

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on
Tuesday the 12th May 2026 at **Longton Library** which commenced immediately
after the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING which started at 7.30pm.

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

There were four members of the public present

31/26 To elect a Chairman for the following 12 months who will then be required to sign the Acceptance of Office form

Cllr Porter was elected Chairman for the next 12 months, he signed the Acceptance of Office form

Cllr Porter immediately thanked Cllr Gooch who had been Chairman for the past 21 years and who had decided to step down for personal reasons. All present gave Graham a round of applause in appreciation of the work he had done over that time

32/26 To elect a Vice Chairman for the following 12 months

Cllr Fox was elected Vice Chairman for the next 12 months

33/26 To receive apologies

None

34/26 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th April 2026 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th April 2025 should be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record

35/26 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

36/26 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

Following the closure of the access route between the Health Centre and Pharmacy SRBC are looking to now improve the PROW which runs adjacent to that location by enhancing the path and providing additional lighting. SRBC are putting together a plan, which has already involved removing moss, and will be seeking funding for the further improvements mentioned above. This will likely involve a request for funding from the Parish Council.

The contentious planning application for the Post Office in New Longton is still under discussion and seemingly new plans are being put forward.

The Chairman of New Longton Village Hall Committee presented one red rose to the Chairman being the annual rent to the Parish Council for the use of the ground from which the VH operate.

The meeting was reconvened

37/26 To consider the following planning applications:

None

38/26 To approve the following payments:

None

39/26 To approve the enclosed Financial Statement as at 31st March 2026

It was resolved that the above mentioned Financial Statement as at 31st March 2026 should be approved

40/26 To receive and note the enclosed Internal Auditors Report for the year 2025/26

It was resolved that the Internal Auditors Report be received and noted

41/26 To approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 and Section 2 Accounting Statements 2025/26 (enclosed) being part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26 and authorise the Chairman and Clerk/RFO to sign them on behalf of this Council

It was resolved that Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 and Section 2 Accounting Statements 2025/26 as referred to above and being part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26 should be approved and that the Chairman and Clerk/RFO should sign them on behalf of this Council.

42/26 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 23rd June 2026

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