

Longton Parish Council

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on
Tuesday the 1st September 2026 at **Longton Library** which commenced at 7.30pm.

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

There were 4 members of the public present which included 3 SRBC Cllrs.

55/26 To receive apologies

Cllr Sumner

56/26 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 23rd June 2026 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th May 2026 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

57/26 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fox declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 07/2026/00564/PIP as she had already predetermined her position and had objected to this application. She left the room and did not take part in the debate or voting on this item.

58/26 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

The meeting was adjourned

It was mentioned that New Longton Flower Show was once again taking place this coming Saturday

It was noted that the SRBC Forum meeting is taking place on the 17th of this month at Hutton Village Hall

Thanks were extended on behalf of SRBC for the involvement of the Parish Council in putting together proposals for an improved path from the shops area to the health centre, an item to be considered for funding later in the meeting.

A member of NL Sports and Social Club introduced himself expressing a wish that they might work closer with the Parish Council in the future.

The meeting was reconvened

59/26 To consider the following planning applications:

07/2026/00585/PIP – Permission in Principle for 1no. detached dormer bungalow style dwelling @ 25 Sheephill Lane New Longton PR4 4ZN

07/2026/00564/PIP – Permission in Principle for erection of up to five dwellings on Land Adj to Stanfield House Gill Lane Longton PR4 4ST

It was resolved that no representation should be made

60/26 To approve the following payments:

22/06/2026	PRINTING WORLD NEWSLETTER	15	599.00
22/06/2026	JPP MEDIA NEWSLETTER DELIVERY	16	504.00
22/06/2026	HMRC 1ST QTR	17	1584.18
22/06/2026	M RAINFORD LENGTHSMAN	18	983.15
22/06/2026	M RAINFORD LENGTHSMAN PLANT SUPPLIES	19	410.00
22/06/2026	VISION ICT WEB SITE HOSTING AND SUPPORT	20	276.00
30/06/2026	BANK CHARGES	21	7.00
27/07/2026	PFK LITTLEJOHN EXTERNAL AUDITORS FEE	22	378.00
27/07/2026	M RIANFORD LENGTHSMAN	23	1057.33
27/07/2026	CW BERRY LENGTHSMAN MATERIALS	24	11.22
31/07/2026	BANK CHARGES	25	7.00

It was resolved that the payments mentioned above should be approved

61/26 To receive and note the attached External Auditors Report 2025/2026

It was resolved that the External Auditors Report 2025/6 should be noted

62/26 To approve the enclosed Financial Statement as at 30th June 2026

It was resolved that the Financial Statement as of 30th June 2026 should be approved.

63/26 To consider the enclosed quotation from Willow Landscapes Ltd relating to the enhancement of the footway between Liverpool Road and the Heath Centre in order to improve accessibility for the elderly and disabled following closure of the short cut access from behind the shops in Longton.

Background – SRBC Cllrs Smith and Buttery approached the Parish Council for potential funding from CIL funds to improve access to the Health Centre from Liverpool road following closure of the short cut from behind the shops. The original plan was to upgrade two paths which both led to the Health Centre from the same entrance point, both of which were of the same distance and install lighting columns along one of them. The Chairman and Clerk were invited to a meeting at the Civic Centre to discuss. The Chairman was not available however the Clerk attended after several discussions with the Chairman following receipt of quotations involving expenditure of at least £20K in total

The Chairman and Clerk considered the quotations and questioned why it was necessary to have two paths to the same location and put forward an alternative suggestion that only one path need be upgraded which would reduce the cost significantly. The proposals were presented at the meeting convened with SRBC, who accepted the rationale and decided to obtain a new quote which is enclosed. The new proposal will be to upgrade the right hand path and remove the left hand path which is in extremely poor condition and has no lighting. The results will reduce the cost to approx £10K

The Council are asked to approve a contribution of £6867.80 with SRBC contributing £3000.

It was resolved that this Council should contribute £6867.80 to the enhancements referred to above from its available CIL funds.

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