



LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Jubilee Pavilion,
Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton on 20th January 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors L Anderson, D Andrews, D Bolton, C Davis, J Ewen, C Fagg, S Hardingham, M Harris, J Ives, C James, T Kindred, R McAllister-Kemp and C Tarsey

In Attendance : Jo Swift (Locum Clerk), Hannah Harwood (Deputy Clerk & RFO) and one member of the public.

C22.001 Apologies for absence LGA 1972 s85 (1)

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors – A Cartman, C Cave, J D'Alesio, P Jackson and J Purkiss.

Absent – Councillors A Johnson and A Wilkinson.

C22.002 Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations

Resolved – that declaration of interests and dispensations were granted for Councillors D Andrews, C Fagg, S Hardingham and R McAllister-Kemp in respect of agenda items 4 (Budget and Precept - LACA items) and 11 (LACA subcommittee).

C22.003 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th November 2021 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (LGA 1972, Schedule 12, paragraph 41(1).

It was agreed to move agenda item 10 to after agenda item 3.

C22.004 Budget and Precept

Resolved – That the budget of £216,449, as recommended by the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 16th December 2021, was approved.

Resolved - That the level of precept for 2022-2023 to be requested will be a total of £195,000, which is £70.12 per Band D property. This will include taking £15,872 from general reserves.

It was agreed that the Finance and General Purposes committee will consider different options on how to set the budget going forward, taking the comments made on board, and to come up with some proposals for the way in which the Council puts its budget together.

Noted - That the Finance and General Purposes meeting on 16th December approved that a grant of £36,300 for LACA was put in the budget in respect of planned property maintenance, repairs and renewals. In view of the financial uncertainty facing the Community Centre however, it is possible that some of this

funding may have to be used to subsidise the running costs, with the detrimental effect of delaying necessary maintenance. Because of Covid, it may still be some months before normality returns to the usage of the Community Centre. Given the planned transition to a CIO and the uncertainty surrounding the situation, this fund and any held in reserve by the PC for this purpose will be made available to LACA only as staged payments, on a draw-down basis as needed after approval by the PC/LACA sub-committee.

C22.005 Final External Auditor report and Certificate for 2020/2021
Resolved – that the final external Auditor’s report and certificate for 2020/2021 was received and noted.

C22.006 Christmas tree payment
Noted - That £300 has been paid for the removal of the Christmas Trees which was not included in the approved amount agreed at the Finance and General Purposes meeting held on 21st October 2021.

It was suggested that the plan for Christmas 2022 is put on the agenda for discussion at the March full Council meeting.

C22.007 Schedule of meetings
Resolved – That the schedule of meetings for April to September 2022 were agreed.

C22.008 Annual Parish meeting
Resolved – That a date is arranged, preferably week commencing w/c 25th April, subject to availability and that Councillors Anderson, Tarsey, Ewen to research the options and report back to the F&GP (Finance & General Purposes) meeting in February.

C22.009 Appointment to committee
Resolved – that Councillor J Ives is appointed to the Environment Committee.

C22.010 Queen’s Jubilee
Resolved – that a budget of up to £3,000 was agreed, in principle, and that Councillors Kindred and James to consult the local community and report back to the Finance & General Purposes committee in February.

C22.011 LACA sub-committee
Regarding the proposed formation of a new CIO to take over from LACA as soon as practicable, that the Parish Council agrees in principle:
Resolved – that the proposed constitution, as per the summary circulated, was approved.
Resolved – that the founding trustees, who will register the CIO, will be selected by VANs.

Resolved – that as the landlord, consent was approved for the assignment of the lease being transferred to the new CIO.

Resolved - The Parish Council accepts that detailed changes, terms and conditions will need to be agreed by the LACA/PC sub-committee in consultation with VANS, without further reference back to the Parish Council.

C22.012 Working Group Reports

Reports, previously circulated, were noted.

Greenbelt working group – North Somerset Council, will provide papers shortly about proposals for future planning and the amount of houses that may need to be built on the greenbelt.

Noted - Greenbelt Working Group will report to the Planning committee.

Library working group – a discussion took place about the library working group, it was agreed to keep it on the agenda to be reconsidered at a later date. It was suggested that a discussion on the format of and establishing renewed goals for the Library working group would be revisited at the Full Council meeting in May 2022.

Health and Well Being group - information was provided about the Health and Well Being group and it was noted that a project funded by West of England Rural Network, will run until the end of June.

Noted - It was suggested that June is the preferable month to have the wellbeing event. It was also suggested that the Parish Council should have a presence, to help inform residents about what the Council do. The suggestions to be considered and will be reported back.

The Health and Well Being fair will have a community health focus with a desire to engage the local community.

1st February 2022 at 1pm is the next Health and Well Being working group.

C22.013 Date of the next meeting

To note the 17th of March 2022 at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended at 21.17

Signed: Date: