

LONG BREDY AND KINGSTON RUSSELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Long Bredy and Kingston Russell Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday, 16th May 2016, 7.07pm in the Village Hall, Long Bredy

Those present: Parish Councillors – Mr D Peretz (Chairman), Mr G Maltby, Miss C Kinghorn, Ms T Silkstone, Mr M Felce, Mr S Evans, Mrs K Smith, WDDC Cllr. John Russell, DCC Cllr. Gardner and the Parish Clerk, Mrs G Kinghorn.

Members of the Public: There were five members of the public present.

1) **Apologies for Absence:** There were no apologies.

2) **Declaration of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest.

3) **Democratic time:** No matters were raised in democratic time.

4) **Dorset County Councillor & West Dorset District Councillor updates:** An update was given by DCC. Cllr. Ian Gardner. Discussions and debate were still ongoing regarding the possible creation of a Unitary Authority to replace/amalgamate existing County and District structure. There will be some changes to committee structures at West Dorset District Council following a referendum into its governance arrangements. A Strategy Committee will replace the Executive Committee and its membership could be larger. The change to be implemented in May 2017. Cllr. John Russell agreed with Cllr. Gardner's remarks and added the council was working hard to ensure quality of service was retained although budget reduced.

5) **Approval of Minutes of the previous Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th April 2016 were signed by the Chairman as correct. There were no amendments. Proposed: S Evans; seconded: Mrs K Smith.

6) **Matters Arising:**

i) Superfast Broadband - Litton Cheney now have superfast broadband. In Long Bredy BT were still in negotiation regarding a new site for the green box.

ii) Travel Plan Meeting. Report on meeting held 28/4/16 – meeting attended by S Evans, D Peretz and the Parish Clerk. D Peretz gave an overview to the meeting. It had been agreed delivery/collection start time for lorries would be 7.30am to stop them coming through the village or parking up in the village before 7am. Also at present on the website all traffic to the factory are directed through Long Bredy, and it had been agreed that this would be removed. Only the route for HGVs over 7.5 tons would be given. S Evans had inspected the route to the factory with Ian Madgwick, Highways Dept. There were several places of severe damage to the verges and a few points of potential collapse including the wall alongside the stream opposite 7, 8 & 9 Bedford Terrace which was being pushed into the stream by the traffic. The Highways team would repair the damage to roadside verges when the weather was better. It was unclear as to which agency was responsible for the wall alongside the stream, Highways would make enquiries. S Evans said that in his view it would be important to ensure it was repaired back to its original state and not topped by concrete or raised in height. It was also agreed Highways would install traffic count equipment on Coxes Lane, the road to the factory and Hinds Mead Lane. The inspection and traffic count would lay down a marker for the condition and use of the road which can be used in the future if necessary. The route should be inspected again in 6 months. The next meeting will be held at Long Bredy Village Hall on the 28th July 2016.

iii) Fingerposts – The 'No Through Road' sign was being refurbished. A new post was required and this has been supplied by Highways at no charge.

iv) M Felce queried Item 11) Summer Event as to who was insuring the event. The Chairman explained the parish council had agreed to adopt the working party/committee for the village picnic which allowed the picnic to be insured by the council. This was on advice received from the insurance company. The church was insuring the fete and competitions to be held at the church (Appendices 1).

v) The Chairman requested again that councillors either copy in the Clerk or make her aware of any correspondence they may have as a parish councillor. Matters had arisen recently which have taken time to rectify including the incorrect correspondence details being added to the dorsetforyou website and an on a subsequent incorrectly addressed remittance advice coming from the WDDC (Appendices 2).

7) **Finance:**

i) Bank Accounts as of the 16th May 2016 - Community: £2778.46; Business Account: £2551.80

ii) Invoices to date plus additional invoices if they should arise: Long Bredy Village Hall - £155 - Rent; Came & Company - £ 291.04 - Parish Council Insurance; A Harrison - £22.25 – fuel for mower and new inner tube for mower. Proposed: S Evans; seconded: Ms T Silkstone. The Parish Clerk will be paid at the September meeting which will be her final salary payment. This will be for 18 months instead of 12 months.

iii) Donation received from Spring Coffee Morning £61.86.

Planning applications to date: None at present

Correspondence: Came & Company Newsletter

Annual Parish Meetings (23rd May) - Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meetings were discussed. Mes Sharpe, Dorset AONB would be coming to give a talk at the meeting on the work of the AONB and the South Dorset Ridgeway project. The police would send a report as they were unable to attend personally due to other meeting commitments. An email had been sent out before the meeting regarding the presentation to the fingerpost team leaders. This had been agreed. Topics for possible discussion were put forward for Kingston Russell parish. These included Greenford Lane, a notice board for Kingston Russell, the precept, the A35 and flooding issues and superfast broadband. For Long Bredy parish topics put forward included the split of the proceeds for fund raising events, playing field improvements; increase in precept and superfast broadband. In reply to our request for clarification of the procedure for separate parish meetings in a group parish situation the DAPTC advised us to hold the separate meetings. If residents did not attend, in future revert back to the one meeting (Appendices 3).

Vacancy for Parish Clerk – one applicant had come forward from outside the parishes who had spoken with the Clerk. It was agreed to wait until the cut-off date at the end of June. Meanwhile the Chairman would speak to the applicant. The Chairman and Vice Chairman would interview candidates. The advertisement had been placed on the noticeboard and will be in the June BVN.

Playing Field – nothing to report at present.

Footpaths and Roads – several residents were concerned about the turning right into Abbotsbury Lane when coming along Coxes Lane from Litton Cheney. It was very difficult to see cars and cyclists. A mirror had been requested to improve vision. The Clerk was asked to speak to Simon Roberts, Community Highways Officer to see if the sight line could be improved. The subject of speed restriction signs was also discussed. The Clerk would contact Simon Roberts to enquire as to whether signs would still be required though the village as we have no street lighting.

The bridleway behind Kingston Russell House and Friday Lane footpath were discussed. The ditches are in need of cleaning out as the bridleway is extremely wet. The Clerk would contact the DCC Footpaths Officer to discuss options.

Items for next Agenda: Vacancy for Parish Clerk; Cheese factory meeting.

Time of meetings for Parish Council Year 2016/2017: All meetings will be held on Mondays at 7pm,

Village Hall, Long Bredy unless otherwise notified: 2016: 11th July; 12th September; 21st November; 2017 -

1st January; 20th March.

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

DAVID PERETZ

11 July 2016