

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on
Tuesday the 8th July 2025 at **New Longton Village Hall** commencing at 7.30pm.

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

There was one member of the public present

49/25 To receive apologies

Cllrs Barnes and Alsop

50/25 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th May 2025 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May 2025 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

51/25 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

52/25 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

Mention was made of the recent non statutory consultation regarding proposed improvements to open space at Seven Sands Longton undertaken by SRBC The one member of the public present raised concerns with regard to the design, that it was inappropriate to create a park with seating, it was a waste of money and objected to the proposed new path which had been suggested. He was also concerned that the Parish Council had not been consulted. He had made his views known to SRBC.

It was pointed out that the improvement plan was not a planning application and that there was no requirement to consult with the Parish Council, that the consultation period with local residents had already expired, that as the item was not on the agenda this Council could not make any lawful representation since no opportunity had been given to other residents, who might be in favour or against, to make their views known.

The meeting was reconvened

53/25 To consider the following planning applications:

None

54/25 To approve the following payments:

30/04/2025	BANK CHARGES	1	6.00
12/05/2025	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	2	1003.52
12/05/2025	VISION ICT HOST EMAIL ACCOUNTS	3	312.00
12/05/2025	NEWGATE NURSERIES SPRING PLANTING	4	89.40
12/05/2025	S WISEMAN INTERNAL AUDITOR FEE	5	135.00
23/05/2025	ZURICK INSURANCE RENEWAL	6	493.95
23/05/2025	TYREE CHECK LTD CONSULTATION FEE LVMRG TREES	7	603.00
23/05/2025	TRUNKS TREE CARE WORK TO TREES LVMRG	8	4020.00
23/05/2025	NEWGATE NURSERIES SPRING PLANTING	9	183.98
29/05/2025	JUST PRINT LTD NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION	10	393.96
31/05/2025	BANK CHARGES	11	6.00

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

55/25 To appoint two members along with the Clerk to interview applicants for the Lengthsman role and appoint a suitable candidate on the usual service contract up to 31st March 2026

It was resolved that Cllrs Turner , Porter and the Clerk should interview applicants for the role above and appoint a suitable candidate as outlined above.

56/25 To appoint a representative to the Hutton Grammar School Foundation Trust

It was resolved Cllr Gooch should be appointed as representative to the Hutton Grammar School Foundation which lasts for the next 4 years.

57/25 To appoint 2 members to act as the final round judges for this year's Best Kept Garden Competition. (Judging to take place during early August with the presentation to winners etc being done at either our September or October meeting.

It was resolved that Cllrs Welch and Fox should be appointed as judges as outlined above

58/25 To consider the attached report and quotation to replace up to 9 concrete end benches in the Parish using CIL funds

It was resolved that 8 concrete end benches should be replaced with Glasdon Elwood Seats and new bases created where required as set out in the report attached to the agenda, that item 7 on the report should not be replaced but be removed completely and the grass verge re-instated. The benches to be purchased with Dark Oak Ends and Brown Slats at an estimated cost of £6800 plus Vat together with installation and removal costs at £2912.50 plus Vat from CIL funds (Vat being recovered in normal course) – Project budget approx £9900 allowing for ground work re-instatement on item 7.

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