LITTLE LONGSTONE PARISH MEETING
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND February 2021 AT 7PM VIA ZOOM

The public comments session was discussed later in the meeting, covering Scratta Wood.

Present: Mrs Di Gair-Tasker (Chair), Mrs K Adamson, Mr and Mrs J Cotterill, Mrs J Gledhill, Mrs E Lee, Mr P Davey, Mr G Brooke and Mrs A Plowright, Mr C Thirtle (Owner of Scratta Wood) and Mrs S Stokes (Clerk).

01/21 Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Mr and Mrs R Lambe, Mrs C Burns and Mrs E Adamson.

02/21. Declarations of interest. Mrs D Gair-Tasker declared an interest in donations (Treasurer to GL Cricket Club).

03/21. Minutes for the meeting 23rd November 2020. The minutes were proposed by Mrs E Lee and seconded by Mr P Davey.

04/21 Financial matters.

4.1 To approve payments made since last meeting.

Community Heartbeat Trust (Defib telephone)	£72.00
Sarah Stokes (village cake order during covid 19)	£577.50 (Chairs fund)
Julie Cox (chapel cleans)	£100.00

4.2 To approve payments to be made.

Sarah Stokes (Admin/exp)	£499.56
Dalc (subscription)	£15.00
J Cox (gritting)	£50.00

The payments were proposed by Mrs E Lee and seconded by Mr K Adamson.

Mr K Adamson thanked the parish meeting for continuing to help with the chapel cleaning costs.

4.3 To approve costs for 2021 well dressing and band. To be discussed under village event.

4.4 Signatory. No progress due to covid. Clerk reported current arrangement working well in the mean - time.

4.5 Audit. To note the Clerk to prepare for the audit, to be carried out by Allen West and Foster and to prepare for the Annual Governance and Accountability return 2020/2021. Clerk anticipates that LLPM will be exempt from an external audit this year.

4.6 Donations/funds (under section 137 of the local Government Act) and subscriptions 2020/2021.
Consideration of a further donation to Monsal Head toilets.

The Clerk reported on subscriptions and s137 funds for 2019/2020. It was agreed to go in - line with last year.

It was proposed by Mrs C Cotterill: Subscriptions to - Under the Edge (£750), Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport (£1000) and Great Longstone Cricket Club (£850). The £557 of Section 137 funds to go to Great Longstone Pre School. This was seconded by Mrs E Lee.

Funds for the toilets to be discussed under toilets.

05/21 Planning. There were no planning matters.

06/21 Matters arising.

6.1 Monsal Head.

6.1.1. Ice cream van. Clerk reported that all documents have been received and completed for the new ice cream licence with Monsal Head Ices. It was noted that Fredericks of Chesterfield sent in a late tender for the ice cream van site; the letter was written on 1st December 2020, received by the Clerk on 14th December 2020. The deadline for the tender was 20th November 2020. The Clerk phoned Fredericks promptly on 14th December 2020, explaining the tender deadline having passed/ this was backed up with a letter from the Clerk on 15th December 2020.

6.1.2 Short term car park. Clerk had inspected the car park and had reported to DDDC that the benches needed restaining, also that there are mole hills on the green triangle area and two gaps in the walls. To note DDDC have a lease to keep the car park to a high standard, whilst paying a peppercorn rent.

6.1.3 Toilets. The Clerk reported that Cllr Clare Gamble had an update for the Parish Meeting on the toilets; Plan to re-open the toilets on 1 March 2021; start on a tenancy, as the legal documentation and grant of £7500 has not been received from DDDC; LLPM received a reply from DDDC pre xmas, stating that the legal matters would be sorted out early 2021; they are looking at running costs of £6500 per year (with £4000 being the main cost – cleaning); aim to do the disabled toilet @ about £1000 in the future; there is a current drain issue being sorted; insurance and a cleaner all organised.

Two areas were raised, will the toilets be locked at night and signage/poster regarding advertising the story behind getting the toilets open and people looking after them. The Clerk had passed information on a sign company to Cllr Gamble. The Clerk confirmed that an honesty box is being used. Clerk to look into both the signage and overnight closure with Cllr Gamble.

The meeting was closed at 7.31 for Mr Chris Thirtle to join the meeting to discuss Scratta Wood management plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Scratta Wood. Mr Chris Thirtle (owner of Scratta Wood) discussed the woodland management plan. To note the management plan was circulated to all members. Chris reported on a number of areas; Apologised for not being able to join the start of the meeting; ash die back an issue in the woodland; looking at replanting when trees removed; cannot say at what point will lose the ash trees; felling licences looked into 5 year and 10 year; The plans have been approved by Natural England and Peak Park; Little Longstone Parish Meeting being part of the consultation process; do not want anything to be a surprise when work is carried out; 25 trees were put in last year, 25 trees this year to account for ash die back; consideration for wildlife; not planting near the roadside of the wood at present as expect to fell; not advised to plant a single species now (by Natural England) – climate change/pollution; trees planted are native to this part of the world, Also rebuilding walls.

Noted by Mr K Adamson, a very clear plan, good to see it made into a proper woodland.

There were no objections from the Parish meeting on the plans, Chris would like the parish meeting to contact him, should there be any concerns in the future.

The meeting re opened at 7.41pm.

Continuation of the toilets.

It was proposed by Mr J Cotterill to donate up to £3000 to the toilet project, seconded by Mrs J Gledhill. However, the Clerk to meet on site with Cllr Gamble to identify specific projects/costings that this fund would be used for. The members to be consulted on this matter, prior to a cheque being raised, in this financial year.

6.1.5 Monsal Dale/viaduct. The Clerk reported on developments in Monsal dale since the last meeting:

Weir path: DCC have reported that the work on the weir path is ordered and awaiting being programmed in. P Park (ranger) are experimenting with some low tech solutions to the narrow sections and cut back areas for more passing places (for social distancing). Mr K Adamson had raised that work had commenced on the weir tunnel.

Visitor management plans: P Park are looking at doing ranger patrols in July and August of the car park, viaduct and lawn/weir. They are also looking into doing introductory walks, looking for volunteers. Clerk had contacted Cressbrook to enquire into any interest, to pass on to Rob Kenning (ranger). Rob said they may need some funding for the walks ('A' boards etc).

Viewpoint cut back: Peak Park had sent a detailed report by The Woodland Conservation Officer – mainly being coppicing.

Action plan: Awaiting replies on Mr K Adamson's Monsal Dale action plan.

Photographer: Mr K Adamson reported that two volunteer photographers have come forward from Great Longstone, each doing a different route, taking photos of the dale at different times of the year. The photos will help with monitoring ash die back and tree growth, for Chatsworth. A possible volunteer group noted, no progress.

The regular puddle/flood area at the Great Longstone end of Headstone tunnel on the trail near the railings was raised by Mrs E Lee. It was resolved for the Clerk to look into the matter with PDNPA.

6.2 Village event. Costs for the well dressing and band were proposed by Mr J Cotterill and seconded by Mrs E Lee, both were subject to covid restrictions. Clerk to look into the planned well dressing dates/ band date – provisionally booked/ vicars blessing date – all subject to covid.

6.3 Parking/speeding/streetlights. Mrs J Gledhill asked if dustbins permanently left on the roadside could be looked into, is it legal. Clerk to look into this matter.

6.4 Maintenance. Clerk reported that the contractor is planning on staining the two benches and horse trough work (to enable the pump to work). To note any further work on troughs to be looked at in due course/being complex to quote for. It was noted that gritting the pavements had been a good idea and that all grit bins should be full again. No progress on Cherpit Lane.

6.5 Pinfold. Clerk reported that the PM has no formal ownership documents. Main documents are from PDNPA referring to a grant to LLPM for wall work on the Pinfold and a new sign put up by PDNPA. Mrs D Gregory had compiled suitable wording for a statement, what The Pinfold was used for (mainly lost sheep). It was resolved for the meeting to consider whether to try to register the land/or not.

07/21 Correspondence.

DDDC (Director of Regularity Service). Toilets update Pre Xmas. See toilets.
District Cllr Gamble. Toilets. See toilets.

DCC. Bin/flood and covid updates. Noted.

DCC. Weir path. See Monsal.

Under the Edge. Annual support request. See finance.

Residents. Thankyous for cakes. Noted.
Resident. Covid grants. Noted.
Resident. New residents to join LLPM. Noted.

Chris Thirtle. Scratta Wood Management plan. See Scratta wood.
Chris Thirtle. Snow warden scheme details. Noted.

Rob Kenning (Peak Park). Volunteers and visitor management plan/pop up walks; Longstone view point cutback; weir path. See Monsal.
Peak Park. Parishes bulletin 38. Noted.
Peak Park. Scratta Wood management plan. See Scratta wood.

River Conservation Officer. Acknowledgment of copy of minutes. Noted.

Dalc. Speaking in meeting/ non-resident. Noted.
Dalc. January newsletter. Noted.

Taylor Emmett. Ice cream licence. See ice cream.
Monsal Head Ices. Licence. Se ice cream.
Fredericks of Chesterfield. Late tender for ice cream plot. (To note Clerk received 14 December 2020). Clerk phoned and confirmed in writing late receipt of tender. See ice cream.

The Bridge Bakehouse. Order. Noted.

08/21 Late items of correspondence.

DDDC. District Cllr Gamble. Toilet update. See toilets.

BHIB Insurance. Insurance documents online. Noted.

Chatsworth. Monsaldale. See Monsal.

Dalc. Meetings. The Clerk reported that at this point in time all Parish meetings must return to face to face meetings from 7th May 2021. They have advised a list of rules such as face coverings in the meeting. Clerk to look into updates on this matter in lead up to the Annual Parish meeting.

Mr K Adamson also highlighted that they are unsure when the chapel will re-open. It was raised how lovely/beautiful the chapel looked at Christmas. Mr K Adamson to pass on thanks to Mr and Mrs M Child on the Christmas display.

Mr P Davey asked where things were at with the electoral boundary review. Clerk to look into this matter.

09/21 Date of next meeting. The Date of the Annual Parish Meeting is planned for Monday 24th May 2021. Venue subject to covid restrictions.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.16pm.