

# Corsley Parish Council

## Minutes of a Quarterly Parish Council Meeting held on 6 June 2016 in the Reading Rooms

Present: N Britten (NB) Chair  
M Butler (MB)  
R Chapman (RC)  
O Hares (OH)  
Mrs J Helliar (JH) Vice Chair  
S Jasper (SJ)  
Mrs G Parkinson (GP)  
J White (JW)

In attendance: J Willcox Clerk  
  
19 x Parishioners

### 16/62 Apologies

There were no apologies.

### 16/63 Longleat Update

The Chair welcomed Mr R Montgomery (RM), CEO of the Longleat Estates, to the meeting. The Chair explained that Mr Montgomery had been invited to the meeting to update the Parish Council on upcoming events at Longleat.

Mr Montgomery advised that he was happy to share with the meeting what the current position was with both the Sir Elton John concert scheduled to take place on Sunday and the comments made in various media about the possibility of the Glastonbury Festival coming to Longleat in 2018.

With respect to **Glastonbury**, he reported that Longleat had been first approached in the autumn of 2015 and asked if they would be interested in hosting Glastonbury at some time in the future. The Longleat organisation have not said no but they have also not said yes. Whilst they might be interested they are not going to put at risk everything that is currently associated with the brand; the Heritage site, the animals, all the things that Longleat conjures up. If they did agree then the very earliest it would occur would be 2019, not the 2018 that some individuals are broadcasting. Some exploratory work has been done and they are planning on visiting this year's festival to further understand what the implications would be. Based on the work they have done so far it is estimated that to facilitate a Glastonbury they would have to close the Longleat estate for at least a month, such a decision would have to be very seriously thought through and the benefits to Longleat in so doing would have to be significant before such a measure would be considered.

In summary, they have been approached, they have not said no and no decisions have been made, contrary to what some individuals have been implying.

With respect to the **Sir Elton John concert**; Mr Montgomery had brought some fliers

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detailing the traffic and spectator management plans. These were for general distribution. The fliers include an e-mail address and a telephone number for advice and assistance. The show is a sell out and 15,000 people are expected. There are 3 main parking areas from which guests will be bussed into the event. It is not planned for any to enter via Corsley. There will be some exiting through the village, up Lane End to the junction with the A362. Signage is already up warning of disruption at the weekend. Villagers may have noticed increased traffic during the day as the staging etc was being brought into the site.

The meeting was then opened up for questions and comments:

- ≡ RM advised Longleat have no idea of what the timescales might be for further discussions re Glastonbury. Beyond the visit to the festival it is unlikely that there will be any advances until this years festival is done and dusted. We could well be talking about the autumn before any further discussions take place.
- ≡ RM further advised that following the initial approach Longleat had consulted with Wiltshire Council to get their reaction. The response from Wiltshire had been positive.
- ≡ RM stressed that they would only entertain the idea if they felt that it would enhance the Longleat brand, if the national and international coverage would broaden the existing reputation and to this end a 'one off' event would probably not be very attractive to them.
- ≡ Various comments were made from the audience outlining the significant risks to Longleat; 'it could destroy Longleat'. The logistics of the festival are immense and they have had years to try and get it right. Whilst fans are happy to go to such events very few would like to live alongside them.
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#### **16/64 Representation on other Bodies/Responsibility for areas of Business**

A list of the previous responsibilities had been circulated.

It was agreed that with the exception of the Neighbourhood Watch representative Councillors would accept the same responsibilities as previously. With respect to Neighbourhood Watch the Chair was in communication with appropriate officers to clarify the current position/requirement.

#### **16/52 Declarations of Interest**

The Vice Chair declared an interest in the Planning Application that was to be considered. Following discussion it was agreed that the Vice Chair could participate in the considerations regarding the application.

#### **16/53 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 April 2016**

The minutes of the meeting had previously been circulated.

SJ advised that Item 16/34 under Matters Arising; Speed restrictions on Agricultural vehicles, was incorrect. In fact there was a 31 tonnes limit on Tractor/trailers, a 18.29 tonnes limit on trailers and a 25 mph limit.

Subject to this correction the minutes were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chair.

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**16/54 Matters Arising**

16/34 Neighbourhood Watch (NW) See Item 51 above. (**Action:** Chair)

**16/55 Planning Application**

**16/03777/FUL** Change of use of Agricultural land for the siting of mobile accommodation (log cabin) for agricultural workers.  
At: High House farm, Dertford, Corsley, BA12 7NS

Following considerable discussion it was agreed, by 6 votes to 1, with 1 abstention, to support the application subject to appropriate screening being applied to the site. ERC requested that his dissenting vote be recorded.

**16/56 Street Scene**

SJ reported:

As previously advised the County has changed maintenance contractors, albeit many of the ‘old guard’ will still be providing the service. As a consequence initiatives already agreed may well be delayed in their implementation; the Geys Hill passing place is unlikely to be completed until the last quarter of this year and the 30 mph limit through Lyes Green will similarly not be implemented until late in the year.

An e-mail had been received by a resident of Sturford Lane advising of a problem at the junction of the A362 and Sturford Lane; essentially poor visibility due to an overgrown verge, the positioning of a Bath & West Show sign, a bus shelter and the positioning of a road sign. SJ had visited the junction and confirmed the problems, subsequently the verge has been cut and the Bath & West sign moved. SJ is meeting with the parishioner to further discuss the problem and will be contacting the highways authority. It was confirmed that the Bus shelter in question is owned by the Parish Council.

SJ emphasised again that problems on the ground must be reported on CLARENCE and the MYWILTS app. If a problem is not reported it does not exist! SJ will continue to monitor the reporting.

**16/57 Broadband**

The Chair reported that a meeting had been scheduled with BT Openreach for Thursday 19 May at which it was hoped that there would be clarification of the implications of the installation of the fibre ‘box’ in Deep Lane. The Chair will report in The Bridge as to the outcomes of the meeting. (**Action** ; Chair)

**16/58 Old School**

**Access across the Car park** It was noted that the owners of the Old School had not yet been invoiced for the access that had been agreed. (**Action:** Clerk)

**Little Cuckoos Lease Negotiations** The Chair reported that some progress had been made. It was agreed that the Chair and OH should continue to liaise with the representatives of Little Cuckoos (**Action:** Chair & OH)

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**Jubilee Trees** The Chair reported that he and Malcolm Holley had started to cut the grass. The question of a mowing rota was again raised and it was agreed that those willing should advise the Chair. (**Action:** All)

**16/59 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported on the correspondence/communications received:

WALC	Renewal of Subscription	Agreed to pay the subscription
Wiltshire Council	Letter advising the confirmation of the diversion order on Footpath 29.	
Bobby Van Trust		
Barclays Bank	Bank statements	
Lloyds Bank	Dividends on Lloyds Bank shares.	
Andrew Murrison	A further letter re the A350/A303 junction and the weight restrictions issue.	
Planning Application	See above – Item 16/55	
E-mail from a parishioner re fracking		

Various e-mails from WALC, WC, Rural services forwarded to Parish Councillors

**16/60 Any Other Business**

The Chair reported that he had contacted the CEO of Longleat to seek some clarification on the rumours regarding Glastonbury 2018 at Longleat. Bob Montgomery had offered to come and speak to the PC on the matter. The Chair invited him to the next meeting of the PC in June.

**16/61 Dates of the Next meetings**

Quarterly Meeting	06 June 2016, 19.30
Quarterly Meeting	05 September 2016, 19.30
Quarterly Meeting	05 December 2016, 19.30

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