.

P194 - North Somerset Decisions (circulated previously)

Those previously circulated were noted.

The original application for 106 Long Ashton Road has been withdrawn and a new application submitted - 12/P/1580/WT 106 Long Ashton Road, BS41 9LF - T1 - Beech - Crown reduce by 30%. This Council has no objection to this application providing it has full support of the tree officer.

P195 - The Localism Act/Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Clerk had previously circulated the Journal of Local Planning to Councillors which has an article about NDP which she urged them to read.

The recent consultation event was very well attended and was very successful.

P196 - South Bristol Link Road

No report.

P197 - Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton

No report.

P198 - Renegotiation of Section 106 Planning Obligations – Consultation

The Government's Housing Strategy "Laying the Foundations: A Housing Strategy for England" published on 21 November 2011 set out a proposal to allow reconsideration of planning obligations agreed in more buoyant market conditions. The aim of the consultation is to set out the details of how the proposal will work and to seek views. It is proposed that for all planning obligations agreed on or prior to 6 April 2010, the relevant local authority can be asked to formally renegotiate the terms one month after the introduction of new regulations. The consultation document previously circulated was considered and a response from the Committee was agreed.

P199 - Recent Government Announcements on Changes to Planning Law

Discussion was held regarding the proposed changes and concern was raised in particular about changes to rules concerning extensions.

P200 - Any Other Matters for information

- a. Taylor Wimpey – Cllr Scoones has been trying to arrange a meeting with Steve Baker however he has not received a reply.

Date of the next meeting – 22nd October 2012

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 24th September 2012

Present – Mr G Williams - Chairman
Mr A Butcher
Mr C Cave
Mr R Cook
Mrs H Fordham
Mr J Glew
Ms S Hardingham
Mr M E Harris
Mrs J Pullin
Mr I Scoones
Mr P Sterland
Mrs S Sterland
Miss M Uppington
Mr H C H Williams

Apologies were received from :-
Mr D Aggett
Mr N Moorcroft
Miss A Moser
Mr H B Roberts

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr JE Turp and Mrs Smith (minutes) and 4 members of the public

Presentation by Mr Adrian Reed – Chairman of Connect2

North Somerset have funding for three interpretation panels to be placed along the Festival Way – one for Long Ashton, one for Nailsea and one for Flax Bourton. Mock examples of the boards were circulated. Mr Reed asked for input into the content of the panels. The Chairman suggested the item to be added to the next Council agenda. The plan is to insert the panel into a granite boulder therefore there could possibly be adequate budget for two boards if they were mounted on boards instead.

C117 Resignation of Councillor Mrs Neale

The Clerk read out the email from Mrs Neale. Cllr Cook expressed sadness at her resignation and expressed thanks for all her hard work. Cllr Cave also expressed his thanks. The Chairman heartily thanked Mrs Neale for all her hard work over the years and this was echoed by those present. Clerk to write to Mrs Neale to express the PC's thanks and include thanks from Leigh Woods.

The Clerk explained that there would be a notice displayed from Wednesday 26th September regarding the vacancy asking if the electorate want a poll. If more than 10 electors ask for a poll then one will be held, at the Parish Council's expense. Otherwise nominations will be received by Council where they will be voted on and a new councillor co-opted onto the Council.

There was discussion regarding the work of parish councillors and a view expressed that all councillors should be taking an active role in the Council's work.

C118 – Resignation of Councillors R Sterland and N Moorcroft as Parish Council Representatives on the Connect 2 Steering Group

Cllr Sterland explained that he felt that the advice he had given to the Council at the last Highways and Burial Ground Committee meeting was ignored and that he disagrees with the

chosen route at the Cambridge Batch section. Concern was expressed regarding the safety of cyclists travelling in the opposite direction to the flow of traffic.

There was discussion about the emails that had been received from members of the public following the Highways and Burial Ground Committee meeting on the 11th September.

There are now two vacancies to represent the parish council on Connect2.

Meeting was adjourned at 7.50pm to allow Adrian Reed to speak on what Connect2 representation would entail.

Meeting re-convened at 7.55pm.

Councillors Cave said that he could represent the PC as well as NS on Connect2. Decision to be made at next Council meeting.

C119 – Taylor Wimpey – To consider the Taylor Wimpey proposal of paying the s106 money in three instalments (1/10/12, 1/01/13, 01/04/13) with ownership passing to the Parish Council on 1st April 2013.

A revised letter from Taylor Wimpey received on the 24th September was circulated. It included “about £7000” for areas H and I not the £7500 agreed at a site meeting between Cllrs Cook and Scoones and Taylor Wimpey.

Taylor Wimpey state that they are unable to pay the full sum now and payment in three tranches has been offered with the PC taking responsibility for the land in October and ownership passing to the Council in April 2013. If the PC refuses their offer then TW will pay the full sum in April. With the split payments there is a risk that, if for some reason TW were to fail, the PC may not be paid the second and third payments and would not own the community and play areas. Following discussion about the relative merits of taking on ownership of the land in October or April and with the realisation that transfer of ownership of the land was very unlikely to be able to happen on a short timescale it was reluctantly agreed that the offer in TW’s letter is the best way forward. Insurance to cover the second and third payments has been explored, however, it is too expensive. There was agreement that it is essential that the outstanding work that TW need to do should be carefully documented to make sure that it is all done. There is only a short window for the necessary spraying to be done, and animals/people should not go on the land for a time after spraying but at present part of the fencing has been removed without permission to gain access to the field. TW will erect signage and fencing during spraying operations.

The funding for the public art is with Ros Williams at NS.

It was agreed that it is essential to document the agreement carefully as this is a variation to the initial s106 agreement.

Cllr Cave proposed that - the PC accept, in principle, the offer as proposed by Taylor Wimpey in their letter of the 24th September, subject to legal advice on the implications for the existing contract, satisfactory agreement of the detailed work required as agreed at the site meeting of the 19th September, and the timetable of payments. Cllr Cook seconded. Unanimously agreed. Clerk to email TW.

C120 – Weston Road cycleway/footpath. To consider any further proposals from North Somerset and the recommendations of the Highways and Burial Ground Committee.

A query was raised as to why this item was on Council agenda as Committees have delegated powers to make decisions.

A decision has been made by NS regarding the route of the Cambridge Batch section there will be a dedicated cycle way along the south side of the road. The scheme will start on 15th October.

Meeting was adjourned at 8.30pm. Bill Roberts explained that there would be a barrier of a stone kerb between the cycleway and the road.

Meeting was reconvened at 8.31pm.

Cllr Cook summarised the options that were considered, however, a decision has been made by NS. A question was asked if given the new route a 40 mph speed limit would still be desirable.

Meeting was adjourned at 8.36pm. David Neale explained that he would still recommend a 40mph speed limit.

Meeting was reconvened at 8.37pm.

The Clerk had received an email addressed to all councillors which she will circulate for information.

Date of next meeting – 5th November 2012

Meeting closed 8.39pm.

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS & BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING
8th October 2012

Present - Mrs J Pullin – Chairman

Mr D Aggett

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Ms S Hardingham

Mr M E Harris

Mr I Scoones

Mr R Sterland

Miss M Uppington

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr J E Turp and Mrs Smith (minutes) and one member of the public

Apologies were received from:-

Mrs B Mackwood

Mr N Moorcroft

Mr H B Roberts

Mr G Williams

Hb73 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th September 2012, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Hb74 - Matters arising (11th September 2012)

None.

Hb75 – Minutes of the meeting of 6th August 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th September 2012, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Hb76 – Matters arising

- a. Hb61a - Zebra Crossing at Northleaze – Clerk has emailed NS regarding removal of the railings but has had no reply. Cllr Cook to chase.
- b. Hb61c - Request for Grit Bin – Pepe Sanjurjo at NS will arrange to extend the concrete plinth to house the grit bin and residents bins and the PC will pay for the grit bin.
- c. Hb61d - Noticeboard for Chancellors Park – the Clerk will purchase the board now as the PC is due to take over the LEAPS.
- d. Hb61h First Bus - clerk to write again
- e. Hb61g - Pavement outside Co-op – the pavement has been tarmacked so the planters can now be installed. Chairman to meet the manager of the store prior to the installation. Village orderlies to will plant up and maintain them.

- f. Hb61i - Ashton Road Signage – Clerk has emailed the Estates Office at Ashton Court and written to the Dovecote regarding signage at their exits and is awaiting replies.
- g. Hb61j - Dog Bins – Clerk has bought these and they will be installed once the sports pitch has been taken over.
- h. Hb61k - Stolen Bench – Clerk has identified an essentially recycled plastic seat to replace the one stolen from Wild Country Lane and has had a quote for its installation. Cllr H Williams will clear the concrete plinth so it can be installed.
- i. Hb61m - White lines Providence Lane – NS advised the Clerk that work would be done in near future however it hasn't. Clerk to chase.
- j. Hb71e - Brocks Lane – the new footpath group have cleared the lower section of Brocks Lane.
- k. Hb71g - Arch Close Bank - the village orderlies have completed initial clearance of the bank.
- l. Hb72b - Report of Balloon Fiesta meeting – Cllr Pullin reported back on the meeting. The organisers have promised to make phone numbers available for use when problems arise during the Fiesta, the litter patrol to work on all days of the Fiesta, cones to be put out beyond Chestnut Road and to look at the use of the park and ride site for parking. Barriers at road closure points should be manned at all times. NS also suggested that electronic signs be placed on the outskirts on the A370 so that people will know when car parks are full. Consideration will be given to providing residents' passes. NS will produce a traffic plan. The weight restriction on Belmont was exempted for Buses during the fiesta. Ben Hardy agreed to meet with all involved for a pre-Fiesta strategy meeting. Clerk to write to Ben Hardy to offer the date of Thursday 18th April at 2pm and to meet in the Jubilee Pavilion and confirm and book the hall.

Hb77 - Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard

- a. Proposed Garden of Peace and Reflection (including correspondence) – the proposed Garden was discussed and it was agreed that though there was little objection to a start being made to the project the extent couldn't be agreed without a site visit.

Meeting adjourned 8.20pm for Bill Roberts to speak. Meeting reconvened at 8.30pm.

Cllr Cave proposed: that the PC support, in principle, the idea of a Garden and to agree the details following the site visit. Cllr Butcher seconded. 9 for, 1 abstained, 0 against. The Chairman didn't vote.

Site visit set for Sunday 21st October at 2:30 pm.

- b. Green Burials – no report. Item to be removed from agenda.

Hb78 – Road safety issues

Email from resident re. Perry Road/Weston Road junction expressing concern due to limited visibility at the junction and the difficulties caused by the bollards in Perry Road. Clerk to

write to resident thanking them for their information. Clerk to write to Highways Department to ask them to look at the safety of the junction and consider removing the bollards.

Hb79 – Footpaths

- a. Report – Cllr Butcher – the new group is working well. Cllr Butcher and Mackwood have met with Tony Atherton regarding moving the bus stop and NS and a way forward was suggested, however, the idea agreed has previously been rejected by NS as too close to the corner. Ongoing.

The gate that will no longer be needed on LA12/33 to be used on the Viridor (landfill) site.

- b. Footpath 12/12A – Faculty been received. Awaiting NS diversion order.
- c. Further meeting held with Golf course re the path diversion. A route has been agreed in principle and the golf club will apply for a diversion order which will allow public consultation on the route.
- d. Path Diversion order LA12/33 Forest Lodge, Gatcombe Lane - The order has been made for the diversion at Forest Lodge.
- e. Maintenance of footpaths and pavements on Chancellors Park – Clerk to contact Bill Hole at NS to ascertain who is responsible for the maintenance of the pavements set back from the highway and others located away from the highways.

Hb80 - Cycle Report

The new stretch of the Festival Way from Yanley Lane through Parsonage Farm is under construction.

Hb81 – Information boards on Festival Way

It was agreed to proceed with the proposed boards with one to be located at the entrance of Perry Road and the other near to the bypass. Clerk to write to agree the boards proposed and suggest locations. Clerk to write to Cllr Fordham to ask for information on the Monarchs Way to be included. Chair to finalise details.

Hb82 - Bus Rapid Transit Scheme (BRT)

Joint Transport Executive has stated that the BRT is to be delayed by 7 months. The Inspectors report is due at the end of November but won't be released until the Secretary of State reaches a decision on the proposal by May 2013. A challenge period of three months will then follow. Implementation will then begin in January 2014.

Hb83 - South Bristol Link Road (SBL)

According to North Somerset the timescales for the project haven't changed. The planning application is due towards the end of the year and the public inquiry is due to start April 2013.

Hb84 - Flood Risk

A meeting was held on 15th August with North Somerset and the Environment Agency and focussed on problems created when Northleaze School was built. The banks were built up on the school side of the Brook for the cycleway meaning that any overflow would go towards Brookside Cottage. Previous flooding has been caused when the tunnel by Yanley Lane has been blocked with debris. It is believed that the banks and cycle track are the responsibility of Streets and Open Spaces.

Hb85 - Status of dam, roads and open spaces on Theynes Croft Estate

Awaiting response from Andy Carroll of NS. Clerk to inform him that Mrs Neale is no longer the contact and to enquire regarding the links to Tydings Close. The roads have been adopted.

Hb86 – Correspondence

- a. Church Lane – letter from resident complaining about the traffic in the lane due to the construction of the Festival Way. Clerk has contacted David Murphy at NS who has arranged for speed limit signs to be erected, to ensure that road cleaning takes place and to examine the road for damage at the end of the work. Clerk to advise the resident that although the Parish Council is sympathetic to his concerns that as the road is a highway there is little else that can be done.
- b. Overgrown Paths – 2 emails have been received regarding the pavement on Yanley Lane and the foot/cyclepath between Brook Close and Yanley Lane. Clerk to contact Streets and Open Spaces to ask for them to be cleared.
- c. John Ives (comments on the minutes and suggestions) – Comments noted.
- d. Brisfest – there have been many complaints regarding the noise and foul language used. NS are taking it up with BCC. Brisfest have been granted a permanent licence and Cllr Cook is to attend a meeting re the licensing issues. Clerk to write to residents to thank them for the information.

Hb72 - Other Items for Information Only

- a. Monarchs Way link with Wild Country Lane – Clerk to write to Jill Davis at AVG Grimley to ask what progress has been made.

Date of next meeting – Monday 26th November

Meeting closed 10.05pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 22nd October 2012

Present: Miss M Uppington - Chairman

Mr D G Aggett

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mr J Glew

Ms S M Hardingham

Mr M Harris

Mr N Moorcroft

Miss A Moser

Mrs J Pullin

Mr I Scoones

Mrs A Sterland

Mr G Williams

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance Dr Janet Turp (the Clerk) and Ms L Price (minutes) plus 7 members of the public

Apologies were received from :-

Mrs B Mackwood

Mr H B Roberts

P201 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2012 copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P202 – Matters arising

- a. P188 – Ashton Vale Town Green – Bristol City Council have asked the Inspector, Ros Crail, to consider only the new evidence when the Inquiry is reopened.
- b. P189d - Warren Gardens – re large advertising board – Clerk read out letter from NS Enforcement Dept saying that they would consider the matter.
- c. P189e – Balloon Fiesta – Clerk has circulated contact details for the Fiesta organisers.
- d. Bristol Water Works – update on project, previously circulated.
- e. 12/P/1442/F – 123 Long Ashton Road – Developers phoned the Clerk to say that the plans submitted modified the changes to the roof and that the neighbours were no longer objecting to the proposal. The Clerk spoke to the neighbours and found this to be the case and that they had written to NS supporting the application. As the PC concerns were based on the detrimental effect on the neighbours the PC objection to the application was withdrawn.
- f. P200 – Taylor Wimpey – Awaiting advice from the solicitors regarding the legal position and appropriate wording to any agreement with TW as the proposed staged payments is a variation to the s106 agreement. There is still outstanding work to be done by TW before the PC can take on responsibility for the site.

P203 – Correspondence

- a. From Tarmac Ltd - re Durnford Quarry Plans – previously circulated
- b. Re. advertising banners at Ashton Court end of Long Ashton – email from resident querying PC’s policy on advertising banners. The Council noted that there were benefits to local businesses of banners being allowed and as long as they weren’t left for an inappropriate length of time they were not mindful to take any action.

P204 - New Planning Applications

12/P/1608/F - 1 Bannerleigh Cottages, Bannerleigh Road, BS8 3PF - Erection of a second floor with increase in ridge height, chimney and pitch and to include 4no dormers to south elevation and 2no roof lights to north elevation. Officer – Steven Sims

12/P/1610/CA - 1 Bannerleigh Cottages, Bannerleigh Road, BS8 3PF - Erection of a second floor with increase in ridge height, chimney and pitch and to include 4no dormers to south elevation and 2no roof lights to north elevation. Officer – Steven Sims

This Council recommends refusal as the development is in a conservation area, is totally out of keeping with adjoining properties and the increased height will mean that properties opposite in Bannerleigh Lane will be overlooked. This Council observes that there have been many objections to the plans from neighbours and understands their concerns.

12/P/1676/F – 133 Long Ashton Road, BS41 9JQ – Retrospective application to convert bay window into balcony and French doors. Officer - Anna Hayes.

This Council has no objection to this application.

12/P/1733/LDE – Land adjacent to 9 Church Lane, BS41 9LU – Certificate of lawfulness existing for the erection of a dwelling. Officer – to be allocated.

This Council is concerned that the building was originally erected without planning consent and the it is with extreme reluctance that they offer no objection.

12/P/1747/F – Rear of 20 Lyvedon Way, BS41 9ND – Erection of a two storey dwelling with vehicle and pedestrian access from Copford Lane. Officer – Steven Sims

This Council recommends refusal as it is an unsuitable development for a small site and the proximity will have a detrimental effect on the neighbours.

12/P/1786/F – 4 Broad Oaks, BS8 3PN – Increase ridge height of existing garage to form storage. Refurbish existing garage with materials to match house. Officer – to be allocated.

This Council has no objection to this application as long as it is stipulated that the area can only be used for storage and for no other purpose and also that materials used should match the existing dwelling.

P205 - North Somerset Decisions (circulated previously)

All the decisions circulated were consistent with the PC recommendations except for:

- a. 45A Yanley Lane has been approved. Chairman read out comments from NS.
- b. 18 Heath Ridge has been approved. NS Comments read out by Chairman.

P206 - The Localism Act/Neighbourhood Development Plan

ALCA is running training courses on this subject. The NDP team are now talking to landowners to discuss mutually beneficial projects and have also met with the University.

P207 - South Bristol Link Road

Planning application to be submitted in the New Year. A meeting is to be held on 25th October between NS, SBL representatives and landowners.

P208 – Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton

Taylor Wimpey appears to have purchased land from Ashton Park Ltd.

P209 – Any other matters for information.

- a. Report from Viridor. Councillor Mrs Pullin gave a report on the meeting with Viridor on the 11th October. It detailed the work being done on site and noted that the SBL will cut access to the tip and that it was unlikely that Viridor will sell the land adjacent to Castle Farm as this would also remove access. The s106 agreement has provision for a Bridleway which is being discussed with NS. Viridor have safety concerns about it due to the gas caps on site. Any signs of shooting or poaching were asked to be reported to the police. This is likely to be the last meeting of the group but Mark Logan or Tim Pritchard can be contacted in the event of a problem.
- b. Cllr Cook is attending a Planning Summit meeting being held in Bristol with the larger corporate developers. Taylor Wimpey are due to attend.
- c. Concerns were expressed that a road has been constructed on the Bristol City Football Club/QEH playing facility in Failand which is not on the plans. Clerk to advise Lee Bowering NS.

Date of next meeting – 19th November 2012

Meeting closed 8.45pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES - 29th October 2012

Present:- Ms S Hardingham - Chairman

Mr C Cave

Mr M Moorcroft

Mrs J Pullin

Mr Gwyn Williams

Miss M Uppington

In attendance the Clerk, Dr J Turp, and Ms L Price (minutes).

Apologies were received from :-

Mr R Cook

F54 - Minutes of the last meeting

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and approved for signing.

F55 - Matters Arising

- a. Account for s106 money – it was confirmed that the four signatories on the account will be Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee, Chair of Planning Committee, Chair of Highways and Burial Ground Committee and the Clerk.
- b. Jubilee Mugs – there are approximately 70 mugs left which will be offered to the Local History Society and Parish Councillors to purchase. The surplus will be offered to LACA for use in the Community Centre.
- c. Standing Orders – ongoing.

F56 – Payments of Accounts and Payments to Council

The Clerk presented a list of payments and receipts to members and the content was noted and approved. It was RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £10739.76 and note receipts of £82,083.45 for the months of August and September 2012. Proposed by Cllr Moorcroft, seconded by Cllr Cave. A discussion was held regarding reserves and it was agreed that in future years the budget should include a contingency for use in unexpected circumstances.

F57 – Bi-monthly statement and Bank reconciliation

The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation and summary to the end of September 2012. The total amount in all accounts is £302,036.60 (includes long term investments of £77,726.88). It was RESOLVED to accept the bi-monthly statement and bank reconciliation. Proposed by Cllr Moorcroft, seconded by Cllr Cave.

F59 - Financial position overview with reference to the budget

The clerk presented a statement showing actual expenditure/income against the budget for all budget headings. The areas where adjustments were needed were identified.

It was RESOLVED for the funds for memorial repairs to be vired from reserves to a maximum of £20k in total to the Burial Ground maintenance budget. Cllr Moorcroft proposed, Cllr Ms Hardingham seconded. Carried.

Clerk to seek advice regarding whether the solar panels on the village hall are a PC or LACA asset. It was RESOLVED that £8598.66 for the Solar Panels to be vired from general reserves to Grants. Cllr Ms Hardingham proposed and Cllr Moorcroft seconded. Carried.

It was RESOLVED that £2306.90 for the mugs to be taken out of general reserves. Proposed by Cllr Moorcroft, seconded by Cllr Cave. Carried.

It was RESOLVED to vire £1000 from general reserves to the footpaths budget. Proposed by Cllr Cave, seconded by Cllr Moorcroft. Carried.

F60 - S137 expenditure

It was RESOLVED that the Council, in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of LGA 1972, should incur the following expenditure, which in the opinion of the Council is in the interest of the area or its inhabitants, and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure -

up to £400 be paid for the maintenance of Arch Grove Bank

£25 to be paid to the Royal British Legion (Long Ashton) for purchase of a wreath for the Council for Remembrance Day.

Proposed by Cllr Ms Hardingham, seconded by Cllr Cave. Carried.

F61 - Complaints Procedure - to review complaints procedure.

The existing policy and SLCC /NALC model policies were circulated previously. It was RESOLVED to adopt the SLCC model policy with minor amendments. Proposed by Cllr Ms Hardingham, seconded by Cllr Cave. Carried.

F62 - Annual Review of:

- a. Health and Safety/Risk Assessment – to be reviewed once the s106 funds from Taylor Wimpey have been accepted.
- b. Clerks/RFO job description – to be reviewed when the Clerk has completed one full year in her position.
- c. Freedom of Information Content/Changes – the current version is not on the PC website. All items on the publication scheme were considered and amendments made where appropriate. Clerk to take advice on best practice on disclosure of ‘contracts awarded’. It was noted that allowances are not made to all Cllrs, just the Chairman. It was RESOLVED to upload agendas onto the PC website. Draft minutes also to be uploaded onto website. Cllr Moorcroft proposed, Cllr Ms Hardingham seconded. Carried. Publication scheme to amended as agreed and uploaded onto website.

F63 - Annual Return - External Examiners Report - To consider the external auditors comments.

The Chairman read out the external examiners comments from the annual return correspondence. There were no areas for concern. The PC considered the other matters that the auditors noted. The PC noted the comments about submission of the return. Standing Orders are being prepared and Financial Regulations are in place and are reviewed annually.

F64 - Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was RESOLVED to retain Whyatt Pakeman as Internal Auditors for this year. Cllr Ms Hardingham proposed, Cllr Moorcroft seconded. Carried.

F65 - Review Effectiveness of Internal Audit

The Clerk explained that it was good practice to review the effectiveness of the Internal Audit and referred to a document that had previously been used to assess effectiveness. However, as the clerk has had little to do with the auditors as yet it was decided that a proper review could not be carried out at this stage.

F66 - Guidelines to be taken into account when deciding on grants.

A draft policy was discussed and comments were made and noted. Clerk to make changes and circulate.

F67 - Process for co-option of new Councillor

Applicants are to submit their details by the end of November. It was RESOLVED that applications will be considered at an extra Council meeting to be held on 10th December prior to the Planning Committee meeting. Cllr Moorcroft proposed, Cllr Cave seconded. Carried.

F68 - Junior Football Club

The Football Club have not as yet made a formal request for a specific sum to be provided by the Parish Council so this item was deferred. Chairman to contact the Club.

F69 - Wimpey Play Areas and Public Open Spaces

- a. Update on s106 agreement and adoption of open spaces, sports area and playground – PC is still awaiting advice. TW have agreed that there is further work to be completed in the spring which they will carry out.
- b. It was RESOLVED to approve reasonable expenditure on taking legal advice on the revision to the s106 agreement. Proposed by Cllr Cave, seconded by Cllr Ms Hardingham.
- c. Playground inspections – to ask GB Sport and Leisure to inspect the two Wimpey playgrounds monthly at a cost of £30 a month and to ask the VOs to undertake visual weekly inspections. Clerk has been advised by Zurich that a professional body should carry out inspections. It was RESOLVED to accept GB Sport and Leisure to undertake monthly inspections and VOs to undertake weekly inspections and to be trained during the first year. Proposed by Cllr Moorcroft, seconded by Cllr Ms Hardingham. 4 for 1 against, 1 abstention. Carried.
- d. Community Orchard Proposal – It was noted that the Transition Group have asked if the land at the end of the Sport's Pitch could be used as a community orchard.

F70 - Pre Budget Discussion

The Clerk and Chair attended training on budgets. ALCA have suggested that there is a possibility of a freeze on PC budgets. It was agreed that Clerk prepare two budgets – one at 2% increase in precept and one at aspirational level of funding.

F71 - Correspondence

- a. Confirmation of external auditors from 2012/13 – Grant Thornton have been appointed for five years from 2013.
- b. Confirmation of renewal of Data Protection Register entry – confirmed.
- c. Request for Financial Support from Victim Support & NS Citizens Advice Bureau – Clerk to write to Victim Support asking how the funds will benefit the parish.

F72 - Any Other Matters - for information only

Ashton Park Ltd land has been bought by Taylor Wimpey.

Date of next meeting – 17th December 2012

Meeting closed 9.10pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 5th November 2012

Present: - Chairman – Mr N Moorcroft

Mr D Aggett

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mrs H Fordham

Mr J Glew

Ms S Hardingham

Mr M E Harris

Mrs B Mackwood

Mr N Moorcroft

Miss A Moser

Mrs J Pullin

Mr H B Roberts

Mr I Scoones

Mr P Sterland

Mrs S Sterland

Miss M Uppington

Mr G Williams

Mr H C H Williams

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr JE Turp and Ms Price (minutes) and

Mr M Riggall NS Liaison Officer

Apologies were received from:-

Mr J D Skeeles

Public Participation – Mr John Ives

Mr Ives spoke firstly to update Councillors on recent case law which has established that the public are entitled to access the full width of the highway. There is a Judicial Review taking place about Diversion Orders to establish that public interest has to be taken into account. He then explained his vision for the network of public paths, involvement of volunteers and how he has tried to make a difference and his concerns about the balance between landowners and the public. He explained his resignation from the Footpath Group.

Cllr H Williams thanked Mr Ives for all his hard work locally on Public Right Of Ways.

Presentation by Alliance Homes

Michelle Harper was unable to attend due to illness however circulated some information about Fenswood Court and garages they have available

Debate was held about the issues with some residents in Fenswood Court and how to tackle them. The Parish Council wishes to ensure vacant properties in the Court to be offered first to local people from the parish, then from the wider area.

Clerk to write to Clive Bodley, CEO of Alliance Homes including a letter of information from the Voices of Fenswood (Cllr Aggett to provide) to highlight the situation of people from outside the area with antisocial behaviour issues being put into Fenswood Court in preference to local people. Also to request that other vulnerable people locally be allowed to reside there not just those over 60, and to request a meeting to discuss issues.

C121 - Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations

To be declared during the meeting.

C122 - Chairman's Remarks

None.

C123 - Minutes of the last meeting

C119 – Taylor Wimpey – To consider the TW proposal of paying the s106 money in three instalments – Cllr Ms Hardingham, after taking advice from Buxton's, thought it important that the resolution should have explicitly referred to the need to take legal advice that had been implicit in the discussion at the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to amend the minute to 'Cllr Cave proposed that – the PC accept, in principle, the offer as proposed by Taylor Wimpey in their letter of the 24th September, subject to legal advice in the implications for the existing contract; satisfactory agreement of the detailed work required as agreed at the site meeting of the 19th September and agreement on the timetable of payments. Cllr Cook seconded. Unanimously agreed. Clerk to email TW.' Subject to that amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 24th September, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C124 - Matters arising

- a. Presentation by Mr Adrian Read – It was agreed to send Mr Read additional information regarding the Monarch's Way for the presentation boards.
- b. C117 – Resignation on Cllr Mrs Neale – an extra Council meeting will be held on 10th December to co-opt a Cllr.
- c. C119 – Taylor Wimpey – No further update on public art.

C125 - Minutes of the meeting of the 3rd September

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C126 - Matters arising

C112 - Balloon Fiesta Meeting – a meeting was held with Ben Hardy and others to discuss the issues. Mr Hardy and the Police agreed to liaise with the PC and communicate. Clerk has emailed Mr Hardy with a suggested date in April for the meeting, as he suggested, however, he replied that he was not in a position to make a firm date yet. The Clerk to contact him again in January.

C127 - Planning Committee Report

The reports of the Planning Committee of the meetings held on 17th September & 22nd October were adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee. Proposed Cllr Cave, seconded Cllr Harris. Unanimously agreed.

C128 - Highways and Burial Ground Committee Report

The report of the Highways and Footpaths Committee of the meeting held on 11th September & 8th October were adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee. Proposed Cllr Cave, seconded Cllr G Williams. Unanimously agreed.

C129 - Finance and General Purposes Committee Report

The Chairman asked the Council to consider minute F62c – Freedom of Information Content. It was noted that this will mean that agendas and draft minutes will be on the website. All in agreement. The report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the meeting held on 29th October was adopted, subject to any alterations by the Committee. Proposed by Cllr Cave, seconded by Cllr G Williams. Unanimously agreed.

C130 - Community Association Report

Cllr Mrs Pullin reported that John Hewer has been replaced by Rachel Harris. The Beer Festival was cancelled by the company organising it, however, LACA may endeavour to run its own next year. LACA is to register with 'Fields in Trust' which has a national programme aiming to permanently protect fields for sport and outdoor recreation. The FLoW energy audit highlighted potential savings that could be made by replacing the boiler in the main hall and LACA are getting quotes for this. The Football Club have asked permission to install dug outs to meet requirements of the league. LACA have agreed to allow the club to provide detailed plans for dug outs with lockable doors. It was agreed that **Cllr Mrs Pullin** to ask for a photo of the dug outs for the information of the Council and the matter to be discussed by the planning committee.

C131 - FLOW Report

Cllr Sterland gave a report. The group is continuing to facilitate a number of schemes and are pleased that LACA are responding to the audit of the community centre.

C132 - Community Safety / Local Action Team Report

Cllr Cook gave a report. There has recently been another accident (a two car collision) at Providence crossroads. The give way sign had been turned round 90 degrees. Clerk to email PC Trevor Byford to remind him of our meeting dates and to ask him to attend in future. Cllr Cave reported on the last PACT meeting. The Local Action Team would like to see steps put in at Church House Car Park to encourage parking in the car park. They have approached the Governors of Northleaze school to ask if the public can make more use of the car park basis and this is to be discussed at their next meeting. Funding would need to be found for the steps and to facilitate disabled access via the pavement. The skate park was discussed – the mobile park attended LA last week. The condition of Keeds Lane was also discussed – the water board works have substantially affected the surface of the lane and Bristol Water are to be approached to ask them to repair it. Fly tipping was reported to be not so much of a problem although recently Yanley Lane has seen incidents. Clerk to send letter to Backwell Recycling Centre to thank them for their good work.

C133 - Youth Matters

Following the resignation of Cllr Mrs Neale there was a resolution to appoint a Councillor to represent the Parish Council on the Youth Club Management Committee and Long Ashton Network. There were no volunteers. To be put on the agenda of the next meeting.

Youth Club Report – there are meetings three times a week and attendance is up (10 to 13 at most meeting 16 at some). There have been a few incidents of challenging behaviour with which the Police have been helpful. Some children are on anti-social behaviour contracts. A number of good projects are taking place, including healthy living and cooking, street dance, stop smoking and sex education.

Long Ashton Network Report - They are undertaking outreach work with Blackcurrant Drive – a questionnaire has been sent out to get feedback on what young people want. They are trying to identify a good place to meet.

C134 - ALCA NS Group Report

Cllr Scoones gave a report. Cllr Scoones and the Clerk have attended recent meetings. A proposal has been put forward to the ALCA Executive, to disband ALCA and the affected Councils to join Gloucestershire or Somerset LCA. Discussion made it clear that LAPC do not support this proposal. A number of councils have recently rejoined the association. It is the intention to employ two people part time to provide admin support and advice.

C135 - Parish Councils Airport Association Report

Cllr Glew attended the recent meeting which mainly discussed 'housekeeping' issues. The subscription fees are to remain the same until 2014. The PCAA Working Party draft response to the Sustainable Framework for UK Aviation includes preventing increases in noise, impact on the greenbelt and other issues previously been identified.

C136 - Neighbourhood Development Plan Report

Resolution to delegate the production of the Long Ashton Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan to the NDP steering group. It was agreed that the NDP group write the draft plan which will be put to Council for approval.

Cllr Mrs Fordham gave a report. The NDP team have carried out a full consultation with the local community which has included three open events, two school events, presence at Saturday Market as well as local promotion through newsletters, website etc. A Leigh Woods resident has asked how the village is included and it has asked the team to include information from the Leigh Woods Village Plan. Currently the team is meeting with wider stakeholders such as Tarmac, Ashton Court, the Golf Club and Forestry Commission. There has been a useful meeting with the University. The intention is to get endorsement of the Plan by key stakeholders. The the retail sector sector will be targeted next. Despite numerous approaches the team has had no response from the doctor's surgery. The team has been offered support in drafting the plan from Locality through the Department of Communities and Local Government. It is planned to write the Plan in January and hold the

referendum during February. There will be a presentation of the plan at the next Council meeting.

C137 - Connect2

Following the resignations of Cllrs R Sterland and Moorcroft from the Connect2 steering group to appoint a PC representative - It was agreed not to appoint a representative as the group had only one further meeting.

C138 - Taylor Wimpey – Progress on the s106 payment.

It has been agreed in principle, subject to legal advice on the wording of the agreement, that TW can pay the PC the s106 money in three tranches. The PC has been given the first cheque which hasn't been banked as yet as advice from Buxton's, the solicitors, on the form of words to amend the s106 agreement. Cllr Scoones is monitoring the outstanding work that needs to be completed by TW.

Barrow Hospital – s106 agreement is still to be written – ongoing.

C139 - BRT Update

Cllr Sterland gave a report. The campaign group are now lobbying the mayoral candidates. They have approached the Local Enterprise Partnership and have been rebuffed but will try again. Report to come out 2013.

C140 - South Bristol Link Road - Update

Cllr Sterland reported that the Planning Application is due now next year, probably in March.

C141 - Dates of meetings for 2013 – to agree dates circulated

Dates were agreed.

C142 - To endorse the revised North Somerset Town and Parish Charter (circulated).

Endorsed by the PC. Clerk to write to advise.

C143 – Correspondence

- a. Bristol Airport - to invite Councillors to end of year get together. (6th December, 6:30pm.)
Cllrs Glew, Scoones, H Williams, Harris, Cook and Mrs Mackwood to attend.
- b. NS Recycling Bank Removal - The recycling bank is to be removed due to supposed underuse. Clerk to write for further clarification.
- c. Anonymous letter re anti-social behaviour – the PC has a policy of not considering anonymous letters.
- d. NS – Re new procedure for disabled parking bay approval.

Date of next meeting – 21st January 2013

Meeting closed 9.20pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 19th November 2012

Present: Miss M Uppington - Chairman
Mr A Butcher
Mr C Cave
Mr J Glew
Ms S M Hardingham
Mr M Harris
Mrs B Mackwood
Mr N Moorcroft (arrived 7.53pm)
Mrs J Pullin
Mr I Scoones
Mrs A Sterland
Mr G Williams

Apologies were received from:-
Mr D G Aggett
Mr R Cook
Miss A Moser
Mr H B Roberts
Mr H C H Williams

In attendance Dr Janet Turp (the Clerk) and Ms L Price (minutes) plus 5 members of the public (these were students from UWE who came to observe the meeting as they felt it relevant to their courses).

P210 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P211 – Matters arising

- a) P189d - Warren Gardens Advertising Board – there has been no further response from the enforcement team at NS but an application for the board is on the agenda.
- b) P202a – Ashton Vale Town Green – Bristol City Council have asked the inspector to hear only the new evidence however Bristol City Football Club have requested that all the evidence is heard.
- c) P209b – Planning Summit meeting – Cllr Cook had a forthright discussion with the director of Taylor Wimpey which has resulted in some action by TW. Regarding the s106 agreement payments – Buxton's (solicitors) have advised that the PC should not look to amend the s106 agreement but to implement it. They have also advised that it is their opinion that the indexing has been calculated incorrectly by NS. Cllr Cave has queried this with Roz Williams at NS. TW will be writing to the Clerk regarding the take over of the play area by the PC. Clerk to put this proposal on the agenda of the additional Council meeting in December.
- d) P209c - Bristol City Football Club/QEH training facility – the Chair has visited the site and a hard-core driveway has been laid to the temporary buildings which is reasonable. The site must be re-instated by May 2015.

Cllr Moorcroft joined the meeting at 7.53pm

P212 - Correspondence

- m) Re. advertising banners at Ashton Court end of Long Ashton – email from Nigel Harper of Estune . As regards advertising for Gatcombe Farm shop it was reported that the signage on the south side will be removed when the cycle way is created and Mr Butler has said that he intends to improve and reduce his other signage.
- n) Update on Warren Gardens - email from resident updating the PC on the state of Warren Lane.
- o) NS – consultation re Community Infrastructure Levy – previously circulated. This will be discussed and a response prepared at the next Planning Committee meeting (10th December). **Cllrs to read the document before the meeting.**
- p) 1 Lyvedon Way – resident has appealed against the refusal of their application. The appeal is to be determined by written representations with no further comments allowed.
- q) Consultation by Department of Communities and Local Government – Technical Review of Planning Appeal Procedures – to be considered at next Planning Committee meeting.
- r) Consultation by Department of Communities and Local Government – Permitted Development Rights– to be considered at next Planning Committee meeting.
- s) Email regarding the Parish Forum on 6th December 9.30am in New Council Chamber, Town Hall, WsM. Councillors to inform the clerk by 29th November if they will be attending.

P213 - New Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED:- that the Clerk will submit the following comments, on applications affecting property in the parish, to North Somerset District Council.

12/P/1848/F - 165 Long Ashton Road, BS41 9JQ - Erection of a single storey extension to north-west elevation, raise roof height on south-west half of building, install 6no conservation roof lights together with external access to a new mezzanine level. Officer - Julie Walbridge

12/P/1854/LB - 165 Long Ashton Road, BS41 9JQ - Erection of a single storey extension to north-west elevation, raise roof height on south-west half of building, install 6no conservation roof lights together with external access to a new mezzanine level, internal spiral staircase and 2no bathrooms. Officer – Julie Walbridge

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours have been notified and given chance to comment.

12/P/1867/F - 43 Long Ashton Road, BS41 9HW - Removal of condition 10 of planning permission 10/P/2272/F (Erection of a new dwelling and detached double garage without complying with condition 9 of appeal decision. APP/D0121/A/10/2127724 (LPA reference 09/P/2007/F) which required the dwelling

to be constructed to achieve code level 3 for Sustainable Homes) to remove the requirement of live/work unit. Officer – Catherine Pearce.

This Council has no objection to the removal of condition 10 of planning permission 10/P/2272/F requiring a live/work unit.

12/P/1965/ADV – Land off Weston Road – Display of 1no freestanding sign (retrospective). Officer – to be allocated

This Council objects to this application due to the size of the sign and also to the length of time that the permission is requested for. This Council asks that the size of the sign should be reduced to half its current size and the permission given for a maximum of two years.

Trees

12/P/1847/WT – 3 Buttercliffe Rise, off Long Ashton Road, BS41 9JQ – T1 – Cherry -Reduce height by 2m and shape round to balance. T2 – Field Maple – fell. Officer – Jason Cox.
No comment.

12/P/1852/WT - 174 Long Ashton Road, BS41 9LT - T1 and T2 - Gingko - Prune clear of the neighbouring chimney stack 1m and crown lift to 2m over pub courtyard. T3 - Yew - Prune clear of garage roof to 1m. Officer - Jason Cox
No comment.

12/P/1926/WT – 46 Yanley Lane, BS41 9LR – T1 – Horse Chestnut – Crown reduce by 20%. Officer – Jason Cox.
No comment.

12/P/1933/WT – 4 Folleigh Drive, BS41 9JD – T1 Plum – Reduce back to previous pruning points removing approx. 1.5 – 2m. Officer – Jason Cox.
No comment.

12/P/1950/WT – 28 Glebe Road, BS41 9LH – T1 Silver Birch reduce by 50%, T2- Leylandii – Fell, T3 – Larch – Fell. Officer – Jason Cox
This Council objects to the reduction by 50% of the Silver Birch as the work will do harm to the tree possibly killing it. It has no objections to the other work.

12/P/1958/TPO – Littlecote, Burwalls Road, BS8 3PT – 1 Oak – Remove deadwood, 1 Yew – Crown lift to 15ft over driveway, 1 Hawthorn – reduce limb over road. Officer – Jason Cox.
No comment.

P214 - North Somerset Decisions

Those previously circulated were noted.

Also 12/P/1794/WT – Woodleigh, North, Road BS8 3PN - T1 - Ash - Pollard to main fork. T2 - Cherry - Reduce crown by 25% and thin crown by 20% - Officer Jason Cox – Decision – T1 withdrawn, T2 - no objection (made on 24th October before PC could consider).

Clerk to write to Jason Cox stating that although very happy with the advice and help he gives were, however, disappointed that this decision was made before the PC had a chance to comment.

12/P/1610/CA & 12/P/1608/F – 1, Bannerleigh Cottages, Leigh Woods – Both approved by NS.

Comments made by NS were read out. Cllr Cave to speak to Mr Sims at NS.

P215 - The Localism Act/Neighbourhood Development Plan

The recent meeting was productive with Tarmac, Ashton Court and Forestry Commission attending plus two consultants from Locality who will help to write the plan. The Forestry Commission want to expand the car park at Ashton Hill Plantation. It was suggested to ask FC to sign the car park at Ashton Hill better.

The s106 at Barrow Hospital is still being resolved.

S106 funds for North Road repairs are being chased By Cllr Harris.

P216 - South Bristol Link Road

The new Bristol Mayor appears not to be in favour of the SBLR. Awaiting developments.

P217 - Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton

Taylor Wimpey have bought the land from Ashton Park Ltd.

P218 - Budget Requirements for 2013/14

To suggest that F&GP Committee consider including a sum of £5,000 in the 2013/14 budget to provide for advice that may be required re planning applications or public inquiries relating to the SBLR and/or Bristol Rapid Transit scheme. All agreed.

P219 - Any Other Matters for information

- a) Dugouts for the Football Club. Chair circulated a photo of the proposed dugouts. There was discussion and no issues were raised. Clerk to write to LACA to say they are happy with the structures.
- b) House at Parsonage Farm – certificate of lawfulness may not have to issued as the house is in a Conservation Area. Cllr Cave to pursue.
- c) Extension on Lampton Road has not been fully completed. Cllr Ms Uppington to look into the application and Cllr Pullin to inform NS if necessary.

Date of next meeting - 10th December 2012 Meeting closed 9pm.

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS & BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING
26th November 2012

Present: Mrs J Pullin - Chairman
Mr A Butcher
Mr C Cave
Mr R Cook – arrived 7.38pm
Ms S Hardingham
Mr M E Harris
Mrs B Mackwood
Mr N Moorcroft
Mrs J Pullin
Mr I Scoones
Mr R Sterland
Miss M Uppington
Mr G Williams
Mr H C H Williams

Apologies were received from:-
Mr D Aggett
Mr H B Roberts

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr J E Turp and Mrs Smith (minutes)

Hb88 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th October 2012 copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Hb89 - Matters arising

- a. Hb76a - Removal of railings at Northleaze - No reply - Cllr Cook is chasing.
- b. Hb76b - Grit bin, Brocks Lane - Pepe Sanjurjo is arranging for work on the plinth and supply of bin.
- c. Hb76c - Noticeboard Chancellors Park - on order.
- d. Hb76d - First Bus - No reply although it is noted that some changes have been made to the timetable. It was noted that buses are failing to stop at Gatcombe after dark. Clerk to write to First.
- e. Hb76e - Pavement at Co-op – The area has been resurfaced by Co-op and we are awaiting reply from NS whether work is to highways standard. When known it is hoped to arrange for planters to be installed.
- f. Hb76f - Ashton Road Signage - No reply from Ashton Court. Dovecote have passed to head office.
- g. Hb76h - Bench ordered - 4 weeks to delivery - Cllr. Williams has cleared plinth ready for installation.
- h. Hb76i - Providence white line - should have been done w/c 29th Oct. Clerk to chase.

- i. Hb76l - Balloon Fiesta meeting, aiming to meet with all concerned in April. In January Clerk will request firm date.
- j. Hb78 - Perry Road/Weston Road junction - Reply from John Painter who has also been contacted by a resident for this and other parking problems on Chancellors Park. He responded that the roads have not yet been adopted as public highways but they hope to adopt them by end of the year and he will arrange for the estate to be included in the next review of parking restrictions for LA. Yellow lines are only considered around junctions and he will ensure that they take account of the bollard at Perry Road. He says it should have been positioned so that if there is nothing parked too close vehicles should be able to negotiate the junction satisfactorily.
- k. Hb79e - Chancellors Park footpaths & pavements - Bill Hole has not replied
- l. Hb81 - Information boards Festival Way – Chairman is in touch with Adrian Reed. The west end board will depict the Redwood tree, the Research Station and Monarch's Way. Suggestions for the east end board are Lower Court, All Saints Church and Ashton Court.
- m. Hb85 - Agenda item - no reply.
- n. Hb87 - Progress re Monarch's Way - no reply from AVG Grimley.

Hb90 - Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard

- a. Garden of Peace and Reflection – now to be called Heaven Scent. Amendments to the memorandum of understanding previously circulated. The compost bins have been filled with grass clippings by the group, but as this was unlikely to happen again it was agreed to just monitor the situation. Cllrs Ms Hardingham and Sterland were thanked for their efforts.

Cllr Bob Cook arrived 7.38pm.

Clerk to inform Transitions that the PC is happy with the amended MOU and that it will be signed by the Chair of H&BGr and the Chairman of the Council and to ask for two members of Transition to sign also.

- b. Cedar Trees in Churchyard – The Chair asked if anyone was aware of problems with the trees as she had received an email from a resident mentioning them. It was agreed that limbs had fallen in the past but work has been done to rectify the problem.

Hb91 - Road safety issues.

- a. Yellow lines Kings Croft - a request has been received for yellow lines at the Kings Croft/Weston Road junction. Lines were put in place by Wimpey although not legally enforceable they did deter parking at this junction. They have now worn away and cars are now parking here making turning into Kings Croft dangerous. There have been near misses. Clerk to write to John Painter at NS to ask for old lines to be replaced and also to paint any other lines that are required for the Chancellors Park roads to be adopted.

- b. Church House and east end of village – Northleaze School have agreed for a trial to go ahead to allow use of the car park for a limited period by users of Church House. Parking problems were noted at east end of the village and that this issue will have to be addressed at some point. Leigh Woods also has significant parking issues.
- c. Top of Providence Lane – there has been a recent fatality at the junction but not because of the junction – David Murphy, Principal Engineer, Highways and Transport NS, has been in discussion with Cllr Cave and has ideas to make the junction safer. Cllr Cave to pursue.

Hb92 - Footpaths

- a. Report – Cllr Butcher – There has been success with the new group undertaking some maintenance but paths are waterlogged currently. Although Sustrans will maintain Festival Way to an extent it was suggested that a cycle path group should be formed to maintain cycle paths. Article to be placed in the next newsletter for volunteers to help with waymarking etc. Adrian Woolacott (NS) has stated that drainage work on footpath is not to NS standard. Possible future request to be made to Community Payback to carry out work.
- b. Footpath 12/12A – Diversion – North Somerset have issued the Public Path Diversion Order Pre Order Consultation (PPO 154). Consultation period ends 21st December. The Faculty has been granted.
- c. Diversion of footpaths on Golf Course - correspondence been received from a number of residents unhappy about the re-routing. Cllrs Butcher, Williams and Sterland will hold a further meeting with the Golf Club.
- d. Footpath Walks – Leaders required to lead four walks next year. Clerk to write article for newsletter asking for volunteers.
- e. Footpath 12/33 Forest Lodge – diversion order has been made. The kissing gate on the original route belongs to the PC – Cllr Mackwood to talk to the landowner to arrange for its removal. Cllr Moorcroft to store.

Hb93 - Cycle Report

Letter from Kate Hood at NS re. complaints about barriers at Copford Lane and Birdwell Rec. Clerk to write to point out why erected and state that PC does not want the barriers removed.

Hb94 - Festival Way

- a. Report from Cllrs Cook and Cave – Fence along bypass is in a bad condition, NS are responsible for it.
- a. Opening Ceremony – 14th December at 11am at Yanley Lane – Cllrs Williams, Moorcroft, Ms Uppington and Sterland to attend.

Hb95 - Bus Rapid Transit Scheme

Cllr Sterland reported that the election of George Ferguson as the Bristol Mayor may help as he has previously stated that he is against the scheme. The stop BRT group

hope to meet with him soon. All agreed that Cllr Sterland should attend as the PC rep.

Hb82 - South Bristol Link Road

Cllr Sterland reported that, as with the BRT, the election of George Ferguson as the Bristol Mayor may help as he has previously stated that he is against the scheme.

Hb96 - Flood Risk and issues surrounding Ashton Brook

Cllr Moorcroft reported that he has had excellent support from the NS Councillors on the PC. However there has been little help from the Environment Agency or NS. Landowners of the bank east of Yanley lane on south side are to clear the bank and de-silt. Cllrs Moorcroft and Cook to pursue. Clerk to write to Mr Doug Barker at NS to say there has been a general lack of maintenance of the Brook from the bund. An issue with bank erosion was noted at the back of 7 Copford Lane.

Hb97 - Flooding Gatcombe Lane

Cllr Mackwood described issues and NS have agreed to do work but ditch has to be cleared by Mr Butler who has agreed. Clerk to write to Mr W Butler to ask that he could dig the ditch and thank him for his efforts in clearing mud from the lane.

Clerk also to write to Forestry Commission to ask them to liaise with NS to adopt a drainage scheme to prevent flooding of homes at the top of Gatcombe Lane.

The drainage from the railway cutting near Gatcombe Farm has also increased and the effect of this needs to be ascertained.

The drain above the pitch on recreation ground also needs to be cleared out – Cllr Mrs Pullin to advise LACA.

There have also been problems caused at 39 Ridgeway Road and houses below it on Long Ashton Road as the water flows down Highlands and is not draining away so continues to flow down the hill. Clerk to write to David Kingston at NS to ask for recommendations.

Hb98 - Status of dam, roads and open spaces on Theynes Croft Estate

Work being done by Andy Carroll still in progress.

Questions were raised about the status of the reservoir of Ashton Brook and the bund. Clerk to write to NS to ask if bund been calibrated correctly, whether there is paperwork on its capacity and if it was calibrated correctly. Greenbelt Services own some land.

Hb99 - Proposals from North Somerset re snow wardens

Information previously circulated. Information to be put on website by Clerk.

Hb100 - Budget request for 2013

Information circulated. Agreed to recommend to F&GP Committee budget as circulated.

Hb101 - Review of Burial Ground Fees

Charges/payments are reviewed every 2 years. Burial fees were last reviewed in December 2011 (when no changes were made). Cllr Miss Uppington proposed to keep charges the same. All in agreement.

Hb102 - Review of Gardner and VO pay rate.

2% increases were made in 2007 & 2009, 2.8% increase in 2011. Cllr Butcher proposed that the Gardner and VO rate be increased by 3% from 1st April 2013. Cllr Harris seconded. Unanimously agreed.

Hb103 – Correspondence

- a. Request for Dog Bin – Westward Gardens – Refused at present due to cost of emptying additional bins. Clerk to ask NS for clarification re putting dog waste in the litter bins.
- b. Request for photograph on headstone – Clerk to write to say that PC's policy on photographs on headstones has not changed.
- c. Footpath outside 128 Long Ashton Road – Clerk to write to say that the comments are noted and to thank them for cutting the hedge.
- d. Invasive Weeds near Northleaze School – Community Payback to be asked to clear the invasive weed, Himalyan Balsam, from the area near Northleaze School and other places in the spring.
- e. Request for report on area round Northleaze School – Community Payback to be asked to clear weeds and overgrowth in Yanley Lane near Northleaze School as soon as possible.

Hb104 - Overgrown Vegetation

- a. Land at Glebe Close – Cllrs to look at the vegetation and decide appropriate action. It is owned by houses.
- b. Rear of Catley Grove – Clerk to write to householders.

Hb105 - Other Items for Information

- a. NS notification that Yanley Lane to be closed 5th December - 6pm to midnight to install speed bumps.
- b. Paulman bridge was flooded to two feet - NS responded very quickly to the report and Cllr Williams helped to unblock drains.
- c. Western Power Distribution meeting – Cllr Moorcroft has the information from the WPD strategic workshop on the 14th November. They advised that if trees are removed then WPD will supply two in replacement.

Date of next meeting – 28th January 2013

Meeting closed 10.25pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 10th December 2012

Present: Miss M Uppington - Chairman

Mr D G Aggett

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mr J Glew

Ms S M Hardingham

Mr M Harris

Mr N Moorcroft

Miss A Moser

Mrs J Pullin

Mr H B Roberts

Mr I Scoones

Mrs S Sterland

In attendance Dr Janet Turp (the Clerk) and Ms L Price (minutes)

Apologies were received from:-

Mrs B Mackwood

Mr G Williams

Mr H C H Williams

P220 - Presentation by applicant on 12/P/2036/LUP

The applicant asked that the presentation be deferred to next meeting when a minor material amendment application will be available for consideration.

P221 - Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations

To be declared during the meeting.

P222 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th November, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P223 – Matters arising

- o. P202a - Ashton Vale Town Green – A meeting was held on 27th November. As ten days have been requested for the new evidence to be presented the inquiry will not be able to take place until October 2013. A Freedom of Information request has been received from the BBC asking for information about the contribution the Parish Council made to the legal expenses for the Judicial Review and some correspondence relating to the Stadium/Town Green.
- p. P202c – S106 indexing – Cllr Cave is continuing to query this with NS after advice received from Buxtons.
- q. P212g – Parish Forum – Cllr Cook reported that the meeting was excellent.
- r. P219b – House at Parsonage Farm – Cllr Cook has been informed by NS that the rules for certificates of lawfulness are no different in conservation areas. It

was noted that information on the planning portal seems to contradict this.

- s. P219c – Extension on Lampton Road – the planning permission states that the garage is to be retained for use as a garage. However, the way it has been built would prevent this so the Clerk has written to NS to ask them to investigate.

P224 - Correspondence

- a. From NS Sites and Policies Development Plan Document – The draft version is to be sent to Executive on 2nd December and can be viewed at <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/cairo/committees/comidx10-2012.asp>
Once it is approved by the Executive there will be a period of consultation.
- b. Email from Cllr Cook re NS investigation of a container at Long Ashton Golf Club – When it was originally sited they had planning permission to carry out works. However, they have had to change the scheme and a new scheme is being put together. NS have granted permission for the container to remain for now.

P225 - New Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED:- that the Clerk will submit the following comments, on applications affecting property in the parish, to North Somerset District Council.

12/P/2036/LUP - The Lepars 18 Heath Ridge BS41 9EW - Application for a Lawful development certificate for the proposed replacement of existing roof finish with zinc.
Officer – Julie Walbridge.

As stated in our original comments on the proposed extension this Council objects to zinc being used as a roofing material on this site. The roof of the existing house should be left tiled.

12/P/2043/F – 52 Long Ashton Road, BS41 9LE – Erection of conservatory to rear.
Officer – to be allocated.

This Council has no objection to this application.

12/P/2044/F – 7 Rownham Hill, BS8 3PU - Rooftop extension over existing terrace to rear extension. New balconies to front elevation (second floor) and rear elevation (first floor). New pitch roof to existing flat roofed front extension. Officer – to be allocated.

This Council has no objection to this application provided that materials match those used in the existing property and neighbours, particularly those in nos 8 and 6 have been notified and given the chance to comment.

12/P/2061/F – 7 Estune Walk, BS41 9EP – Erection of a two storey side/rear extension following demolition of existing garage, a single storey rear extension, alteration/extension to front dormer and construction of a rear dormer. Officer – to be allocated.

This Council recommends refusal. It considers it is overdevelopment of the site and will lead to loss of privacy and amenity of nos 13 and 15 Highlands Road and will reduce incoming light into their gardens.

12/P/2097/NMA – 9 Warren Lane and land adjoining, BS419DA - Non material amendment to planning permission 10/P/0368/F - (Erection of 12no detached

retirement dwellings with 2 detached car barns, detached double garage and detached bin store with associated means of access, car parking, landscaping and open space following demolition of dwelling) to allow installation of sun pipes to Plots 4 and 7. Officer – Mike Cole.

This Council has no objection to this application.

Trees

12/P/2066/TPO – 40 Perry Road, BS41 9FE – 1 Hornbeam – Crown lift to approx. 1.8m removing secondary laterals. Officer – Jason Cox.

This Council recommends that the crown is lifted to 1.5m as has been undertaken for other hornbeams in the area.

12/P/2089/WT - 28 Glebe Road, BS41 9LH - 1 Sorbus, 1 Maple and 1 Rowan - structural (formative) prune, 1 Cherry - remove 5 branches on left, 1 Cotoneaster - crown reduce by approx. 2.2m, 1 Maple - Reduce by approx. 3m, 1 Holly - prune to conical shape. Officer - Jason Cox.

No comment.

12/P/2092/WT – 2 Glebe Close, BS41 9DB – 1 Silver Birch – reduce by 1m, Eucalyptus- reduce by 1.5m, 1 False Acacia - reduce by 1.5m. Officer – Jason Cox.
No comment.

12/P/2094/WT – Fernhill House, Folleigh Lane, BS41 9JB – 1 Western Red Cedar – Fell. Officer – Jason Cox.

This Council objects to the felling of the tree as no reasons to justify the felling are given.

12/P/2095/TPO - 2 Glebe Close, BS41 9DB - 3 Plum – reduce by approx. 0.5m and thin by 15%. Officer- Jason Cox.

No comment.

P226 - Comments made on application prior to meeting

12/P/1995/PDA - Land to south-west of Birches Farm Clevedon Road, BS48 3QS - Prior Notification of Agricultural building THIS IS NOT A PLANNING APPLICATION- Officer - Andrew Stevenson.

The clerk received no adverse comments from Councillors and the Chairman had no objections as the development would have no affect on neighbours, so NS informed that the Council had no objection.

P227 - North Somerset Decisions (circulated previously)

Those circulated previously were noted.

P228 - NS – consultation re Community Infrastructure Levy

Discussion was held regarding the Levy. The consultation questions were discussed and answers noted.

P229 - DCLG Consultation- Permitted Development Rights

The questionnaire was completed.

P230 - DCLG Consultation - Technical Review of Planning Appeal Procedures

The questionnaire was completed.

P231 - The Localism Act/Neighbourhood Development Plan

The next NDP meeting is to be held on the 11th December at 5.30pm.

P232 - South Bristol Link Road

The new Bristol Mayor does not appear to be in favour of the road.

P233 - Development until 2026 in and around Long Ashton

Nothing further to report.

P234 - Any other matters for information.

- a. 2 Well Close – the house and garden are being cleared.

Date of next meeting – 14th January 2013

Meeting closed 9.27pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING – 10TH DECEMBER 2012

Present:-

Chairman – Mr N Moorcroft

Mr D Aggett

Mr A Butcher

Mr C Cave

Mr R Cook

Mrs H Fordham

Mr J Glew

Ms S Hardingham

Mr M E Harris

Mrs B Mackwood

Mr N Moorcroft

Miss A Moser

Mrs J Pullin

Mr H B Roberts

Mr I Scoones

Mr P Sterland

Mrs S Sterland

Miss M Uppington

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr JE Turp and Ms Price (minutes)

Apologies were received from:-

Mr J D Skeeles

Mr G Williams

Mr H C H Williams

Mr M Riggall NS Liaison Officer

C144 - Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations

Cllr Ms Hardingham asked for a Grant of Dispensation relating to her position on the Youth Club Management Committee representing the Parish Council, to be able to take part and vote in items relating to the Youth Club as agreed in the Council meeting of 3rd September (C98); and also the fact that one of the candidates was also on the committee. A vote was taken and all agreed that the Dispensation should be granted until the next election as it was in the interests of the inhabitants of the Council's area.

C145 – Co-option of a Councillor to fill the Casual Vacancy

The CVs and letters from the three applicants had previously been circulated. A vote was taken. The results were Stuart McQuillan – 1 vote, Emma Stevenson – 4 votes, Dr Phil Jackson – 11 votes. As Dr Phil Jackson received more than 50% of the vote he was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

C146 – Resolution that this Parish Council agrees to take on the responsibility, from Taylor Wimpey, of the Southern Play Area on Chancellor's Park subject to receipt of the appropriate section 106 payment and the completion of any outstanding works.

All works have been completed except the repair of the waste bin lid in the park. A vote was taken. IT WAS RESOLVED: - that this Parish Council agrees to take on the responsibility, from Taylor Wimpey, of the Southern Play Area on Chancellor's Park subject to receipt of the appropriate section 106 payment and the completion of any outstanding works. All in agreement.

C147 – North Somerset Consultation on Social Housing Allocation – Parish Council Response.

Cllr Mackwood agreed to respond to the consultation. Comments from other Cllrs should be sent to the Clerk who will collate them with Cllr Mrs Mackwood's. Cllr Mackwood summarised her proposed response. The existing system was discussed. Cllr Cave is in discussion with NS to try and reduce the eligible age at Fenswood Court to 55 year.

Date of next meeting – 21st January 2013

Meeting closed 7.50pm

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES - 17th December 2012

Present:- Ms S Hardingham - Chairman

Mr C Cave

Mr M Harris

Mr M Moorcroft

Mrs J Pullin

Miss M Uppington

In attendance the Clerk, Dr J Turp, and Ms L Price (minutes).

Apologies were received from :-

Mr R Cook

Mr G Williams

F73 – Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations

Declarations of interests to be declared during the meeting.

Dispensations were requested by Cllrs Miss Hardingham, Harris, Mrs Pullin, Moorcroft, Miss Uppington and Cave, to be able to take part in discussion of and vote on items about the budget and precept setting, as they pay council tax and therefore have a pecuniary interest. It was proposed by Cllr Cave and seconded by Cllr Moorcroft that dispensations are granted on this basis until the next election as it would be impossible to set the budget otherwise. Unanimously agreed.

Dispensations were requested from Cllrs Cave and Mrs Pullin, as they are Trustees of LACA representing the Parish Council, to be able to take part and vote in items relating to LACA as agreed in the Council meeting of 3rd September (C98). It was proposed by Cllr Moorcroft and seconded by Cllr Harris that dispensations are granted on this basis until the next election. Unanimously agreed.

F73 - Minutes of the last meeting

Copies of the minutes of the meeting held on 29th October had previously been circulated. Further to an amendment of F69c – Playground Inspections – the vote should read “4 for, 1 against and 1 abstention”, the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and approved for signing.

F74 - Matters Arising

- a. Triodos Account – the Clerk has sent the application to open the account but has not as yet received a response.
- b. Standing Orders – ongoing.
- c. LACA Solar Panels – LACA expressed the opinion that the PC should consider the solar panels as a PC asset. The Clerk has sought legal advice. As LACA purchased the panels and are responsible for the repair of the buildings it was considered that they should own the panels. It was agreed that LACA should own the panels and hold them as an asset.
- d. Guidelines to be taken into account when deciding on grants – circulated during the meeting. The Clerk asked if the guidelines should be put on the website with an application form to apply for funding. All agreed.
- e. F69 – Wimpey Play Areas and Public Open Spaces – the PC has just received the legal advice from Buxtons re the s106 agreement. It has yet to be considered. Buxtons have raised questions about the indexing and pointed out that it should be based on the Retail Price Index. Cllr Cave to contact Roz Williams at NS for clarification.

F75 – Payments of Accounts and Payments to Council

The Clerk presented a list of payments and receipts to members and the content was noted and approved. It was RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £35,599.26 and note receipts of £762.41 for the months of October and November. All agreed.

F76 – Bi-monthly statement and Bank reconciliation

The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation and summary to the end of November. The total amount in all accounts is £268,244.76 (including long term investments of £78,726.88). It was RESOLVED to approve the bimonthly statement and bank reconciliation. All agreed.

F77 - Junior Football Club - To consider request for urgent grant

The Junior Football Club has requested a grant for £1,055 for this year (2012-2013). The Chairman outlined what the funding was requested for. It was noted that the Junior Football Club provide a service to a very large number of children in the parish.

Northleaze PSA has also requested a grant for £500 for play equipment and a durable play surface. The poor availability of play facilities at the Bristol (Northleaze School) end of the village was recognised. Although the funding request was for next year, due to the grant being asked for to complete stage 1 of a project and therefore reasonably urgent, it was decided to consider it this financial year.

It was RESOLVED to grant £700 to the Junior Football Club and £200 to Northleaze School PSA. Proposed by Cllr Ms Hardingham and seconded by Cllr Moorcroft. All agreed.

F78 - To consider request from clerk to attend SLCC Practitioners Conference

It was RESOLVED that the clerk can attend the SLCC Practitioners Conference. Proposed by Cllr Moorcroft and seconded by Cllr Miss Uppington. All agreed.

F79 - Proposed Budget for 2013/14

The Chair explained how the precept would be calculated and the effect of changes to Council Tax support. NS will be informed of their allocation on Wednesday 19th December and should be able to provide information about the effect on Parish Council precepts on Friday 21st December. For this reason the PC cannot set the budget or precept at the present time. The SLCC has advised that it is not expecting a cap on PC precept increases this year.

The Chairman outlined the proposed budget which has been drawn up based on a 3% rise in precept income compared to last year.

The Highways and Burial Ground budget is as that requested by the H&BGr Committee plus £500 for new planting.

The Admin budget is down from the previous year due to changes in salaries/pensions and to economies on other expenses. It includes a new item for accounts software of £500 and allowance for updating the website. Election costs contingency is set at £3,000 and general contingency at £4,000.

The Planning budget includes £5,000 for advice that the PC may need to take re the South Bristol Link Road and Bristol Rapid Transit applications.

For the Grants budget – the Community Association have asked for £28,500 which is less than last year as hall hire is proposed to increase. £13,000 has also been included for the maintenance of the sports field. A grant of £17,000 is included for Youth Provision. £3,000 is available for other grants.

The income summary was explained by the Chair. To meet this budget an increase of 3% in precept compared to last year is required.

However, the Neighbourhood Development Plan team have requested £20,000 for plan implementation. As implementation will not begin until quite late in the financial year it was agreed that this whole sum was unlikely to be needed in 2013/14.

A discussion was held regarding what percentage increase in the precept income the budget should be set at. It was agreed that approximately £2,800 could be allocated to the Neighbourhood Development Plan team for implementation of the plan which would lead to the need for a 5% increase in precept. It was RESOLVED that the percentage increase in the precept to be set at 5% as a proposal to take forward to be reviewed at an extra F&GP meeting to be held on 14th January 2013. Proposed by Cllr Ms Hardingham and seconded by Cllr Cave. All agreed.

F80 - Grant requests

It was RESOLVED to award the following grants from the budget for 2013/14:

£100 to Citizens Advice Bureau

£100 to Victim Support

£100 to MS Therapy Centre

£700 to Nailsea and District Community Transport

£1500 to Junior Football Club.

This will leave £500 for contingency in the grants budget.

Proposed by Cllr Ms Hardingham, seconded by Cllr Mrs Pullin, all agreed.

F81 - Correspondence

- a. Email from Mr I Clegg – re. complaint – The Clerk has directed Mr Clegg to NS as the appropriate organisation to deal with all complaints of this kind. The Chairman noted that this is a reminder to all Cllrs that if they are members of political parties that this should be noted on their declarations of interest. The Clerk advised that any additional information which Cllrs wish to add to their declarations of interest can be sent to the Clerk who will forward it on to the monitoring officer.
- b. Request from OSS for contribution to their legal fund – letter read out by the Chairman. It was noted that it would be difficult to argue that this fund would definitely benefit the residents of Long Ashton parish. Clerk to write to say that the PC cannot currently provide funding for this purpose as it does not have the power to provide this type of funding.
- c. Email from NS – regarding council tax funding advice.

F82 – Any Other Matters – for information only

None.

Date of extra meeting - 14th January 2013

Date of next ordinary meeting – 18th February 2013

Meeting closed 9.05pm