Little Longstone Parish Meeting

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Minutes of the Parish Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 9th May 2005 at the Mondsal Head Cafe

66/05 Present:

P. Wrench (Chairman & Finance Officer) Mrs A. N. Wrench, Mrs C. M. Burns, Mrs J. Nicholas, Mrs I. Sutcliffe, Mr P. Davey, Mr J. Longsdon, Mr P. Davey, Mrs J. Mantell, Mr N. Green, Mrs D. Gregory, Mr A. Nicholas, Mr J. Longsdon and Mr D. Burns (Clerk)

67/05 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr M. Isherwood, Mr W. Adamson, Mrs M. Longsdon, Mr R. Gregory and Miss M. Longsdon.

68.05 Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 13th December 2004

Following an amendment adding Mrs J. Mantell to those present, the minutes were proposed a true record by Mrs I. Sutcliffe, seconded Mr J. Longsdon with all in favour.

69/04 Matters Arising

Mrs Mantell confirmed that the trees opposite the private hotels had now been pruned.

70/05 Election of Chairman

It was unanimously approved that Mr P. Wrench continue as Chairman and R.F.O.

71/05 Planning Matters

The Clerk advised of an Enforcement Notice that had been placed on the development at Orrs ~~Farm~~ BARN, Little Longstone.

72/05 Financial Matters

Having been previously circulated, the Annual Accounts for y/e 31.03.05 together with the proposed budget for 2005/06 were discussed and approval of both was proposed by Mrs Mantell, seconded by Mr Green with all in favour.

The Clerk reported on a letter received from the Audit Commission in respect of the accounts for the y/e 31.03.04. It would seem that the donation of £2000 made to

Great Longstone School exceeded the permissable amount in that the maximum total of donations made in any one year should not exceed £5.30 per registered elector. In the case of Little Longstone this equates to approx. £500 per annum.
The Clerk also reported that, under the Licence Act 2003, a special licence would be required from DDDC for any musical event. The fee for this is £103 but would be waived if the proceeds were to be donated to a charitable cause. This led to a discussion on the forthcoming Well Dressing celbration after which it was agreed that ~~Tideswell~~ BAKEWELL Band be engaged for this event on Sun 17th July at a cost of £200 and all proceeds be donated to Thornhill House. Mrs Wrench volunteered to organize the event.
Mr Green voiced his concern at the amount of broken glass on the car park at Monsal Head and asked if the Parish Meeting's insurance included cover for personal injury. The Chairman confirmed that it did but instructed the Clerk to write to the hotel manager on this matter.
The Chairman advised that the following amounts were due for payment:-

1. J. W. & J. Mettam - Wreath	30.00
2. D. J. Burns - Salary/Expenses May 04 - April 05	~~503.71~~ 503.71
3. DALC - Annual Subscription	28.00
4. Monsal View Cafe - Room Hire	25.00

The Chairman also advised of a request for a donation from U.T.E. After some discussion it was agreed to give £75 with a further £75 later in the year if funds allow. Approval of these payments together with acceptance of the Annual Accounts was propsed by Mrs Mantell and seconded by Mrs Sutcliffe - All in favour.

73/05 Update on tree pruning at Monsal Head

The Chairman reported that this had now been completed to a high standard and that a contributing factor may well have been a letter from Mrs Mantell to Her Grace, the Dowager Duchess. Mrs Mantell said she would write a letter of thanks to Her Grace.

74/05 Discussion on Millennium Book sales

The Chairman reported that a total of 25 books had been sold this year. Mr Green asked where they were available from and was advised that they are on sale at the Packhorse Inn, the Print Room and Casey's shop.

75/05 Appointment of Trustees - Monsal Head Land

The Chairman gave a brief history of the land since its gift to the parish by His Grace the Duke of Devonshire in 1921. As there were now only three trustees, the minimum number required, he proposed that Mr J. Longsdon be elected to the board. This was seconded by Mrs Gregory with all in favour. He then went on to say that the Charity Commission had suggested this be made into a separate Trust and, following a lenghty

discussion, agreed to investigate the matter further and report back to a future meeting.

76/05 Correspondence

1. DCC - Producing a Rights of Way Improvement Plan Questionaire - Mr P. Davey offered to complete this and return it in the envelope provided.
2. Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport - Update and Annual Appeal - Mrs Sutcliffe proposed a donation of £250. This was seconded by Mr Davey with all in favour.
3. Audit Commission - letter re donation to Great Longstone School - This had been covered under Financial Matters.

77/05 Circulars and Brochures etc

The following items were available for inspection:-

- DALC - Assorted Updates and General Circulars
- DCC - SACRE Annual Report 2003/04
- DDDC - Licensing Act 2003 - Advice and Information
- Peak Park - Planning Handbook 2005
- Office of Deputy Prime Minister - Freedom of Information Act 2000
- DRCC - Rural Matters - Winter 2004/05
- DEFRA - Quality Parishes and Parish Planning
- DCC - Gold Card Discount Directory
- East Midlands Regional Assembly - Waste & Regional Freight Strategies
- East Midlands Development Agency - Quarterly Newsletter

78/05 A.O.B. (Added to the agenda)

Mr Green asked if the parish would consider financial assitance to the Chapel for the restoration of the gravel path leading to the building. The Chairman said that if the chapel members were to obtain costings we would be pleased to consider it.

Mrs Jackson reported on a footpath that led from the top of the car park to the rear of the Monsal Head Hotel to the road adjacent to Monsal View Cafe. This had been closed off by DCC but was still being used by walkers and causing damage in the process. The Clerk is to contact the Footpaths Officer on the matter.

Mr Green raised concerns over potential hazards caused by visitors parking on certain parts of Main Street and dangers to children crossing the road to read the notice by the Pinfold. A lengthy debate ensued on the pros and cons of yellow lines, white lines and road safety signs. These matters will be looked into further by the Chairman and Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.