Little Longstone Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 14th April 2003 at the Monsal Head Café

01/03 **Present:**

M Lythgoe, P Wrench , A Wrench, W Adamson, A Nicholas, N E Green,, I Sutcliffe, E Nicholas, M Longsdon, J Longsdon, James Longsdon, D Gregory, R L Gregory, H M Fletcher, S L Lythgoe, P Davey, Cllr Mrs C M N Crowther, J Jackson, (Clerk)

02/03 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from 10 members of the village.

03/03 **Election of Chairman**

Mr Lythgoe had informed the last meeting that he would no longer stand as Chairman. As there were no other nominations Mr P R E Wrench was elected Chairman.

Mr Wrench thanked Mr Lythgoe for the sterling work he had done over the past eight years. He had steered the Parish Meeting through some difficult times and in particular had done a wonderful job with the millennium book. On behalf of the people of Little Longstone he presented Mr Lythgoe with a gift to show their appreciation and thanks.

Mr Lythgoe thanked everyone for their support in particular to Mr Wrench whom, as Finance Officer had always been there to help. He also thanked his wife for the support she had given over the years, without which he could not have devoted so much time.

04/03 **Minutes of the Previous meeting held 17th December 2002:**

The Minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

05/03 **Matters arising from the previous minutes:**

- **30/01. Tree Cutting - Monsal Head**: As the tree cutting had not commenced Mr Nicholas would contact Mrs Potter.

- **10/02 Chapel Gates**: Quotations for the work had been received and it was agreed to accept M G Fabrications tender of £150.

- **27/02 Freedom of Information Act**:
  The Commissioner had approved the application.

- **28/02 ii Street Lighting**
  Application had been made for assistance towards additional lighting around the area of the stocks but no response had been received. Cllr Crowther suggested that Mr R Holmes should be contacted.

- **32/02 Village of the Year**
  The Clerk had contacted the "Calor Gas Village of the Year" regarding the way they managed their expenditure. This had been done by setting up separate charitable trusts. The Chairman said this was something that had been considered and rejected in the past and suggested that the Clerk

discuss the issues with DALC.

- **25/02 Millennium Book:**
  Sales of the Millennium Book had gone well and there was a request for a reprint. There was a discussion regarding who would look after the sales and promotion. Mr & Mrs Souter were interested in setting up a website. There had been further requests from libraries for copies and it was noted that copies had gone worldwide. Cllr Crowther said Little Longstone were to be congratulated on producing such a high quality book. It was agreed that the quality should be maintained and the likely cost would be in the region of £15 per copy. It was agreed that further enquiries should be made and the Clerk would check with DALC regarding the question of trading.

- **26/02 Ice Cream Sales Concession:**
  The concession had been offered on a six-month probationary period. It was agreed that this was now running well, drinks were not available and the full three year concession would be offered.

06/03 **Correspondence:**
A letter had been received from The Devonshire Maintenance Fund regarding Monsal Head - Open Space and the agreement to consent for an extension period to 2013. Mr Wrench said he would pursue the matter and report back.

07/03 **Finance:**

The following items of expenditure had been made and were approved

J Jackson (Clerk's honorarium and expenses)	£463.88
Monsal Head Cafe (meeting room)	£ 25.00
Donation (Under the Edge)	£ 100.00

The following items of proposed expenditure were agreed

Great Longstone Senior Citizens Club	£ 50.00
J W Sheppard - Gardening Services	£195.84

Insurance premium renewal due May - increase to £202.00 p.a.

It was agreed to set aside a sum up to £400 for clearing and making good the troughs.

Draft accounts would be ready for the next meeting.

Mr Wrench agreed to continue as Finance Officer for the time being and it was agreed that signatories to the account would be Mr A Nicholas, Mr P Wrench, Mr W Adamson, and Mr James Longsdon.

Mr Wrench reported that 4 people from Little Longstone had received assistance from Monyash Trusts. All requests were confidential to the committee and the aims were well advertised. The representatives from Little Longstone were Mr Wrench and Mr Adamson.

08/03 **Planning Applications:**
Ref:NP/DDD/0802/411- Approval had been given for alterations to barn to form 3 holiday cottages at Upperdale House.

09/03 **Circulars and Information:** The following leaflets/papers were available:

- The Countryside Agency - Parish Plans
- Derbyshire Dales District Council - Consultation Document - Housing Renewal Policy
- dalesMatters

At the close of the meeting Mr Wrench said that this would be Cllr Mrs Crowther's last meeting as Councillor. He thanked her on behalf of Little Longstone for all her help and interest over the years and on behalf of the villagers it was his pleasure to present her with a small gift and bouquet of flowers as a mark of their esteem.

Cllr Mrs Crowther thanked the meeting for their kindness and said she had been proud and delighted to work so closely with Little Longstone over the past 30 years. In particular she felt the Millennium Book was a project the village should be proud of and she knew it would bring pleasure to many. She would be happy to offer any help in the future and wished Little Longstone continued success.

Mr Wrench thanked Mr Nicholas for the use of the Café and everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

P.R.E. Wrench
11 September 2003