

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on
Tuesday the 2nd September 2025 at **Longton Library** commencing at 7.30pm.

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

There were ten members of the public present

60/25 To receive apologies

Cllr Barnes

61/25 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th July 2025 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th July 2025 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

62/25 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Molder declared a personal and prejudicial interest relating to item 10 on the agenda, she left the room and did not take part in the debate or voting on this matter.

63/25 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

A resident addressed the Council on behalf of a group of residents living in the area of The Croft who wished to express their objections to planning application 07/2025/00355/FUL which was to be discussed later in the meeting. They feel that the proposal is excessively large, higher than surrounding bungalows and therefore overbearing and due to its dormer windows is out of keeping with area which is made up of low level bungalows. The proposed dormer bungalow has windows which will allow visibility into neighbouring gardens, something that does not presently exist and is therefore detrimental to their local amenity and privacy. They also feel that a provision for 4 bedrooms is likely to significantly increase vehicular movements since it could house up to 8 people and whilst provision for 3 very tight parking spaces has been allocated, it is likely that on road parking would be needed on the narrow road and in a tight corner area which would be detrimental to road safety in the area. The residents do not object to a more sympathetic development and request support for the application to be substantially revised so as to align with the character of the area and the safety of their community.

Mention was made that some bus shelters and litter bins in the area are in poor condition, and could they be replaced by the Parish Council – this is something that is ongoing at the present time.

The meeting was reconvened

64/25 To consider the following planning applications:

07/2025/00498/FUL - Application for erection of 140 dwellings, with access, landscaping and other associated works on Land South of Chapel Lane Longton. Please note that this parcel of land is not within the existing Local Plan, however it has been included in the emerging Central Lancashire Local Plan which has been approved by SRBC, and which is due to take over from the existing plan probably in 2026 once it has been examined by the Central Govt Planning Inspectorate. Public consultation has already taken place on its inclusion in the CLLP prior to its inclusion covering the principle of inclusion.

It was resolved that this Council should support the comments of both LCC Highways in respect of All identified Highway Issues and United Utilities in respect of All Drainage issues raised.

07/2025/00606/HOH – Garage conversion to annex, side extension and alteration to front drive @ 4 Chapel Meadow Longton PR4 5NR

07/2025/00355/FUL – Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuildings and replace with self-build dormer bungalow dwelling @ 1 The Croft Longton PR4 5DB

It was resolved that this Council should object to application 07/2025/00355/FUL in its present form along the lines of the comments received during public participation

65/25 To approve the following payments:

06/06/2025	C W BERRY LENGTHSMAN MATERIALS	12	20.10
06/06/2025	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	13	1023.52
26/06/2025	JPP MEDIA NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION	14	360.00
26/06/2025	NEWGATE NURSERIES PLANTING	15	52.98
26/06/2025	W V MCWHITTE SALARY 1SR QTR	16	1918.37
26/06/2025	HMRC 1ST QTR	17	1531.87
26/06/2025	LEAVING PRESENT LENGTHSMAN	18	107.50
30/06/2025	BANK CHARGES	19	6.00
11/07/2025	1/3RD SHARE MICROSOFT 365 SOFTWARE	20	29.16
11/07/2025	VISION ICT WEB SUPPORT	21	240.00
11/07/2025	PRINTING WORLD NEWSLETTER	22	569.00
11/07/2025	P HEISE LENGTHSMAN	23	1146.88
11/07/2025	CW BERYY LENGTHSMAN MATERIALS	24	2.27
31/07/2025	BANK CHARGES	25	6.00

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

66/25 To appoint a member of this Council to act as our official representative at PACT meetings

It was resolved that Cllr Turner should be appointed as this Council's official representative at future PACT meetings.

67/25 To approve the enclosed Financial Statement as of 30th June 2025

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

68/25 To consider the use of CIL monies to further enhance the appearance and tidiness of the Parish by replacing 28 litter bins which are in varying degrees of fair to poor condition and for which SRBC do not have any allocated or available budget. The litter bins, if agreed, would be purchased by this Council for SRBC at a cost of approx £400 who would be able to install at a cost of £25 each (included in the previously mentioned figure) A budget will need to be provided from CIL of £11200. Full details will be sent out under separate cover.

It was resolved that all 28 litter bins identified in the area and as outlined above should be replaced at the expense of the Parish Council using CIL monies and that a budget of £11200.00 should be set. The purchase is to be made by this Council, installed by SRBC who would retain ownership since they are replacements of existing.

69/25 To consider a request from St Andrew's Church Longton to fund the purchase of essential furniture for their two new meeting rooms that have been created as part of their refurbishment plans at a cost of £2088.18 plus Vat (latter recoverable by Parish Council) from CIL funds. Full details will be sent out under separate cover.

It was resolved that the above mentioned request should be approved and the budget agreed from CIL funds as mentioned. The purchase orders will need to be made by the applicant in the name of the Parish Council and invoiced accordingly so that Vat can be reclaimed. They will then be 'gifted' to the applicant.

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