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16th June 2026

NEXT MEETING

Members of the Council are summoned to the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** to be held on Tuesday the 23rd June 2026 at **New Longton Village Hall** which will commence at 7.30pm.

W V McEnnerney-Whittle – Clerk and RFO

A G E N D A

1. To receive apologies
2. To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th May2026 (enclosed)
3. To receive Declarations of Interest
4. To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

Please note that no decisions can be lawfully made on any matter raised during this time.

5. To consider the following planning applications:

07/2026/00410/HOH – Two storey front/side extension, single storey rear extension, dormers to front and rear following demolition of existing, together with a render and cladding finish @ 49 Franklands Longton PR4 5WD

6. To approve the following payments:

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| 14/04/2026 | TRUEFORM PART PYT BUS SHELTERS | 1 | 22279.27 |
| 14/04/2026 | GRANT LONGTON CARNIVAL | 2 | 920.50 |
| 14/04/2026 | M RAINFORF LENGTHSMAN | 3 | 729.00 |
| 14/04/2026 | VISION ICT DOMAIN RENEWAL | 4 | 30.00 |
| 14/04/2026 | APG LIGHTING FOR SPORTS AND SOCIIAL CLUB | 5 | 1882.80 |
| 30/04/2026 | BANK CHARGES | 6 | 7.00 |
| 13/05/2026 | RAINFORD LENGTHSMAN | 7 | 834.75 |
| 13/05/2026 | VISION ICT HOSTED EMAIL ACCOUNTS | 8 | 288.00 |
| 13/05/2026 | WISEMAN INTERNAL AUDIT | 9 | 140.00 |
| 22/05/2026 | TRUE FORM BUS SHELTER PROJECT | 10 | 6603.28 |
| 22/05/2026 | LCC ROOM HIRE | 11 | 18.00 |
| 22/05/2026 | ZURICH INSURANCE RENEWAL | 12 | 575.60 |
| 31/05/2026 | BANK CHARGES | 13 | 7.00 |

7. To appoint a representative to the Hutton Grammar School Foundation Trust following the resignation of Cllr Gooch to that role.

8. To consider the enclosed funding request from Longton Carnival Committee relating to the 2026 Longton Winter Wonderland Event.
9. To appoint 2 members to act as final round judges for the 2026 Best Kept Garden Competition (Judging to take place during early August with presentation to winners etc being done at our October meeting)
10. To exclude the public and press from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be now transacted.
11. To consider the applicants (details sent to members under separate cover) and appoint one applicant to the present casual vacancy on this Council.
12. To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 1st September 2026

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on
Tuesday the 12th May 2026 at **Longton Library** which commenced immediately
after the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING which started at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Gooch, Alsop, Fox, Sumner, Turner, Mather, Garside, Riley, Molder, Welch and Porter

There were four members of the public present

31/26 To elect a Chairman for the following 12 months who will then be required to sign the Acceptance of Office form

Cllr Porter was elected Chairman for the next 12 months, he signed the Acceptance of Office form

Cllr Porter immediately thanked Cllr Gooch who had been Chairman for the past 21 years and who had decided to step down for personal reasons. All present gave Graham a round of applause in appreciation of the work he had done over that time

32/26 To elect a Vice Chairman for the following 12 months

Cllr Fox was elected Vice Chairman for the next 12 months

33/26 To receive apologies

None

34/26 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th April 2026 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th April 2025 should be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

35/26 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

36/26 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

Following the closure of the access route between the Health Centre and Pharmacy SRBC are looking to now improve the PROW which runs adjacent to that location by enhancing the path and providing additional lighting. SRBC are putting together a plan, which has already involved removing moss, and will be seeking funding for the further improvements mentioned above. This will likely involve a request for funding from the Parish Council.

The contentious planning application for the Post Office in New Longton is still under discussion and seemingly new plans are being put forward.

The Chairman of New Longton Village Hall Committee presented one red rose to the Chairman being the annual rent to the Parish Council for the use of the ground from which the VH operate.

The meeting was reconvened

37/26 To consider the following planning applications:

None

38/26 To approve the following payments:

None

39/26 To approve the enclosed Financial Statement as at 31st March 2026

It was resolved that the above mentioned Financial Statement as at 31st March 2026 should be approved

40/26 To receive and note the enclosed Internal Auditors Report for the year 2025/26

It was resolved that the Internal Auditors Report be received and noted

41/26 To approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 and Section 2 Accounting Statements 2025/26 (enclosed) being part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26 and authorise the Chairman and Clerk/RFO to sign them on behalf of this Council

It was resolved that Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 and Section 2 Accounting Statements 2025/26 as referred to above and being part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26 should be approved and that the Chairman and Clerk/RFO should sign them on behalf of this Council.

42/26 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 23rd June 2026

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for the 23rd June 2026

7th June 2026

Funding Request to Longton Parish Council

Longton Carnival Christmas Lighting Enhancement Project

Dear Members of Longton Parish Council,

Longton Carnival is proud to be at the heart of our village community, bringing residents together through events that create lasting memories, encourage community spirit, and celebrate everything that makes Longton special. Following the success of last year's Christmas Light Switch-On, we are seeking the Parish Council's support to help us take the next step in creating a truly magical festive experience for our residents and visitors.

As part of our planned 3–5 year Christmas lighting strategy, we are proposing an investment in permanent lighting infrastructure and new illuminated polemount displays that will enhance the appearance of our village for many Christmases to come.

Our Vision

We want to create a warm and welcoming festive atmosphere that residents can be proud of, while building a sustainable lighting scheme that offers excellent value for money over the long term. By investing now, we can establish the foundations for future Christmas displays that continue to grow and improve year after year.

The proposed project includes:

Lighting Column Conversions

Ten existing lighting columns require conversion to support modern illuminated Christmas displays, however we are requesting to use six of these within the proposed road closure area for the Longton Winter Wonderland 2026. (The map to show the location is attached and the six columns circled in RED)

Each conversion will include integrated timers, set to switch off at 23:00 hours, to ensure efficient operation and minimise ongoing management requirements.

Cost: £270 per column

Total Cost: £1,620 +VAT

Importantly, once completed these upgrades are expected to remain effective for approximately **7–10 years**, providing a long-lasting asset for the village and significantly reducing future infrastructure costs.

Annual Installation and Removal

To ensure all displays are installed safely and professionally, annual installation and removal will be undertaken by qualified contractors, who are required to be HERS registered (Highway Electrical Registration Scheme), managed and maintained by the HEA (Highway Electrical Association). We have been offered storage either in Blackpool / Manchester (Depending on which lights we choose) included within the price. We also may have room to store them locally, currently in discussion.

Cost: £95 per column annually

Annual Total: £570 +VAT

Illuminated Polemount Displays

We propose purchasing six illuminated polemount displays specifically designed for the smaller lighting columns within Longton.

These displays will provide an immediate visual enhancement to our Christmas celebrations and help create a festive village centre that residents of all ages can enjoy.

Cost: £360 per polemount

Total Cost: £2,160 +VAT

The supplier has advised that stock availability is limited and that popular designs are selling quickly. Securing funding at this stage would allow us to purchase and reserve the most suitable displays for Longton while taking advantage of the installer's offer of free storage until installation.

All displays are supplied with a **two-year manufacturer's warranty**.

Why This Project Matters

The Christmas Light Switch-On has become an increasingly important community event, bringing together families, neighbours, local organisations and visitors in a shared celebration of the festive season. Our community have been asking about this years Longton Winter Wonderland and the Switch-On since November 2025, we have even started securing the market stalls and the entertainment. This years event is set to be bigger and better.

The proposed improvements will:

- Enhance the visual appearance and festive atmosphere of Longton.
- Build upon the success of last year's Christmas Light Switch-On.
- Create a welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike.
- Encourage community pride and strengthen village identity.

- Provide a long-term infrastructure investment that will benefit the village for many years.
- Deliver reliable, professional-grade displays while keeping future maintenance costs low.
- Enable Longton Carnival to continue developing a Christmas event that the whole community can enjoy and look forward to each year.

Funding Request

| Item | Cost |
|---|--------------------|
| Column Conversions (6 × £270) | £1,620 +VAT |
| Annual Installation & Removal (6 × £95) | £570 +VAT |
| Polemount Displays (6 × £360) | £2,160 +VAT |
| Total Funding Requested | £4,350 +VAT |

Closing Statement

We respectfully ask Longton Parish Council to consider supporting this project through a grant of **£4,350 +VAT**

This investment would not simply fund Christmas decorations for one season; it would help create a lasting festive legacy for Longton, providing infrastructure and displays that can be enjoyed by our community for many years to come.

With the Parish Council's support, we can continue building an event that brings people together, showcases community pride, and makes Longton an even more welcoming place during the festive season.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of community initiatives within our village.

Yours faithfully,

Longton Carnival Committee

Examples of what we are looking at:

