

**LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19:00 MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Alice Foster (AFo) – Chairman
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM) – Vice Chairman
Cllr Beccy Soper (BS)
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt, David Drew (DD) HCC and Ian Jeffrey (IJ) TVBC and 1 resident

Apologies: Cllr Kirsty Dominick-Gibson (KDG), Colin McIntyre (CM), Leckford Estate and Nicky Goodridge (NG) Danebury School

- 1) Declarations of interest:** None
- 2) Minutes of PC Meeting 8th December 2025** - Unanimously agreed for adoption and signed by AFo.
- 3) Points from the Floor**
 - a) Church Lane – Resident advised that both the ER site Manager and TVBC had been approached about cleaning the road before Christmas and it had been done, but not sure by whom. It will be raised again together with the potholes once the building work is nearing completion. **ACTION:** Clerk to monitor.
 - b) Speeding – resident raised a question about the potential of a speed limit of 20 along Longstock Road? Discussion about traffic calming options that may be available, however these would need to be funded by the PC. **ACTION:** AFo to investigate and bring forward ideas to the next meeting.
- 4) TVBC Update (IJ)**
 - a) IJ updated on:
 - i. The mayoral elections had been posted until 2028 but there is a government lobby to ensure that local elections go ahead in 2026. However, it may mean that if the local government re-organisation takes place, then it will happen before the mayor is elected.
 - ii. AI training available for business – further details will be circulated to the PC. **ACTION:** Clerk
 - iii. The climate change grant has been over subscribed and has now closed.
 - iv. Fly-tipping – TVBC continue prosecute flytippers with one person recently receiving a suspended prison sentence for dumping tyres in the road.
- IJ left at 19:20pm
- 5) Planning**
 - a) 26/00019 – Fell Apple tree – The Old Forge – noted and PC decision, NO OBJECTION
 - b) Previous applications TVBC decisions for noting a) 25/02547/LBNW demolish & Rebuild outbuilding – 10 Longstock has been withdrawn.
- 6) Highways**
 - a) The Clerk maintains a spreadsheet of all reported concerns. Any questions – refer to the Clerk.
- 7) Finance**
 - a) Monthly Finance Report – Clerk pre circulated PC Bank Account status also showing approved Dec payments and income receipts. Reviewed and approved payments to D Robins for hedge cutting £250.00, T Giles for grass cutting £300. The Bank balance at 31/12/2025 was £17,125.30. Cllrs noted the income and expenditure.
 - b) Donations – Clerk confirmed the donation from The Trout 'n' About Committee (£250 to the PC for the Playground Fund and £750 to the PC) had been received into the Bank account together with the Stockbridge Community Cinema £500 to the Playground Fund in recognition of Selina and John Musters selling ice creams at the cinema events.
 - c) Budget 2026/2027 – The precept was agreed at the Dec 25 meeting of £10,441 for 26/27. It was unanimously agreed to make this a round number (£10,440) and the Chairman signed the confirmation to TVBC. The budget information will be added to the website.
 - d) The half year accounts have been received back with no comments and these will be added to the website.
- 8) Councillors' Reports**
 - a) Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)

- i. No update received from English Rural about Church Fields. **ACTION:** Clerk to request an update on the application process for the shared ownership and rental properties.
- ii. Discussion amongst councillors as concerns raised that there may not be a Longstock/Leckford person who qualifies for the shared ownership and the house may be 'sold' to a person from a neighbouring village. **ACTION:** AF to discuss concerns with ER

As David Drew arrived at 19:50, the chairman gave dispensation to receive the HCC update.

9) HCC Update (DD)

- a) HCC report pre-circulated to Councillors and will be placed on the website. This covers advice on staying safe and well, a nature recovery strategy, peer review of Test Valley and mid-year report of HIOW Fire & Rescue service.
- b) Housing – Now the land swap has not been agreed at Danebury School, the landowner is now looking at a smaller development scheme which is been put forward for consideration by TVBC to be included in the Local Plan. DD explained that he understood it to be 45 houses plus a few more in the 'D' Field. DD confirmed that there would be a supplementary Regulation 18 of the TVBC Local Plan considering those sites where there has been a significant change from the Reg 18 consultation that happened in the Summer. The supplementary Reg 18 will be subject to a public consultation and is likely to take place in a month or so.

DD left at 20:30

10) Councillors' Reports (Continued)

- b) Allotments, Cemetery and Henry Smith Charity. (KDG)
 - i. Allotments – Nothing to report
 - ii. Cemetery – Clean up has been arranged on 21st Feb from 10am-12pm – need to advertise in newsletter and social media **ACTION:** SM, AFo
 - iii. Henry Smith – Discussion on role and responsibilities for the lunch. Volunteers to arrive at 10am to help set up, Clerk to collate attendees, SM/BS to arrange flowers and SM to place in newsletter.
- c) Footpaths and Lengthsman and Remembrance (CG)
 - i. Footpaths – Nothing to report
 - ii. Lengthsman – no update from Stockbridge PC about the continuance of the scheme. The PC has not been asked to provide tasks.
- d) Danebury School, Website and Telephone Box (AFo)
 - i. Telephone Box – Waiting for outcome of Lottery grant application
 - ii. Danebury School – The school has obtained a £500k grant for new SEN provision which will open Sept 2026. **ACTION:** AFo to forward information to PC
- e) Environment, Trees, Dog Waste & Newsletter (SJ)
 - i. Newsletter – SM working on next edition this week. Agreed front page would be the Henry Smith lunch. AFo volunteered to be the lead distributor.
- f) Village Hall, Street Lights & Newsletter (SM)
 - i. Street lights – SM to arrange annual clean, budget has not yet been used.
 - ii. Village Hall – There has been a leak in the Hall which has highlighted that the Village Hall committee needs a resilience plan in the event of a range of emergencies including villagers who can be called upon to help. **ACTION:** SM

SJ left the meeting at 21:05pm

- g) Playground (BS)
 - i. Regular inspections – Clerk explained the quotes obtained from playground companies with the preferred option being Infinity Playgrounds (near Winchester) who will charge £50 +VAT for each inspection and will provide a report of minor repairs that the PC can then act upon. Budget allowed 25/26 of £400, with no expenditure undertaken yet. New budget for 26/27 already agreed at £400. Vote took place to the regularity of the inspections, either 3 visits pa plus the ROSPA visit or 5 visits pa plus the ROSPA visit. It was resolved 4 votes to 1 that there should be 5 inspections visits pa undertaken by Infinity Playgrounds. **ACTION:** Clerk to take forward
 - ii. Pavilion – Clerk confirmed the playground fund has £2,260 which is sufficient to cover the repairs of the Pavilion. The villager who has volunteered to do the work will be given one month to undertake the work or the PC will get someone else to do it.

- iii. Fundraising – whilst the repairs to the pavilion will not likely use all the accrued playground fund the remaining money will be required to repair/replace the trim trail and ‘A’ frame where the wooden supports are showing signs of rotting. Fundraising is required and BS outlined ideas of a family camp and BBQ and a Barn Dance. Ideas to worked up and presented to PC.
- iv. Wire Fence – The wire fence at the car park needs repairing as some of the wire has snapped. BS to investigate work required and report back to PC. A working party may be required.

11) Parish Council Policy and Procedures Review

- a) The Council considered no changes were required to the existing policy and resolved to ratify the existing Equality & Diversity Policy. **ACTION:** Clerk to update the confirmation dates on the website.

12) Correspondence

- a) Items noted on pre-circulated report with the agenda and PC noted.

13) Matters Raised and for possible inclusion on next meeting’s agenda

- Decision regarding the playground fundraiser
- Playground working party
- Traffic calming

14) Date of Next Meeting

- a) Agreed the next Meeting will be on Monday 9th February 2026 at 7.00pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:45pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

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Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Date of PC Meeting: 12/01/2026

Bank Account Status as at 30/12/2025

	£17,125.30
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Income Received in Dec 2025

(Items included in the current account balance above)

From	Description	Amount
Funeral Partners	The Late Maureen Reid interment	£ 210.00
Trout 'n' About	Donation to PC	£ 750.00
Trout 'n' About	Donation to PC - Playground Fund	£ 250.00
Stockbridge Cinema	Donation - Playground Fund	£ 500.00

Payments Approved in Dec 2025

(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

Payee	Detail	Amount
Parish Printing	Newsletter printing	£ 266.55
Lloyds	Bank Charges	£ 4.25
SSE	Streetlights electricity	£ 106.69

*Approved by 2 Councillors

Income to be received (Items received and NOT yet included in the current account bank balance above)

From	Description	Amount
		£ -

Payments Approved (Items NOT included in the current account bank balance above)

Payee	Detail	Amount
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal	£ 125.00

Projected Bank Account Status (including all approved items)

	£17,000.30
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Invoices received and requiring authorisation for payment

From	Description	Amount
Toby Giles	One off cut of the grass Playing Field & Cemetery	£ 300.00
D Robins	Hedge Cutting at Cemetery & Playing field	£ 250.00

Signed by Chairman