

Long Bredy & Kingston Russell Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on

Monday 31 July 2023 at 7pm

Village Hall, Long Bredy

Present: Councillors Charlotte Kinghorn (Chairman), Giles Maltby (Deputy Chairman), Ruth Cullingford, Steven Evans, Kate Harries, David Peretz

2023/024 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

2023/025 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

2023/026 Public Participation time

There were six members of the public present

2023/027 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council, held on 1 June 2023, were presented by the Chairman.

Resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2023/028 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not already covered by the Agenda.

2023/029 Rowden Farm

Councillor Kinghorn noted that a light had been left on in the barn which she had reported. There was nothing further to report at this time.

2023/030 Travel Plan

Councillor Kinghorn and Councillor Cullingford had attended the recent meeting attended by Chris Loder and Litton Cheney Parish Council. The subject of HGV lorries travelling through the village was discussed at length and both Litton Cheney and Long Bredy and Kingston Russell Parish Council answered queries posed by Chris Loder in respect of the number of lorries passing through the village with Litton Cheney reporting 1 – 2 per week and Long Bredy and Kingston Russell reporting 6-7 per day.

Councillor Kinghorn reiterated the villages commitment to no direction signs through the village and requested that smaller lorries were used and that they travel less frequently.

The 'Unsuitable for HGV' signage was discussed and whether this should be removed and replaced with a weight restriction sign instead. It was anticipated that the erection of such signage could be in the region of £20k to £40k and consultation on the matter would cost in the region of £3k. It was felt that the money should come from Highways.

Whilst on the topic of highways, a number of Councillors raised concerns about speeding in the village and the Chairman advised that number plates should be noted and reported to the police. The Chairman would be happy to assist if necessary.

2023/031 The Rookery

The Chairman elaborated on the communication that had gone on between the Parish Council, Stonewater and Dorset Council to once again reiterate the section 106 status of The Rookery. Further to an enormous amount of research and dedication by the Chairman, the Section 106 was finally re-established and the advert had been placed for a vacant property with the appropriate criteria.

2023/032 Playground Inspection

Councillors Kinghorn, Peretz and Cullingford had met at the Playground to go through the recent inspection and to consider a plan of action.

2023/033 Reserve Mower Driver

The prudence of having a reserve mower driver was discussed and the offer from a resident of the village was noted and graciously accepted.

2023/034 Signage for Swing

The signage for the play equipment in general was discussed and it was agreed that laminated signs would be produced stating that the equipment was for the use of children under 14 years old.

Resolved that the Chairman would progress the production of the signage.

2023/035 Replacement Bench – Playing Field

The replacement of the bench with either another bench or a picnic table was considered.

Resolved that the clerk would investigate the costs of a picnic table and report back to Councillors before the next meeting.

2023/036 Budget for Playground

This item was deferred until such a time as other items of potential expenditure had been confirmed ie. mower and bench.

2023/037 Purchase of a second hand mower

The purchase of a second hand mower was considered as it was thought it may be necessary in the near future.

Resolved that the Clerk would report back to the Chairman with an idea of the costs of ride on mowers that would be up to the task of cutting a ¼ acre field.

2023/038 Playground Repairs

A number of issues at the playground were considered

- Replacing the board on the slide
- Refurbishing the multi play area
- Repairing the climbing frame
- The bushes on the swing and swing frame
- Covers for the bolts

Resolved that the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman would investigate further and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

2023/039 Signage for Playing Field Gate

The wording for the sign on the gate was discussed. Suggestions were made as to including the unique digital address ie. what3words and having an age restriction. It was agreed that this required further thought and would be brought back to a later meeting.

2023/040 Annual Volunteering Morning

An annual volunteering morning for the Parish was discussed.

Resolved that Councillors were in favour of a volunteering morning annually in May.

2023/041 Planning Applications/Appeals

Application No:	P/FUL/2021/01920
Location:	Land at Crupton Farm Crupton Lane Crupton DT2 0EB
Development:	Install ground-mounted solar panel photovoltaic solar arrays, substations, inverter stations, security fencing, access tracks, landscaping and other ancillary infrastructure.

Application No:	P/LBC/2023/03521
Location:	Long Bredy Village Hall Abbotsbury Lane Long Bredy Dorset DT2 9HP
Proposal:	Internal and external alteration to Install 18 panel (7.56kW) roof mounted solar array on south facing roof slope.

Application No: P/HOU/2023/03584
Location: 13 Baglake Litton Cheney DT2 9DP
Proposal: Erect single storey rear and side extensions.

Resolved that there were no objections from the Parish Council

2023/042 Councillor Vacancy

In light of the resignation of Councillor T Silkstone and the subsequent notice of the casual vacancy having been advertised, an applicant had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Further to an introduction from Rick Cook, it was proposed and seconded that he be co-opted onto the Council.

Resolved that Rick Cook be co-opted onto the Parish Council and sign the Declaration of Acceptance.

2023/043 Finance

Payments to the following were considered for payment.

Clerk's salary (June – July inc) = £608.00

HMRC = 139.00

DAPTC Extra Storage = £45.00

A Harrison – Fuel = £9.04

Resolved that the payments be approved and the cheques duly authorised.

2023/044 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be on 25 September 2023 at 7pm.

Signed

Chairman