LITTLE LONGSTONE PARISH MEETING
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Minutes of the meeting 28th February 2024 held in Little Longstone chapel

Present: Mr J Cotterill (Chair), Mrs D Gregory, Mrs J Gledhill, Mrs J Blair, Mr P Davey, Mrs E Adamson, Mrs C Cotterill, Mrs E Lee, Mrs A Plowright, Cllr S Headington (representing Great Longstone Parish Council/Longstone Area Sports Association), District Cllr K Boothroyd and Mrs S Stokes (Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm.

Vice Chair Great Longstone Parish Council/Treasurer Longstone Area Sports Association Cllr S Headington addressed the meeting.

Longstone Area Sports Association (LASA) - Not many community assets; Pre School closing; Cricket Club folding; tea hut built in 1954,when there were no houses round it, pavilion 1984; Cricket club have confirmed the buildings cost 3k a year to run; LASA meeting been very positive and well attended; the community assets are shared with other villages not just GL; LASA will be set up as a charity to benefit Little Longstone, Hassop and Rowland along with GL; buildings in good condition however the electrics are 15 years old, with no test certificate/ glass in door isn't safety glass, needs urgently changing; looking at an AGM in April/May; Membership will be for everyone in the above.

LLPM asked: what is required to refurb the buildings? - £1500 - £2000 (glass/electrics/leak/broken guttering; Where else is funding coming from? – Great Longstone tennis club funds received to be used, long term aim to be self-sustaining when set up.

Village plan – To look at where we are going as a community, places change, the world changes; look at what do we want as a community; LEAP have filled a hole the village's didn't know was there; looking at who is part of the community from the school to farming and conservation to business/ home working; Peak Park keen to help with a plan; housing can also be looked at; housing and holidays cottages/ do we need to build more starter homes; asked if there would be interest from Little Longstone to be part of this.

LLPM asked if a village plan can be more than one village? Yes, Peak Park are encouraging this approach.

District Cllr Boothroyd. Stated that a neighbourhood plan would be top level. Can be useful to restrict and include housing in a plan, such as first-time homes to be amongst larger homes.

Chair thanked Cllr Headington.

Cllr S Headington left the meeting at 7.19pm.

District Cllr K Boothroyd addressed the meeting.

Reported on the current situation with the Monsal Head toilets; Kelda took over from Clare Gamble/ Gareth Gee took over from Mark Wakeman – managing the toilets; only toilets not run by a PC or DDDC are the Monsal Head toilets; most toilets are linked to a centre/ nr a village hall; the C.I.C exists to run the toilets; DDDC are supporting the C.I.C. by providing the toilet roll/ sanitary and nappy bins; going to the May DDDC meeting to ask for DDDC to operate the Monsal Head toilets again; poor weather last summer meant less funds in from donations; reviewing the

charging system; only toilet in DDDC to make money is the Bakewell one; along with a toilet review there is also a car park review; most people who use the Monsal Head toilets are tourists, a lot being day trippers' there are no plans to close the toilets.

LLPM stated that funds from the car parks at Monsal Head do not go into the toilets.

Chair thanked District Cllr Boothroyd.

District Cllr K Boothroyd left the meeting at 7.20pm

01/24 Apologies for absence. Mrs C Burns, Mr and Mrs J Longsdon, Ms A Gregory, Mr R Gregory, and Mr K Adamson.

02/24 Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

03/24 Minutes of the meeting 26th October 2023 and 4th December 2023.

3.1 The minutes of the meeting 26th October 2023 were proposed by Mrs C Cotterill and seconded by Mr P Davey.

3.2 The minutes of the meeting 4th December 2023 were proposed by Mrs E Adamson and seconded by Mrs E Lee.

04/24 Financial matters.

4.1 To approve payments since last meeting.

Peak Advertiser (Advert – ice cream tender)	£79.80
Bruno Cardona (mowing)	£1597.00
James Cox (mowing)	£877.00
Maureen Child (Xmas trees)	£100.00
Community Heartbeat Trust (defib)	£72.00
Lovedays Solicitors (Ice cream)	£1208.40
Sarah Stokes (Xmas tree lights)	£87.99

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

4.2 To approve payments to be made.

Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk) Admin	£1018.35
Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk) Exp	£58.10
Little Longstone congregational chapel (room hire x 2)	£160.00
Grumpah Band	£400.00
DALC subscription	£15.00

The payments were proposed by Mrs C Cotterill and seconded by Mr P Davey.

4.3 To discuss the purchase of hi vis 'Marshalls Gilet's.' The Chair reported two quotes had been sourced. It was proposed by Mrs E Lee to purchase 8 gilets from the local supplier (tried and tested product in GL), seconded by Mrs E Adamson. Clerk to action.

4.4 Xmas tree lights. Future lights were discussed. It was resolved/voted on, that when the next lot of lights are purchased, they are coloured lights (same as ones in GL), which are also a longer-term solution and more robust, where you replace individual bulbs, rather than whole set. Clerk/Chair to look at costings for this, to ensure prepared when a replacement is needed.

Clerk left the room

4.5 Clerks pay. Nalc salary award (2023/24), inc. back pay from April 2023.

Clerk re-joined the meeting.

It was propsed by Mrs C Cotterill for the Clerks pay to stay the same scale (17), with the new pay rate being £14.95 hr, seconded by Mrs J Gledhill. To note back pay from April 2023 at this rate. Clerk to action for the APM.

4.6 Parish Meeting email address. Clerk to action during March.

4.7. Donations/funds/projects and subscriptions 2023/24. To note S137 funds @ £9.93 per person on electoral role (63 persons - Nov 23).

The Chair went through the funds donated in the year 2022/23.

It was proposed by Mrs C Cotterill to donate the following, seconded by Mrs J Blair:

Longstone Area Sports Association	£625 (section 137)
Longstone Area Sports Association	£225 (Chairs funds)
Under The Edge	£850 (subscription)
Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport	£1000 (subscription)
LEAP (Longstone Events and Activities Project	£850 (subscription)

4.8 Additional savings account. The Chair had looked into further savings accounts. It was proposed by Mrs C Cotterill to put in £30K to the Skipton – Community saver issue 11, seconded by Mrs J Blair. Chair to look into alternative accounts within Mansfield building Society (better rate for the funds currently within the Mansfeld building Society Community saver account. Clerk to action Skipton account.

To note Clerk to prepare for the audit. Internal audit booked with Allen West and Foster. Clerk reported audit booked in.

05/24. Planning matters.

5.1 Planning application – Replacement **pedestrian footbridge** over the River Wye at **Cressbrook Mill** bridge to carry a concessionary footpath that is an important access route for the surrounding area. The structure will consist of a GRP deck with timber handrails and be of a simple design not dissimilar to the existing bridge.

Parish Meeting comments – No objections.

5.2 Planning decision notice. Noted that permission is granted for **'Conversion of traditional barn to form holiday accommodation, The Manor**. Restrictions noted.

06/24 Matters arising.

MONSAL HEAD

To note the Clerk has been working with DDDC Solicitor and Lovedays on all matters in relation to the short-term car park.

6.1 Car Park land registration. DDDC confirmed that Land registry have acknowledged that the registration by the Clerk is a mistake on their part. Our Solicitor compiled a letter which the Clerk has signed to proceed to correct the register to change the registered proprietor to 'The Parish Trustees of Little Longstone.'

6.2 Trustees of 'open space.' DDDC have confirmed that the Parish Meeting does have a legal identity but only through the Chair and an appointed member of DDDC – 'a proper officer.' DDDC and Lovedays have also confirmed that the named trustees are effectively no longer required due to the 1972 Local Government Act, with the land being vested in the Chair and the appointed Proper Officer. To note the members were provided with a handout outlining the 1972 Act.

6.3 Car park lease – DDDC. Lovedays confirmed that DDDC are currently covered under the terms of their old lease. Once the land is registered DDDC will grant a new lease, to be signed by DDDC and Chair. Noted that DDDC asked for a copy of the third party Little Longstone Parish Meeting insurance, they have asked that the policy be changed in the name of the Parish Trustees. DDDC's insurance covers the car park, but not the bench area, as this is not part of the lease. To note the amended document would then cover the bench area.

Mrs D Gregory asked who makes the decisions. Noted the Trustees act on behalf of the parish meeting. Clerk to clarify with DDDC and Dalc what involvement a Proper Officer of DDDC would have, our Solicitor had stated that thought they would be entitled to be involved but would have thought they would not wish to have any direct involvement. Also noted that DDDC would not be entitled to funds from the Ice cream licence, the agreement is between the Parish Meeting and the licensee, the Proper Officer is only a trustee to the Parish Meeting.

6.4 Power take off point and DDDC EV charging points. Clerk had contacted the Car Parks Officer, no update.

Mrs A Plowright joined the meeting at 20.10pm.

6.5 Ice cream van. Licence agreed – Fredericks (01/01/24 – 31/12/26). Noted that all payments have been made to date, LL have received the signed agreement and are awaiting a copy of their renewed insurance. UTE article, with reference to the diesel engine running noted. Chair has responded to this in the current UTE.

To note **bench staining** – DDDC have confirmed they will be staining benches during the Spring/Summer 2024.

To note **signage at viewpoint** – DCC are ordering a wooden sign to replace the current one, imminently. Clerk to re report the broken sign down the steps from the view point.

6.6 TOILETS. See report by District Cllr Boothroyd.

6.7 MONSAL DALE/VIADUCT. No report.

6.8 OTHER

6.8.1 **Well dressing/blessing and band 2024**. Weekend Saturday 13th July/Sunday 14th July. Chair reported that the Grumpah band are booked, due to other bookings, the slot in LL is 3 -4.30 pm on Sunday 14th July 2024. Clerk has asked the churchwardens in GL regarding a well blessing. Chair reported that a new platform is needed for the adult well boards, the weight of the boards being a very big issue last year/ cause for concern. Chair to look at the requirements/job with Vice Chair. The work was proposed by Mrs E Adamson and seconded by Mrs A Plowright.

To note the Clerk has liaised with School and Leap on dates.
To note Clerk sent details of the well dressing to 'Visit Peak District.

6.8.2 Parking/speeding/streetlights. It was reported that the defib light is not working. It was proposed by Mrs C Cotterill for the Clerk to get the lights fixed/ may be a bulb, seconded by Mrs E Lee.

6.8.3 Dog poo/ litter. Noted being particularly bad on the GL boundary. Noted someone using a spray can to highlight the mess. Chair doing an article for UTE on the matter.

6.8.4 Stiles/gates. Clerk chased P Park and DCC on the path leading off the trail from the new gate/ fencing and a grant - farmer. Clerk highlighted the circular from P Park – they are looking at 'work on rights of way where our resources will have the greatest impact for the most people.'

6.8.5 Troughs/area. No report.

To note awaiting new noticeboard during 2024 – ordered with joiner.

07/24 Correspondence.

Lovedays Solicitors – Numerous emails (Monsal Head).

District Cllr Boothroyd. Monsal Head toilets.
DDDC Solicitor – Numerous emails (Monsal Head)

Sarah Dines MP. Floods.
Sarah Dines MP. Kinds official portrait.

Fredericks of Chesterfield – Licence agreement.

PDNPA. Confirms removal of unauthorised works at Cressbrook Dale.
PDNPA. Felling licence consultation 017/3824/2023 – Monsal Head. Urgent work.
PDNPA. Monsal Head viewpoint.

Chatsworth. Fencing at weir.

Dalc. Nalc Local Government Services pay agreement 2023 (Nov 23).
Dalc. November, December, January, February 2024 newsletter.

RBS. Circular/s.

Great Longstone Parish Council. Invitation to take part in the **Village/Neighbourhood plan**. The majority voted to be involved in the village plan. Clerk to reply to GL Parish Council.

Grumpah band. Well dressing.

Derbyshire Records Office. Receipt of Minutes for Little Longstone Parish Meeting 2014 – 2021.

08/24 Late items of correspondence.

The Community Heartbeat Trust. Separation of the defib reporting, from Great Longstone defibs.

Peak Park. Fencing at weir.
Peak Park. Parishes Bulletin.

DCC. Liaison meeting 16th April 2024.

Longstone School and Leap. Well dressing date.

DDDC. Monsal Head benches.
DDDC. Signage Monsal Head.

DDDC Solicitor. Monsal Head short term car park.

Lovedays Solicitors. Monsal Head short term car park.

Local resident. **Land in Little Longstone and cows**. A local resident wanted to raise the awareness of the PM and ask that they write to the land owners with regards to fields to the rear of the Packhorse towards Cherpit Lane. Highlighting that the landowner is jointly responsible with any tenant farmer for any harm that comes to walkers and to the Health and safety Executives recommendation that an electric fence should be put up to separate walkers and cattle if a suitable diversion cannot be provided. Noted that cows with calves, and especially those with horns, have resulted in many serious injuries and deaths in the Peak District over the last few years. Clerk to write to the landowners.

09/24 Date of next meeting. Annual Parish Meeting 22nd May 2024.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.26pm