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26th November 2024

NEXT MEETING

Members of the Council are summoned to the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** to be held on Tuesday the 3rd December 2024 at **Longton Library** which will commence at 7.30pm.

W V McEnnerney-Whittle – Clerk and RFO

AGENDA

- 1. To receive apologies
- 2. To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 29th October 2024 (enclosed)
- 3. To receive Declarations of Interest
- 4. To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

It is expected that representatives from the Longton Carnival Committee will be present to talk to the Council Members and respond to questions about their plans for a Carnival in Longton which they are planning for 2026. An outline letter already received has been forwarded to all Council Members to assist with the discussions.

Please note that no decisions can be lawfully made during this time, however any specific requests from the group may be put forward for consideration at a future meeting.

5. To consider the following planning applications:

07/2024/00845/FUL – Proposed single detached dwelling with 4 bedroom with an outbuilding to replace the existing 1960s 3 bedroom property which will be demolished @ 10 Bank Croft Longton PR4 5AL

6. To approve the following payments:

31/10/2024 BANK CHARGES

5.40

- 7. To consider the enclosed draft budget for 2025/6 and set the Precept for that year.
- 8. To appoint judges for the Christmas Competitions 2024 (Last year Cllr Garside Shops; Cllr Porter Longton House; Cllr Welch New Longton House)

Judging to take place during the weekend 7/8 December 2024 with results advised to the Clerk on the 9th December 2024 so that awards can be distributed before Christmas

- 9. To consider options for the erection of the Best Kept Village Plaque 2024.
- a) Replace the existing plaque with the new one since the existing is now historic
- b) Identify an alternative location leaving the historic plaque where it is
- 10. To note that the next meeting is provisionally scheduled for the 14th January 2025

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on

Tuesday the 29th October 2024 at New Longton Village Hall which commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Alsop, Fox, Sumner, Welch, Gooch, Turner, Mather, Garside,
Barnes, Riley, Porter and Molder
There were three members of the public present.

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To receive apologies

None

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To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th September 2024

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th September 2024 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

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To receive Declarations of Interest

None

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To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

A member of the public introduced himself as a Councillor for Much Hoole Parish Council and a volunteer undertaking maintenance works on public rights of way in the area. He was suggesting that he report PROW issues to this Parish Council concerning paths in the Longton/New Longton catchment area so that the lengthsman could undertake remedial works. It was explained that the lengthsman only undertook PROW work for paths in the centre areas of the two villages since the funds provided by LCC only provided for a limited amount of work, that any work had to be in accordance with LCC protocols and procedures and that there was insufficient resource to go beyond this level. He was advised to report any identified issues direct to LCC for action as appropriate. It was suggested that SRBC Councillor Phil Smith might also be advised as appropriate.

It was suggested that the Parish Council might undertake bus shelter replacement from its CIL funds. It was explained that the Parish Council were already in contact with SRBC Officers to ascertain the outcome of the recent SRBC maintenance audit and that once it had been identified what action was being taken by SRBC directly then it would be looking at the remaining shelters to consider whether it was appropriate to offer funding itself.

Mention was made that there was concern with regard to planning application 07/2024/00771/FUL in respect of a perceived increase in vehicle movements on the narrow access roads of Royalty Lane and Royalty Avenue including large transporters, that this would cause increased congestion, be detrimental to road safety and damage the verges.

The meeting was reconvened

To consider the following planning applications:

07/2024/00729/HOH – Following demolition of existing garage and annex, construction of proposed two storey side extension and extension to existing roof ridge together with rear dormer @ 169 Chapel Lane Longton PR4 5NA

07/2024/00771/FUL – Change of use of existing building from Class E to use Class E and restricted Class B (Car repairing only) @ 6 Royalty Avenue New Longton PR4 4JN.

It was resolved that a comment should be made to SRBC planning dept raising the points mentioned during public participation and asking that full consideration should be given to these perceived issues.

To approve the following payments:

09/08/2024	ICO DATA PROTECTION REGISTRATION	24	35.00
30/08/2024	NEWGATE NURSERIES BEDDING PLANTS	25	200.16
30/08/2024	PKF LITTLEJOHN EXTERNAL AUDIT	26	378.00
30/08/2024	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	27	1113.60
30/08/2024	BKGC - ENGRAVING AND VOUCHERS	28	214.10
23/09/2024	HMRC 2ND QTR	29	1295.32
23/09/2024	VIKING DIRECT STATIONERY	30	83.98
23/09/2024	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	31	974.40
23/09/2024	CW BERRY LENGTHSMAN MATERIALS	32	15.79
23/09/2024	W V MCWHITTLE 2ND QTR SALARY	33	1848.49
30/09/2024	SERVICE CHARGE	34	10.96

It was resolved that the payments referred to above should be approved.

To approve the enclosed Financial Statement as at the 30th September 2024

It was resolved that the Financial Statement referred to above should be approved

To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 3rd December 2024

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REVISED				
BUDGET	INCOME		OUTTURN	PRECEPT 2025/6
96042	Balance b/f 1st April 2024	96042.13	96042	17692
30000	Precept	30000.00	30000	3000
	Bank Interest	1742.71	2500	100
	V A T Recovered	1013.13	1013	39
	Trustee Admin Contribution	1010.10	1010	
	Prow Grant Scheme			
57325		57325.94	84993	
	Advertising	460.00	500	50
300	Advertising	400.00	300	30
186280		186583.91	215048	20881
	LESS EXPENDITURE			
	Hire Hall		180	18
	Subscriptions incl Web Site	630.22	1200	120
14124	Lengthsman	5985.60	14124	1500
600	Insurance	564.20	564	60
	Clerks salary	5910.04	12840	1350
	Mileage	180.70	400	40
	Postage Telephone & Stationery	160.31	350	35
100	Donations incl Poppy Day	310.00	310	10
600	Audit	445.00	445	60
1800	Newsletter	869.00	1800	50
80	Bank charges	40.16	80	8
. 40	Chairman's Allowance		40	4
250	Competitions Xmas & Garden	209.77	350	35
	Vat reclaimable	390.80	390	
1000	Ground Maintenance / Repairs	422.39	1000	100
650	Xmas Trees	320.00	650	35
340	National Insurance Employer	199.00	400	60
	St Oswalds Project		3000	
34554	Total	16637.19	38123	3485
151726	Balance in hand	169946.72	176925	17396
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	LESS RESTRICTED FUNDS CIL		122451	12245
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