Longfield and New Barn Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Jubilee Hall, Main Road Longfield at 8.00pm on
Tuesday 28th July 2009

Present:	Cllr J Kite	Chairman
	Cllr C McVeigh	
	Cllr J Macdonald	
	Cllr R Perfitt	
	Cllr Butler	
	Cllr Tamber	
In attendance:	Mrs T L Russell	Parish Clerk
	Mr Steve Brown	

2009/235: Declarations of Interest
Cllr Perfitt declared and interest as member of DBC Development Control Committee.

Cllr Kite declared an interest as a member of Directors for the Leigh Academy and as Leader of Dartford Borough Council and as KCC Member for Rural Dartford

Cllr MacDonald declared an interest as a member of New Barn Residents Association.

Cllr Tamber declared an interest as sub post master at The Post Office, Station Road.

2009/236: Apologies for absence:
Were received from Cllr Grainger (work), Cllr Patel (work commitment), Cllr Stevens (prior engagement). Cllr Drake (holiday). Cllr Kite and Cllr Perfitt apologised for having to leave the meeting early.

2008/237: Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd June 2009 have been circulated and were **approved** as an accurate record of the meeting following the amendments below:

2009/223 iv – It was recommended that Cllr Butler, Cllr Kite and the clerk proceed with the arrangements for the employment of an assistant.

Seconded by Cllr McVeigh

2009/238: Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.

2009/239: Confirmation of newly elected Sub Committee Chairman and members:

It was reported that Cllr Butler was elected Chairman of the Finance Committee, with members being Cllr Kite and Cllr Perfitt.

Cllr Patel was re-elected as Chairman of the Highways and Lighting Committee with members being Cllr Stevens, Cllr Drake, Cllr Bassam, Cllr Perfitt and Cllr Tamber.

2009/240: Chairman's Report:
The Chairman thanked the Clerk and the members involved with the organisation of the successful Longfield Festival, held on Sunday 5th July and proposed that a meeting be called in September for feedback. A letter of thanks has been sent to Waitrose and all the other sponsors for all their support this year.

2009/241: Assistant Clerk Vacancy

Cllr MacDonald requested clarification as to the extent of advertising of the post, which had been posted on all 4 notice boards, in the Longfield Library and at the Longfield Post Office.

After some discussion it was agreed by the majority of those present that:

- all 6 candidates be interviewed
- interview date be 11th August
- Cllr Kite, Cllr Butler and the Clerk carry out the interviews.

2009/242: Longfield Hill Ward Vacancy:

Cllr Kite introduced Mr Steve Brown from Foxwood Way, New Barn for co-option onto the Parish Council for the Longfield Hill Ward. Mr Brown's family own Browns Motor Co in Dartford and he is currently a parish councillor for Darenth Parish Council and a member for Dartford Borough Council. Cllr Kite **proposed** Mr Steve Brown as member for Longfield Hill Ward and this was **seconded** by Cllr Perfitt, all were in favour and Mr Brown was warmly welcomed as the new member of the Parish Council.

2009/243: Correspondence:

i) Correspondence received during July 2009 was circulated and **noted** by the council.

ii) Members noted the introduction of a Speed Indicator Sign to be installed on Main Road, Longfield by Kent Highways Services.

iii) Invitation to attend 85th AGM of the Action with Communities in Kent on Tuesday 1st September 2009.

<u>Committee Reports and Recommendations</u>:

2009/244: Finance and Administration:

i) The draft accounts for payment (Appendix i) were circulated, all payments were **approved** by the Council.

8.45 pm Cllr Kite and Cllr Perfitt, gave their apologies and left the meeting to attend Dartford Football Club commitment.

2009/245: Development Control:

i) The recommendations of the Development Control Committee held on 28th July 2009 were **noted**.

2009/246: Highways & Lighting:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Highways and Lighting meeting held on 22nd July 2009 and the recommendations contained therein be received and, where necessary, approved and adopted.

2009/247: Grounds and Environment:

i) Cllr McVeigh explained the process to date for the Pavilion Project for the benefit of the new member. It was then

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the informal Grounds and Environment meeting held on 13th July 2009 and the recommendations contained therein be received and, where necessary, approved and adopted.

ii) The report of the meeting between members of the Long Valley Sports and Social Club and members of the parish council, held on 22nd July was **noted** by the council.

2009/248: Longfield Festival – Sunday 5th July 2009
The clerk reported that due to wonderful weather the day had been a great success. The help of the Air Training Corps car parking had been very useful and the council agreed to donate £50.00 to them for their help on the day. The use of Mr Gagg's field had also been beneficial to parking. Attendance was similar to last year of around 3,500 people.

2009/249: Dartford Association of Parish and Town Councils:
Copies of the cleared minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2009 had been circulated and noted by the members.

2009/250: Long Valley Recreation Ground and Village Hall Charity Trust
Cllr Butler and Cllr Grainger had attended a meeting and have been appointed Trustees.

Cllr Butler suggested that the Trust ought to be involved in the new pavilion project and that the Trust is looking for more new members to take on the role of Trustee.

Date of Next Meeting:
Tuesday 22nd September 2009 8.00pm at Jubilee Church Hall, Main Road, Longfield.

Meeting closed 9.40 pm

Signed by …….

Date…….