

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on
Tuesday the 27th February 2024 at **Longton Library** commencing at 7.30pm

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

There were two members of the public present

10/24 To receive apologies

Cllrs Barnes and Molder

It was resolved that the reasons for the recent absences of Cllr Barnes due to medical issues and his duties as a magistrate should be accepted and approved.

11/24 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th January 2024 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th January 2024 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

12/24 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

13/24 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

Mention was made that the new bus shelter in New Longton had been erected, that SRBC were looking at potentially more safety features for the village and that there were funds in the 2024/25 budget of £75K. The playground is due for refurbishment, but this will be later this year, whilst that in Longton will be done shortly. A pedestrian crossing in New Longton is being looked at and SPID poles have now been erected. The Chairman agreed, in his capacity as a LCC Councillor to enquire whether road safety signage might be appropriate. Woodside Ave had parking issues however this road is not adopted.

The meeting was reconvened

14/24 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

None

15/24 To approve the following payments:

12/01/2024	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	39	534.40
12/01/2024	PRINTING WORLD NEWSLETTER	40	564.00
12/01/2024	WV MCWHITTLE XMAS COMPO EXPENSES	41	95.00

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

16/24 To appoint Sandra Wiseman as the internal auditor for 2023/24 at a fee of £130.00 and approve the Terms of Reference and Internal Control / Suggested Testing Methodology the relative documents having already been circulated

It was resolved that Sandra Wiseman should be appointed as the Internal Auditor as outlined above

17/24 To consider and approve the following documents which have already been circulated

- The Councils Risk Management Policy Statement 2024
- The Councils Risk Management Register 2024
- The Councils Asset Register 2024
- The Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control 2024
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It was resolved that the documentation referred to above should be approved

18/24 To consider and approve this Council's Standing Orders 2024 and Financial Regulations 2024 which have already been circulated

It was resolved that the documentation referred to above should be approved

19/24 To confirm that this Council wishes to enter the 2024 Best Kept Village Competition and agree which individual OUTSTANDING entries should be submitted this year (last year outstanding nominations were New Longton Cricket Club, The Black Bull Longton, The Golden Ball Longton and Blundells Hardware Shop Longton)

It was resolved that this Council did wish to enter the BKVC for both Longton and New Longton and that the outstanding merit entries should be the same as last year with the addition of the LVMRG Sports and Social Club and Tennis Club being included.

20/24 To approve that the lengthsman hourly rate should be increased to £17.40 (last year £16.70) representing an increase in line with CPI (4.2%)

It was resolved that the above hourly rate rise should be approved.

21/24 To approve that the fees for the use of the New Longton football pitch should be set at the same figure as those applied to LVMRG football pitch being proposed at £432.00

It was resolved that New Longton football pitch fees should be set at £432.00

22/24 To consider the enclosed request from St Andrew's Church Longton to provide funding for replacement Christmas Lights

It was resolved that this Council should donate up to £350.00 to the cost of replacing the Christmas Lights at St Andrew's Church Longton

23/24 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 2nd April 2024

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