

# Longhirst Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Longhirst Village Hall, on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Present	Cllr Bill Climson	Cllr Glen Fahy	Cllr Julie Murray
	Cllr Janet Quinn	Cllr Andrew Robson	Cllr Richard Tordoff
			Barry Flux (Clerk)
In Attendance	County Councillor Ed Dungait		

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

### A PUBLIC FORUM

No public questions / speaking

### B NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE – Cllr Ed Dungait

Councillor Dungait introduced himself to the parish council having been elected the previous week. He indicated that he had listened to residents concerns on issues such as speeding at that he was looking forward to working on local issues and listening to the parish council.

### C RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION / GROUPS (10 minutes)

Nothing to report which would not be covered in the full meeting.

## Agenda Item

### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Glen Fahy was elected chair and signed her declaration of acceptance of office which was received by the parish clerk.

### 2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Andy Robson was elected as vice chair and he signed his declaration of acceptance of office which was received by the parish clerk.

### 3. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Declarations of Acceptance of Office from all councillors was received.

### 4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

### 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March were approved as a true record.

### 7. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

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It was noted that there was 1 vacancy on Longhirst Parish Council following the recent uncontested election. As such it was agreed that advertising within the Longhirst Leader may be advisable.

### **8. CLERK'S REPORT**

- Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Other Policies and Terms of Reference

It was confirmed that all standing orders, other policies and terms of reference would remain consistent with the previous parish council term. Banking arrangements were confirmed, and it was agreed that Glen Fahy and Andrew Robson as chair and vice chair of the parish council would be the signatories going forward along with the parish clerk. Steps would be taken to update these details and to remove former councillors and the past clerk as signatories.

- Internal Audit

It was confirmed that Lisa Hamlin was to work on this and the Parish Clerk confirmed he had a forthcoming meeting with her on this.

- Payments – Including VE Day commemorations

It was agreed to provide £200 for the VE Day commemorations at Longhirst Colliery Hall.

### **9. TIME AND PLACE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL**

The following meeting schedule was agreed.

- 3 July 2025
- 4 September 2025
- 6 November 2025
- 8 January 2026
- 5 March 2026
- 7 May 2026

Meetings would be held at Longhirst Village Hall

### **10. PLANNING**

It was agreed to produce a list of applications for the period between meetings for review, even if the parish council had no concerns or comments to make.

### **11. KEY PROJECTS**

After some debate it was agreed to have three main projects to concentrate upon:

- Road resurfacing. Getting the rest of the road resurfaced from beyond the old school house.
- Footpath to Pegswood – it was suggested that the council look to contacting the county council in respect to clearing
- Reinstatement of the paths in the woods corridor. It was suggested that there may be progress on this from speaking to a local contact.

Further to this it was agreed to keep an achievements log.

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## 12. GENERAL ITEMS

- Website details of councillors and notice in village hall

It was confirmed the clerk had updated the list of councillors on the parish council website. The clerk asked for councillors to check that information was up to date, and personal email / telephone detailing was shown / not shown as desired. If photos were provided of councillors the clerk would add them.

The clerk agreed to update the poster of councillor details for the village hall.

- Litter bin Longhirst Colliery bus stop

The litter bin had been damaged and it was agreed to investigate a replacement bin which might be larger than the existing damaged bin.

- Speeding

There was no information from Northumberland County Council to update the meeting on this matter.

- Changes in the use of Village Hall

Following the passing of Mike Elphick some of the procedures on managing the Village Hall had changed. Further to this it was requested that any information relating to the management of the Hall be passed to Cllr Robson.

- Maintenance of public rights of way

The chair confirmed he had a meeting scheduled with Northumberland County Council Officers in respect of this who seemed keen to see what was possible in terms of either the parish council or someone externally managing clearing etc.

- AOB

David Jordon needed a tenancy agreement finalising in terms of the Football Field for this year. It was agreed to provide an agreement with figures matching last year.

## 13. NEXT MEETING

To confirm the date and time of the next meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

Meeting closed at 20:15

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