

# Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on  
Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at **Longton Library** commencing at 7.30pm.

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

There were seven members of the public present

11/26 To receive apologies

**Cllr Riley**

12/26 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (enclosed)

***It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.***

13/26 To receive Declarations of Interest

***Cllrs Molder and Garside declared personal and prejudicial interests in item 5 on the agenda since they lived in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development detailed in the amended planning application 07/2025/00498/FUL. They left the room and did not take part in the debate or voting on this matter***

14/26 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

*The meeting was adjourned*

*Members of the public raised concerns with regard to planning application 07/2025/00498 covering increased traffic and congestion on Chapel Lane particularly at school opening and closing times, that 136 houses represented overdevelopment and that an alternative entrance/exit to the development should be created to overcome some of these issues.*

*One member of the public again raised concern at the closure of the short cut access between the Health Center and local shops.*

*The meeting was reconvened*

15/26 To consider the following planning applications:

Application 07/2025/00498/FUL – This application is for 140 dwellings on land south of Chapel Lane Longton, originally dealt with minute 64/25 when it was resolved that support should be given to the comments of both LCC Highways in respect of all identified Highway issues and United Utilities in respect of all drainage issues raised.

Amended plans have now been submitted, reducing the number of dwellings to 136 as per details enclosed in response to comments regarding highways, drainage, noise etc.

***It was resolved that this Council should make further representation as it had done previously (minute 64/25), indicating that it was unclear from the developers further response that the matters relating to highway and drainage issues had satisfactorily been addressed. It was further resolved that this Council acknowledge a number of resident comments as outlined briefly during public participation and ask SRBC planning dept to ensure that all relative public comments are given full and proper consideration.***

16/26 To approve the following payments:

14/01/2026	M F RAINFORD LENGTHSMAN	58	126.00
14/01/2026	JP MEDIA NEWSLETTER DELIVERY	59	360.00
14/01/2026	SLLC 1/3RD SUBSCRIPTION	60	126.33
14/01/2026	ADS LTD LIGHTING COSTS LONGTON CARNIVAL COMMITTEE	61	5978.29
31/01/2026	BANK CHARGES	62	6.00

***It was resolved that the payments listed above should be approved***

17/26 To appoint Sandra Wiseman as the internal auditor for 2025/6 at a fee of £140.00 and approve the Terms of Reference and Suggested Testing Methodology the relative documents having already been circulated to members

***It was resolved that Sandra Wisemen should be appointed as the Internal Auditor as outlined above and that the documentation referred to above should be approved.***

18/26 To consider and approve the following documents which have already been circulated to members

- The Councils Risk Management Policy Statement 2026
- The Councils Risk Management Register 2026
- The Councils Asset Register 2026
- The Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control 2026

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

19/26 To consider and approve the Lengthsman's contract for a further period of 12 months for 16 hours per week at an hourly rate of £18.55 per hour representing an increase in the existing rate in line with inflation (CPI) currently 3%

***It was resolved that the Lengthsman's contract should be renewed for a further period of 12 months at the rate indicated.***

20/26 To consider the enclosed response received by Little Hoole Parish Council setting out the reason they have closed the access from Longton Health Centre to the shops and particularly the pharmacy and decide what action may now be appropriate.

***It was resolved that this Council should write to the local MP explaining the actions taken by NHS Property Services in closing the short cut access from Longton Health Centre car park to the shops and particularly the pharmacy which had apparently been done due to the misuse of the Health Centre car park which was being used as a public car park to the detriment of Health Centre users.***

***This action has caused concern amongst some residents that the alternative PROW nearby is unsound and dangerous particularly for the infirm and disabled and also involves crossing a lay by in front of the Spar which is heavily congested with vehicular movements and thus in itself is also dangerous.***

***This Council seeks the support of the local MP to help get the short cut re-opened.***

21/26 To consider the Local Government Reorganisation Consultation (see enclosed) – This is a public consultation however provision has been made for Town and Parish Councils to provide a response as an organisation if they so wish. Should this Council wish to do so it will be necessary for the Council to agree their recommendation for one of the proposals and respond to the consultation questions which are shown on the enclosed documentation which also provides links to the proposals themselves and the consultation questionnaire. Members are able to make personal responses irrespective as to whether this Council chooses to do so as a corporate entity.

***It was unanimously the view of members present that option four of the proposals would be their preference and that this Council should complete the consultation indicating the same.***

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