LITTLE LONGSTONE PARISH MEETING
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Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 17th June 2024 in Little Longstone chapel

Present: Mr J Cotterill (Chair), Mrs E Lee, Mrs C Cotterill, Mrs J Gledhill, Mr P Davey, Mr G Brooke, Mrs A Plowright, Mr K Adamson, Mrs A Whittlestone, Mr N Morgan (Hobbs Café owner) and Mrs S Stokes (Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm.

20/24 Apologies for absence. There were no apologies.

21/24 Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda. Mr N Morgan (not on electoral role/ Hobbs café owner). Mr K Adamson declared at interest as Hobb's café have sponsored the chapel art competition.

22/24 ICE CREAM

Members to consider the **sale of drinks** from Fredericks van, in Monsal Head short term car park (when Hobb's café is closed).

The Chair put the above to the meeting.

The Chair invited Nick Morgan (Hobbs Café) to raise Hobb's objections:

Hobbs is a business trying to be part of the community; there was a tender process; **concerns** for the following: safety and environmental at Monsal Head; historically ice cream and ice lollies sold ; litter, also extra cups from drinks when the bins are all ready full; how the parish are going to police this; how do you monitor when Hobbs is closed; if drinks are sold what comes next; concern for their livelihood; Hobbs don't want confrontation.

Noted Hobbs may open later during the summer offering an evening time service.

The Chair highlighted that it was Fredericks that came to the Parish Meeting on this matter, not the other way round.

Parish Member – Asked Hobbs if they have a specific day when they close. Answer no.

Parish Member – Asked Hobbs if they sell takeaway ice cream and drinks. Answer yes.

Parish Member – Asked Hobbs about their opening hours. Answer open 10/ 10.30 close about 4.30.

Mr N Morgan left the room at 7.07pm.

Clerk went through the letters received from both Fredericks and Hobbs café on the above matter, highlighting the key points:

22.1 Letter from Fredericks. Following a staff request it was noted that Hobb's café close around 3 – 4pm and they get a lot of walkers asking for drinks.

'Would you consider allowing us to sell drinks at times when the café is closed.'

Tender document: under glossary of terms:

'Services means the sale of ice creams and lollies only, or other ancillary items with the consent of the Little Longstone Parish Meeting from a single van designated position at Monsal Head open space car park.'

The Clerk confirmed a meeting was called and agenda sent out. An agenda was also sent to Hobb's café, and later to Monsal Head Hotel. The agenda also went to County Cllr A Sutton and District Cllr K Boothroyd who get copies of agendas and minutes, this keeps them up to date and gives them the opportunity to attend.

22.2 Letters Hobbs café. Noted three received on this matter.

Letter 1 – lodged an objection to Fredericks selling drinks; stating the tender spot is only for ice cream and ice lollies; asked if the meeting is to discuss an official change of tender; asked if we have contacted the Monsal Head hotel as it affects them as well. The Clerk replied quoting the tender document under services.

Letter 2 – Asked the following: where the wording is in the tender doc; who the accountable parties are and that they have spoken to Democratic Services at DCC; how Fredericks will know when the café is closed; who checks Fredericks are not selling drinks during the day; questioned how cold drinks can be an 'ancillary' item to ice cream. Contest that the wording exists; shocked a meeting has been called to try and disrupt a local business, even more. The Clerk replied referring to the Annual Parish Meeting/accounts audited and approved; referred again to the glossary of terms section; stated the request had been made by Fredericks in response to enquiries by customers with the purpose of the meeting to discuss the implications/objections and vote accordingly.

Letter 3 – stated the wording on the tender is a grey area; historically only been ice cream and ice lollies; requested a copy of the deed of the land; asked why the proper officer is not involved in these decisions; asked for the identity of the Proper Officer and expect their attendance at the extraordinary meeting; Hobbs are supporting the local community raising funds for the chapel roof.

22.3 Solicitor – Following consultation with the Solicitor: If the Parish Meeting vote to approve the sale of drinks when Hobbs is closed a letter should suffice from LLPM consenting. However, something must go in where the consent can be revoked at any time.

Clerk confirmed the following matters:

An **Ice cream van has been on the 'open space' since the 1940's**.

Proper Officer – The Proper Officer is Helen Mitchell. To note the Parish Meeting have been working with DDDC's Solicitor on Monsal Head matters for some time now. DDDC's Solicitor are looking into the Proper Officers requirement to be involved, distinguishing between routine meetings and when assets are being discussed. Noted that Helen Mitchell has been copied into emails on this matter. Dalc advised it would be good practice to involve the Proper Officer in a new lease.

Deed – this can be provided to Hobbs.

Accountability - The Parish Meeting are responsible overall for the accountability,however, the Chair is responsible for accounts and financial management. Noted that an internal audit is carried out, following this the Annual Governance and Accounting statements are approved at the annual parish meeting and sent to the external auditor.

The Chair highlighted that he had a meeting with N Morgan on site and N Morgan attended the last meeting where accountability was discussed. Hobbs are looking into anything and everything that the parish Meeting are doing. Hobbs were not prepared for not getting the ice cream licence. Asked the Parish Meeting to think about what has been said by Hobbs with reference to the sale of drinks by Fredericks.

Parish Members – drinks would add to the litter; Monsal head hotel had stated that birds take the litter out of the bins in the short-term car park; monitoring of drinks sales an issue; Hobbs used to tidy the car park and litter around,' noted that the pizza business was upset that their pizza boxes had ben noted as not helping with the litter, a pizza box visible in a litter bin when PM inspected near Fredericks.

It was stated that we cannot tell people what to do with their rubbish.

It was noted again, that once you allow people to sell drinks, they will then want to do more.

Highlighted again, we cannot monitor what staff from Fredricks come on site, very difficult to police.

The Chair asked for a vote. It was a unanimous vote NOT to sell drinks.

Clerk to reply to Fredericks.
Clerk to reply to Hobbs on the matters raised.

Mr N Morgan re joined the meeting at 7. 27pm.

Due to the above discussion litter/bins was highlighted. Clerk stated that Clerk/Chair are arranging a site meeting with DDDC on moving bins around at Monsal Head.

The Chair reconfirmed for N Morgan that a NO reply will be going to Fredericks. And a reply will be sent in due course (due to holidays) to Hobbs. N Morgan thanked the meeting.

23/24 Correspondence.

Hobb's café. Numerous letters.

Lovedays Solicitors.

24/24 Date of next meeting. September/October (TBC).

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.29pm.