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**Mission Statement**

Endeavour, through foresight and leadership, to enhance quality of life for Longridge residents and visitors.

Working to enrich facilities and nurture opportunity,

to protect and improve the built and natural environment, and promote community pride.

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Proceedings of meeting held on 11th September 2019

Present: Cllr. S. Ashcroft - Mayor/Chairman

 Cllr. S. Rainford

 Cllr. R. Beacham

 Cllr. H. Gee

 Cllr. R. Adamson

 Cllr. N. Stubbs

 Cllr. B. Dalgleish-Warburton

 Cllr. J. Clark

 Cllr. A. Odix

 Andrea Pownall - Town Clerk

Plus 17 members of the public

**Min 0125 Mayors Welcome**

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Min 0126 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr's Rogerson, Lomas & Arnold - all work commitments

**Min 0127 Declarations of Interests**

Cllr Odix - Planning Application, 9 Mardale Road

**Min 0128 Approval of Minutes**

**It was resolved** to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the 14th August 2019, as an accurate record with the following amendment to be noted:

 **Min 0107** to be added Cllr Rainford (work commitments)

The meeting closed at 7.03pm - Cllr Odix left the meeting

**Min 0129 Public Time**

Planning Application 3/2019/0786 - 9 Mardale Road. A presentation was given by a spokesperson on behalf of the residents who are objecting to the above application.

Allotments - It was brought to Council's attention about the close proximity of the building line of the Ridings development to the allotments. It was agreed that a site visit would take place.

The meeting re-opened at 7.25pm

Planning Application 3/2019/0786

Discussion took place regarding the above. It was agreed that an objection should be sent to RVBC reflecting the concerns of the residents both from the presentation and the previous correspondence received.

Cllr Odix returned to the meeting

**Min 0130 Consideration of Planning and Licence Application**

It was brought to Council's attention that only two members of the planning working group had attended the meeting prior to Council. Please could all members attend the working group prior to each Council meeting and if for any reason they are unable to attend please could they advise the group accordingly with apologies.

*3/2019/0741 - Hob Croft, Alston Lane, Longridge - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling*

 No objection to make

*3/2019/0751 - Field off Lower Lane, Dutton - Erection sheep shed with access tracks*

No objection to make, but would like the planning authority to seek assurance that the building remains now and in the future an agricultural building and not be converted to a residential property

*3/2019/0744 - 2 Towneley Parade - Change of use from A1(former Estate Agents) to A1 and A5 (Rotisserie*)

No Objection to make

*3/2019/0743 - Alston Lodge Residential Home Ltd - Demolition of existing building, replaced with purpose build care home, extra care apartments with associated access and car parking*

Objection to be raised as it was felt there are alternative solutions to the provision of a care home/extra care apartments without using this site.

The planning office need to be made aware of The Longridge Neighbourhood Plan - Policy LNDP5 - Development affecting non-designated heritage sites, which Alston Lodge, Lower Lane is No. 9.

The planning application 3/2019/0779 - Mill House Farm had not been received by the Town Clerk and was therefore not on the agenda. It was agreed that it be deferred until next Council for discussion.

**Min 0131 Budget Committee**

The recommendation from the Budget Committee **was discussed and agreed.** A grant of £500 be awarded to sparks cafe. The further financial grant request from the Citizens Advice Bureau be declined (Min 0094 refers to initial grant offer, which was declined by the CAB)

**Min 0132 Berry Lane Toilets**

**It was discussed and agreed** to obtain quotations for converting the public toilets to pay to use.

**Min 0133 Tree Pruning**

**It was discussed and agreed** to contact the relevant authorities with a request to trim the various trees.

**Min 0134 Discussion Paper**

Various items were discussed:

Website Directory - Trade directory on the website.

Bowling Green - to ask residents for suggestions

Active Future - need to speak with Longridge Community Gym for ideas/suggestions.

**Min 0135 Youth Council**

**It was discussed and agreed** to create a Youth Council for Longridge.

**Min 0136 Plastic Free Longridge**

**It was discussed and agreed** that Longridge should become "Plastic Free".

**Min 0137 Create Longridge**

How Longridge Town Council could consider supporting this event **was discussed**. **It was agreed** that matter be considered by the Budget Committee for recommendations for Council.

**Min 0138 LALC - AGM**

**It be noted** that Cllr Ashcroft attend this event**.**

**Min 0139 Longridge Does Christmas Working Group**

The verbal update be **noted.**

**Min 0140 Remembrance Working Group**

The verbal update be noted.

**Min 0141 Finance**

The following were authorised for payment:

 a. Rosemary Glen (August 19) - £462.00

 b Initial Technologies (July 19) - £50.98

 c. Dublcheck (until August 23rd 2019) - £440.77

 d. Rosemary Glen (from 23rd August 2019) - £118.04

 e. Terry Lewis (August 19) - £180.00

 f. Whalley Swarbrick - £432.00 (Annual Charge Internal Audit)

 g. Vision ICT - £527.40 (Annual charge email/website host)

 h. Yates Playgrounds - £318.00 (Remove/Replace faulty carriage of aerial runway)

 i. Longridge Electrical - £105.01 (Inspection Electrics Station Building)

 j. Waterplus (June 19) - £225.07

 h. Computer Xpress - £61.98. (Printer cartridges)

 To following payments were noted for information only (direct debits):

 Town Clerk Salary (September) - £1057.76

 Nappy Bins in public toilets (September) - £61.34

 Electricity Bill (June/July 19) - £1186.90

 Nest (September) - £45.38 each month (Employer & Employee contributions)

**Min 0142 Meetings with Local Parish Councils**

It was discussed and agreed that The Mayor and Town Clerk meet with other local Parish Councils that are on the boundary of the town (Whittingham, Goosnargh and Grimsargh) to discuss relevant issues. The meetings will be held here at Station Buildings, and the Town Clerk will take the minutes.

**Min 0143 Residents Concerns**

A number of concerns were raised by Councillors. These items are to be placed on the progress sheet for the appropriate actions.

**Min 0145 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th October 2019.