

**LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19:00 MONDAY 13th JULY 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Cllr Selina Musters (SM) – Vice Chairman
Cllr Kirsty Dominick-Gibson (KDG)
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Beccy Soper (BS)
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt, David Drew (DD) HCC Councillor (part of the meeting), Ian Jeffries (IJ) TVBC Councillor (part of the meeting)

- 1) **Apologies:** Cllr Alice Foster (AF); Colin McIntyre (CM), Leckford Estate. In view of AF absence SM will chair the meeting.
- 2) **Declarations of interest :** None
- 3) **Minutes of PC Meeting of 1st June 2026**
 - a) Unanimously AGREED for adoption and signed by SM.
- 4) **Points from the Floor**
 - a) None
- 5) **Planning Applications**
 - a) A notification of tree works received after the agenda was published, 26/01462/TREEN Fell Conifer, 4 Verlynch Cottages. No objection.
 - b) Update the PC on recent previously discussed applications – 26/00924/TREEN Prunus reduce by 2m Carbery House – No objection. 26/00876/FULLN Replacement path and improvements to parking 29 Longstock Rd – Refuse.

IJ arrives at 7:15pm

As IJ had to leave the meeting, the Vice Chairman amended the order of the agenda items. Therefore the minute numbering does not exactly match the agenda.

- 6) **TVBC Report (IJ)**
 - a) IJ congratulated the PC on the official opening of Church Fields.
 - b) Councillor grants – IJ can allocated up to a maximum of £1,000 but it is more likely to be agreed as £500 as the overall amount is smaller.
 - c) TVBC Local Plan – AF requested an update from IJ. IJ advised within the next week matters will become clearer about progress of LGR, the formation of a shadow unitary authority and how this impacts the TVBC Local Plan.

IJ left the meeting

- 7) **Highways**
 - a) No updates from the Clerk
 - b) Traffic Calming Measures (AFo) – In the absence of AFO this will be re-tabled at the September meeting.
 - c) Overgrown hedges – CG noted that there are some hedges in the village (both private and HCC owned) that have overgrown into the highway and are causing some obstruction. It was unanimously RESOLVED that as a first step a reminder would be placed in the newsletter to advise private households to maintain their hedge. If the problem persists then this would be raised verbally with the owner and the final action would be to send a letter. CG will advise the Clerk which HCC hedges require a cut and the Clerk will report. **ACTION:** CG and Clerk.
- 8) **Finance**
 - a) Monthly Finance Report – Clerk circulated PC Bank account status also showing approved June payments and income receipts. Reviewed and approved. The Bank balance is £21,867.64. Cllrs noted the income and expenditure. Payments approved D Robins (Grass cutting 3mths) £500.00
 - b) SSE Contract for Streetlights – Discussed the offer from SSE for a 1, 2 or 3 year contract. The difference between the 1 and 2 year contract offer is minimal and in view of the turbulent nature of energy prices it was RESOLVED to commit to a 2 year contract. **ACTION:** Clerk to set up with SSE.

9) Councillors' Reports

a) Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)

- i. Vote of thanks to SM for liaising with HRH The Princess Royal team and the WI ensuring the official opening of Church Fields was such a great success.
- ii. HRH The Princess Royal was very encouraging of the scheme.
- iii. AF attended the TVATPC meeting and was advised that TVBC are considering their options regarding the addendum to the Local Plan.

b) Allotments, Cemetery and Henry Smith Charity. (KDG)

- i. Allotments – Annual BBQ was well attended. KD to check what allotments are vacant and place a notice in the newsletter.
- ii. Henry Smith – One application has been received. KDG to write to the Charity about obtaining an additional grant to support the annual senior lunch. **ACTION:** KDG. A heads up will be placed in the newsletter that the funds available from the charity is not as generous as previous years. **ACTION:** SM

DD arrived at 7:50pm

As DD had to leave the meeting, the Vice Chairman give dispensation to DD to give his report.

10) HCC Report (DD)

- a) DD had pre-circulated his report that afternoon and summarised the key points. A copy will be placed on the website. There are some interesting notices that will be replicated into the newsletter.

DD left at 8:00pm

11) Councillors' Reports (cont)

c) Footpaths, Lengthsman & Remembrance (CG)

- i. Footpaths – Footpath 12 has been cut by David Burnfield. Vote of thanks to David Burnfield as he does not own this footpath. CG has received the replacement sign for footpath 9 and will arrange for this to be erected.
- ii. Lengthsman – The lengthsman has cut the vegetation around The Bunny bench. There has not yet been a request from Stockbridge PC to schedule lengthsman work for July.
- iii. Benches – Richard Fillipa will do some work on the benches that he donated at the memorial garden.

d) Danebury School, Website, Telephone Box. (AFo)

- i. Danebury School – No report
- ii. Telephone Box – The clerk confirmed that we are still waiting on BT to disconnect the electricity supply before the box can be removed.

e) Environment, Trees, Dog Waste & Newsletter

- i. Newsletter - SM advised the deadline for submissions is Wed 15th July. The front page will be the opening of Church Fields. BS volunteered to distribute to the deliverers.
- ii. Dog waste – The dog warden has not yet responded to SJ. The green dog waste bin at the Cemetery smells. The clerk will request if it can be cleaned by TVBC. **ACTION:** Clerk

f) Village Hall & Streetlights

- i. Village Hall – SM is handing her village hall responsibilities to Bill Morrey who will take on bookings and Barry Wallis who is part of the maintenance team.

g) Playground (BS)

- i. Jo Li has requested access from the playing field to top the field behind The Old Farmhouse twice this year. He is intending to use the same contractor the PC uses for the playing field and when the playground field is cut then the contractor will continue through the gate and top the field at the same time at his expense. It was unanimously AGREED in principle that the PC would have no objection as long as it was the same contractor that the PC uses, was done at the same time the playing field is cut and only twice a year for the field to be topped. No other access would be allowed. Leckford Estate will need to be consulted to identify if their permission as landlord is required. The agreement should be in writing at a cost to Jo Li. **ACTION:** Clerk/BS
- ii. Pavilion – BS still trying to obtain quotes. CG has been liaising with a local builder **ACTION:** BS/CG

12) Village Fête

- a) Storage Container – BS presented the proposal pre-circulated with the agenda regarding the proposed purchase by the Parish Council of a storage container to be used by the village Fête committee and wider community to store tents and other equipment used in community events. The village hall committee have agreed in principle to the container being located in the car park, however the village hall will not fund the purchase of the container. Leckford Estate has verbally indicated it would be willing to enter into a side letter to the car park lease subject to agreement on the size and colour of the container. The PC considered the costs and proposal and RESOLVED in principle to purchase a 20' ex-hire, approx. 5 years old, container at a cost of £1,700 plus VAT. This decision is subject to an agreement with the village hall committee about insurance of the contents of the container and the PC finds funds to purchase of the container. It was unanimously RESOLVED that the £750 donated by Trout 'n' About to the PC in December 2025 would be used towards the purchase, with grants pursued for the remaining £1,000 (HCC & TVBC Councillor Grants). The clerk and BS will take forward the grants.
- b) The PC unanimously AGREED to give permission to hold the annual village Fête on the recreation ground on 5th Sept 26
- c) Event Insurance – The Clerk advised that following a conversation with the Insurers, for the Fête to be covered under the PC policy then it would need to be an event either solely arranged by the Parish Council or a sub-committee/working party working under direct instructions from the PC. All instructions, meetings minutes, risk assessments etc. should be minuted and kept with the parish records in the event of a claim. Any working party of the PC cannot make a decision on behalf of the PC and sub-committees fall within the same rules as a PC and accounts of a sub-committee form part of the parish council and should be externally audited. Regular updates should be provided to the PC as part of the agenda and decisions made and noted. It was RESOLVED by 5 votes for and 1 abstention, that it should be the Fête organisers responsibility to arrange appropriate insurance and not rely on the PC insurance for the event.

13) Council Policy & Procedures Review

- a) Health & Safety at work policy – the Council approved the policy document with no change. **ACTION:** Clerk to publish

14) Correspondence

- a) Councillors noted the correspondence.
- b) Request from Miles Bulpitt to fell x2 and reduce the height of x3 diseased ash trees in the disused chalk pit on Bottom Road. Unanimously RESOLVED to allow the request at no cost to the Parish Council and on the basis that Miles Bulpitt can keep the wood that has been cut.

15) Matters Raised and for possible inclusion on next month's agenda

- a) None

16) Date of Next Meeting

AGREED as Monday 14th September at 7:00pm

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 9:05pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Date of PC Meeting:
14/07/2026

Month: June 2026

Bank Account Status as at 30/06/2026

Current Account	£21,867.64
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Income Received in June 2026

(Items included in the current account balance above)

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
BACS	01/06/2026	S Musters	Marmalade Sales - Playground Fund	£ 30.00
BACS	16/06/2026	Chilbolton Chairs	Newsletter Advert	£ 85.00
BACS	17/06/2026	Classic Car Story	Newsletter Advert	£ 85.00
BACS	22/06/2026	Wessex H&R	Newsletter Advert	£ 85.00

**Payments Approved in June
2026**

(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
BACS*	02/06/2026	Parish Printing	Newsletter printing cost	£ 241.77
BACS*	03/06/2026	PlaySafety Ltd	ROSPA Report	£ 142.80
BACS*	10/06/2026	Lloyds	Bank Charges	£ 4.25
DD	22/06/2026	SSE	Streetlight electricity	£ 75.04

* Faster Payment authorised by
Cllrs

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

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount

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

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
None				£ -

Projected Bank Account Status (including all approved items)

Current Account	£ 21,867.64
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Invoices received and requiring authorisation for payment

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
INV	24/06/2026	Daniel Robins	Grass cutting contract (April, May, June)	£ 500.00

Signed by The Chairman