

# Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on  
Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at **Longton Library** which commenced at 7.30pm.

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

There were three members of the public present

13/25 To receive apologies

*None*

14/25 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (enclosed)

*It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.*

15/25 To receive Declarations of Interest

*None*

16/25 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

*There were no representations from the public present.*

17/25 To consider the following planning applications:

*None*

18/25 To approve the following payments:

02/12/2025	POPPY WREATH	43	100.00
02/12/2025	LCC ROOM HIRE	44	60.00
10/12/2025	MARMAX BENCH NEW LONGTON	45	541.20
11/12/2025	C & W BERRY LENGTHSMAN MATERIALS	46	14.02
11/12/2025	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	47	1113.60
11/12/2025	FOX TIMBER REPLACE GATE (to be reimbursed by LVMRG Trustee)	48	216.48
11/12/2025	SLCC 1/3RD SUBSCRIPTION	49	120.00
30/12/2025	W V MCWHITTLE SALARY 3RD QTR	50	2215.83
30/12/2025	HMRC 3RD QTR	51	1526.44
31/12/2025	BANK CHARGES	52	6.00
21/01/2025	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	53	556.80
31/01/2025	BANK CHARGES	54	6.00

19/25 To consider the following report and agree how to proceed.

*The Clerk has had a conversation with SRBC who appear agreeable to the Parish Council paying for replacement bus shelters should a decision be made to do so.*

*We have obtained a list of the shelters in the Parish (enclosed)*

*The ones they have marked as poor are part of a wider scheme across the Borough for which they are currently looking to obtain a funding allocation. Once this has been achieved, they will themselves undertake replacement.*

*No action will be taken by SRBC on those they consider satisfactory, despite our own list would suggest that some are in need of replacement (see enclosed)*

*The arrangements would be (if agreed by Council) for SRBC to follow their own procurement protocols and undertake the purchase and installation of new shelters with the Parish Council simply paying from CIL funds - this is the way that Lea and Cottam and Hutton deal with similar type projects. It is simple and straightforward in that they undertake all the purchases, and we are not involved in the administration. The bus shelters would belong to SRBC therefore we would not have any ongoing maintenance costs.*

*You may have noticed that the new shelter in New Longton is brushed steel which requires little ongoing maintenance such as repainting as also is the one recently erected in Hutton. SRBC would be looking to replace with this sort of shelter based on the specifications of the existing. A ballpark average figure I have been informed is around £5000, although I know that the one in NL cost with installation just over £6.5K so I am assuming £5K to be shelter cost only.*

*It has been indicated (as per enclosed schedule) that 4 shelters should be replaced, over and above the two being dealt with by SRBC which they classed as poor. This could involve around 30K, a significant amount despite we have over £100K in CIL monies available.*

*The Council are asked to agree in principle that we replace one shelter initially so as to ensure that we know exactly what we are getting and can make sure that the arrangements work to our satisfaction. If we are then content, we could move forward with the other three as appropriate.*

*The enclosed schedule referred to above has ranked the 4 identified for replacement by the Parish Council in order of priority.*

***It was resolved that this Council agree in principle to replace the 4 shelters referred to above however it was agreed that initially only the priority one shelter at Hall Lane Longton should be replaced so as to ensure that this Council knows exactly what it is getting and can make sure that the arrangements work to its satisfaction before moving forward with the remaining three.***

19/25            To consider entry into the 2025 Best Kept Village Competition and nominate such OUTSTANDING Merit entries as appropriate. (last year outstanding nominations were LVMRG Sports and Social Club, Longton Tennis Club, New Longton Cricket Club, The Black Bull Pub Longton and Blundells Hardware Shop Longton)

***It was resolved that this Council should once again enter the competition referred to above and agreed that the following entries should be nominated as outstanding merit entries:***

***Longton:***

***St Andrews Church, LVMRG Sports and Social Club, Children's Play Area School Lane, Longton Tennis Club, Black Bull, Blundells and Brickcroft.***

***New Longton:***

***All Saints Primary School, Village Pharmacy, New Longton Cricket Club, Children's Play Area, Progress Sheltered Housing Boundary Close.***

20/25            To approve that the Lengthsman's hourly rate be increased by the latest CPI figure to be published on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

***It was resolved that the Lengthsman's hourly rate should be increased by 3% to a figure of £17.92***

21/25            To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

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