Little Longstone Parish Meeting

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Minutes of the Parish Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 23rd August 2010 at Hobbs Café, Monsal Head

Present

Mrs D. Gregory (Chairman), Mr R. Lambe, Mrs C. M. Burns, Mrs S. Stokes, Mr J. Longsdon, Mrs D. Tasker, Mr R. Gregory, Miss M. Longsdon and Clerk, Mr D. Burns.

013/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mrs. M. Longsdon, Miss A. Gregory and Mrs E. Adamson.

014/10 Declaration of Interests

Mrs S. Stokes declared a possible interest in item 5 in that, should the Announcement from the Clerk involve his retirement, she would like to be considered for the position.

015/10 Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2010

Following an amendment to the approved payments, the minutes were proposed a true record by Mr R. Lambe and seconded by Mrs C. M. Burns with all in favour.

016/10 Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that there had still been no reaction from DCC re the request for additional 30mph signs.

The Clerk also raised the issue of appointing someone to replace Mrs M. Longsdon as a Trustee to the Ryder Charity. Mr J. Longsdon said that this was not an urgent issue as the Parish still had a representative trustee (Mrs J. Mantell) who has just agreed to continue for a further 4 year term. Following a short discussion, it was agreed to invite Mrs Mantell to the next meeting to give a presentation of the Charity's activities.

Mr R. Lambe spoke of his concern as to whether or not the Parish Meeting is supportive of the opposition to off-roaders etc using local public bridleways. This prompted a lengthy debate during which the Clerk pointed out that it is on record that the Parish Meeting submitted a strong objection to the original 'Bye Way Open to All Traffic' application. It was finally agreed that the Clerk would contact the local protest group, 'Rocking the Boat', to confirm the Meeting's full support.

017/10 Announcement from the Clerk

The Clerk announced that, due to ongoing health problems, he had decided to retire from the post at the end of the month and that he had notified the Chairman of this decision some weeks ago. He went on to say that it was with some regret that he was leaving as he had thoroughly enjoyed his spell in the position and that he would, of course, continue to take an active interest in parish affairs, attend meetings whenever possible and provide any help that may be required by his succcessor.

With regard to his successor, the Clerk reported that Mrs Sarah Stokes of Longstone Byre, Little Longstone would be happy to take on the position. Sarah is highly experienced having, at one time, been Clerk to Great Longstone Parish Council, and would be the ideal person to drive through the Land Registration and proposed Monsal Head Charity projects. The alternative would be to advertise in the local press and, should the Meeting decide on this route, he would provide the correct wording for the advert.

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After a short debate Mr J. Longsdon proposed that Mrs Stokes be offered the position. This was seconded by Mr R. Lambe with all in favour.

018/10 Planning Matters

NP/DDD/0710/0662, Conversion of outbuildings to holiday cottages etc.
Castle Cliff Hotel, Monsal Head.
Following a full inspection the plans and some considerable discussion, Mr J. Longsdon proposed the approval of the application. This was seconded by Miss M. Longsdon with all in favour.

019/10 Financial Matters

Mrs Gregory reported on the following financial matters:-

(a) *To approve payments made since the last meeting*:-

			CHQ No.
1.	DALC (Training Fee)	15.00	309
2.	AON (Insurance Premium)	367.09	310
3.	C. Barnes (Gardening Services)	71.50	311
4.	Mrs D. Gregory (Well Dressing Expenses)	260.97	312
5.	DALC (Training Fee)	15.00	313
6.	D. J. Burns (Clerk's Salary / Expenses)	227.61	314
7.	R. Lambe (Hire of Room)	60.00	315

Approval of all the above payments was proposed by Mrs D. Tasker and seconded by Mr J. Longsdon with all in favour.

(b) *To approve payments due to be made*
There were no payments currently due to be made.

(c) *To finalise donations for 2010 / 2011*
After considerable discussion the following courses of action were proposed by Mr J. Longsdon, seconded by Mr K. Adamson and with all in favour:-
1. A donation of £125.00 each be made to Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport, Helen's Trust and Great Longstone Pre-School Group.
2. A subscription to UTE to cover the sale price of the total number of copies delivered within the parish boundary of Little Longstone. The Clerk to ascertain the figure and report back to the next meeting.
3. Mr K. Adamson to prepare a proposal for the next meeting re the possibility of providing financial assistance with maintenance costs of the Little Longstone Chapel.

(d) *Update on renewal of GLCC block membership.*
The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Chairman of GLCC confirming that the club will comply with the Parish Meeting's request that equipment and training facilities be provided for children, including those living within the parish of Little Longstone. In view of this Mr J. Longsdon proposed the renewal of the block membership. This was seconded by Mrs D. Tasker and carried unanimously.

(e) *Update on creation of Monsal Head Charity.*
The Clerk reported that all the historical paperwork relating to the land at Monsal Head was now to hand and ready to pass on to his replacement. Mrs Stokes said that she would correlate the papers prior to seeking specialist legal advice. Mr R. Lambe expressed strong concerns as to which solicitor to use and that nothing should be done without the full approval of the Parish Meeting. This prompted a lengthy discussion during which Mr K. Adamson spoke of a company in Manchester that specialises in charity work and Miss M. Longsdon suggested that we seek advice from the Charity Commission. It was finally agreed that Mrs Stokes makes the necessary enquiries and report back to the next meeting.

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020/10 Registration of Parish Owned Land

The Clerk reported that he and Mrs Stokes had attended a training session on this subject at the offices of DALC in Wirksworth. He went on to say that all the relative application forms were to hand and the process was relatively inexpensive and, providing deeds are available, quick. He suggested that, as we hold the deeds, we proceed with the registration of the land at Monsal Head and that Mr J. Longsdon enquire about the possible existence of deeds for the Pinfold and the plot of land in front of the new holiday cottages. Acceptance of this suggestion was proposed by Mrs C. M. Burns, seconded by Mr J. Longsdon and carried unanimously.

021/10 Correspondence

1. Ralph Ryder Charity - Notice of re-appointment of Trustee - Noted.
2. PDNPA - Notice of Parishes' Day 25th September 2010 - Noted.

022/10 Circulars & Brochures etc.

1. DALC - General Circular Nos: 24 - 42/2010.
2. Rural Action Derbyshire - 'The Playing Field' - Spring & Summer 2010.
3. Clerk & Councils Direct - May 2010.
5. DALC - AGM Agenda.
7. DALC - Annual report 2009/10.

023/10 Late Correspondence (Received since circulation of the agenda)

1. The Motor Cycling Club Ltd - Notice of Road Trial on Putwell Hill 2.10.10 - Noted.

024/10 Any Other Business

1. Mr K. Adamson expressed concern over the obtrusive growth of trees on and around the Monsal Head Viaduct. After some discussion, it was agreed that this was most likely the responsibility of the PDNPA and/or Chatsworth Estates. Mr Adamson agreed to contact PDNPA himself and report back to the next meeting.
2. It had been suggested by a resident that the village stocks be restored to their original condition. Mrs D. Tasker said that her husband had undertaken considerable internet research on this matter and will pass the information to the new Clerk who will obtain and provide quotations for the next meeting.
3. Miss M. Longsdon asked that a vote of thanks to the retiring Clerk be minuted for his hard work during his years in the post. The Chairman, Mrs D. Gregory, added her personal thanks and presented him, on behalf of the Parish Meeting, with a print by the renowned local artist, Richard Whittlestone. The Clerk responded by thanking everyone for their kindness and generosity.

025/10 Date of Next Meeting

Subject to any interim planning applications, it was agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday 13th December 2010.

There being no further business, Mrs Gregory closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

D Gregory
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