

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on
Tuesday the 14th May 2024 at **Longton Library** which commenced immediately after the
Annual Parish Meeting which started at 7.30pm

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

There were 6 members of the public present

32/24 To elect a Chairman for the following 12 months who will be required to sign the Acceptance of Office form.

Cllr Gooch was elected Chairman for the following 12 months. He signed the Acceptance of Office form

33/24 To elect a Vice Chairman for the following 12 months

Cllr Fox was elected Vice Chairman for the following 12 months

34/24 To receive apologies

Cllrs Mather and Welch

35/24 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd April 2024 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd April 2024 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

36/24 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

37/24 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

Mention was made that oak trees were dying in the area due to ivy climbing on them. Cllr Gooch is his capacity as a Lancashire County Cllr said he would mention this to the LCC environment dept.

The meeting was reconvened

38/24 To consider the list of the planning applications as set out below:

07/2024/00304/PIP – Application for Stage 1 PIP for erection of one dwelling @ Field to east of Marsh Lane Back Lane Longton PR4 5JA

07/2024/00277/HOH – Dormer extension to front roof slope facing Spinney Close @ 9 Station road New Longton PR4 4LL

It was resolved that no representation should be made

39/24 To approve the following payments:

06/03/2024	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	44	1068.80
26/03/2024	W MCWHITTLE SALARY 4TH QTR	45	1827.49
26/03/2024	HMRC 4TH QTR	46	1291.92
26/03/2024	P HEISE LENGHTSMAN	47	1068.80

26/03/2024	LBKV COMP	48	50.00
26/03/2024	C W BERRY LENGTHSMAN MATERIALS	49	20.35
31/03/2024	BANK CHARGES	50	20.25

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

40/24 To approve the Financial Statement as at the 31st March 2024

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

41/24 To approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 and Section 2 Accounting Statements 2023/24 (enclosed) being part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24 and authorise the Chairman and Clerk/RFO to sign them on behalf of this Council.

It was resolved that Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 and Section 2 Accounting Statements 2023/24 should be approved and that the Chairman and Clerk/RFO should sign them on behalf of this Council

42/24 To approve the arrangements for the 2024 Best Kept Garden Competition as below and appoint the judges for the final round.

Each member should provide details of their TWO chosen gardens by the 14th July 2024 for entry into the final round of judging and that Cllrs (as appointed) should undertake the final judging and advise the Clerk of the winner, 2nd and 3rd in each of the two villages of Longton and New Longton by the 2nd August 2024.

It was resolved that Cllrs Welch and Fox should undertake the final judging round in line with the timescales set out above.

It was also agreed that the first-round judging lists should be distributed to members in such a way as to give them a different area to consider than in the past.

43/24 To consider the replacement of the two notice boards in Longton one of which is in very poor condition with new boards in the style and colour of those erected in New Longton at an estimated cost of £1200.00 for both fully installed

It was resolved that two new notice boards should be purchased as detailed above

44/24 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 9th July 2024

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