LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19:00 MONDAY 14st SEPTEMBER 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Alice Foster (AF) - Chairman
Cllr Selina Musters (SM) – Vice Chairman
Cllr Kirsty Dominick-Gibson (KDG)
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ)
Cllr Beccy Soper (BS)
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt

1) **Apologies**: Colin McIntyre (CM), Leckford Estate, David Drew (DD) HCC Councillor and Ian Jeffries (IJ) TVBC Councillor. Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ) advised she will arrive late.

2) **Declarations of interest:** None

3) **Minutes of PC Meeting of 13th July 2026**
   a) Unanimously AGREED for adoption and signed by AFo.

4) **Points from the Floor**
   a) None
   b) **Matters Arising**
      i) BS raised the issue of AFo limited availability due to external commitments, it was agreed that her Councillor responsibilities would be shared amongst the rest of the Councillors until such time she is able to take them on again. **ACTION:** Clerk to take forward with Councillors. AFo thanked Councillors for their support.
      ii) Danebury Consultation – AF attended and updated with the current plans from English Heritage & TVBC. The plan is to decommission the top (Western) car park, remove the toilet block and the trees and replace with chalk grassland. This will open up the vista and help to mitigate anti-social behaviour. The car park at the bottom will become the main car park with coach parking and solar powered toilets. An area will be specifically designated for dogs to roam with dogs on leads everywhere else. More details to follow in Spring.

SJ arrived at 7:15pm

5) **Planning Applications**
   a) 26/01802/FULLN – New vehicle entrance and parking for 2 vehicles and erection of shed – 26 Longstock Rd. PC Decision - Unanimous **SUPPORT**
   b) 26/01902/TREEN - T1-T4 - Willow - Re-pollarding – Ivy Cottage. PC Decision - Unanimous **NO OBJECTION**
   c) 26/01945/FULLN – Path and Hard standing – 29 Longstock Rd. This is a re-submission of a previously supported application. PC Decision - Unanimous **SUPPORT**
   d) Update the PC on recent previously discussed applications and TVBC decision –
      i) 26/01462/TREEN - (T1) Conifer - Fell - 4 Verlynch Cottages - NO OBJECTION
      ii) 26/00820/ FULL - Partial demolition of an existing building and clearance of modified grassland to facilitate construction of a new bat roost building - Charity Down Farm – PERMISSION
   e) For noting - 26/01705/TREEN - T1-5 - Silver Birch - Crown reduce by 2m back to previous pruning points, T6 - Tulip - Crown reduce by 2m – Long House, Longstock Rd – **NO OBJECTION**

6) **Highways**
   a) No updates from the Clerk
   b) BS updated the PC regarding fly tipping of concrete and other building material at the parking area near the Roman Road bus bay. The matter has been reported to David Drew to take forward.
   c) Traffic Calming Measures (AFo) – BS will obtain some quotes for the laminates for further agreement in October. For the Children's competition it was decided that this should be a Spring activity.
   d) SJ advised lots of gravel has built up across the road near Ratz Lodge, causing a potential risk. Clerk to request a sweep from TVBC. **ACTION:** Clerk

7) **Finance**
   a) Monthly Finance Report – Clerk circulated PC Bank account status also showing approved July & August

payments and income receipts. Reviewed and approved. The Bank balance is £21,379.81 at the end of August.. Cllrs noted the income and expenditure. Payments approved BDO (External Audit) £252.00 and Infinity Playground (Inspection) £66.00.

b) Cemetery – request to purchase 2 large bags of topsoil at a cost of £38 per bag and £30 delivery. This will be used to level the top of some graves and for seeding. Discussion about using local volunteers and compost to reduce the cost. In principle agreement to having some soil at the Cemetery, KDG and Miles Bulpitt will work out the details. Volunteers may be required to help move soil from a loose load of soil rather than bags as this is cheaper. **ACTION:** KDG

c) Village Hall – The Village Hall committee will now be charging the PC to use the Majorie Andrews Room at £8phr. Unanimous approval to use the room for 2 hours each month at a cost of £16pm. Invoices to follow.

d) Insurance Renewal – The premium quotation for the year is £1,656.52 which is a reduction of £21.18. The current LTA will end on 30/09/2027. Slightly improved cover. PC unanimous approval to accept the quotation.

e) External Audit – The notice of conclusion has been received and will be posted on the website. Two small findings i) an incorrect digit in box 3 on the AGAR, now correct and did not affect the overall position ii) A box ticked No when should have been Yes. Both now amended. The fee is £252.00 (which is £95 less than last year).

8) Councillors' Reports

a) Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)

i. AF updated the PC regarding a situation where local people do not qualify to relocate to Rosalind Hill House in Stockbridge. Allocation of the flats are based upon housing need. AF is liaising with Roger Tym to identify if there is help that the PC can provide.

ii. NPPF – The National Planning Policy Framework was published at the end of August 2026. One of the key elements is that any Neighbourhood Plan must have a housing target. AF will consider the new framework and report back to the PC about how this affects the plans for the Longstock Neighbourhood Plan.

iii. Local Government Reorganisation for Hampshire has been officially cancelled by the Government for now. Mayoral elections will still go ahead in May 27.

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

i. Allotments – No update

ii. Cemetery – see finance section regarding top soil.

iii. Henry Smith – No applications have been received. KDG has written to the Charity about obtaining an additional grant to support the annual senior lunch.

c) Footpaths, Lengthsman & Rememberance (CG)

i. Footpaths – Any issues with a footpath, please let CG know. CG has received the replacement sign for footpath 9 and will arrange for this to be erected. Still unclear about who kindly cut footpath 6. A query received via the website regarding Permissive footpaths and signage. CG explained there is no requirement for the landowner to put up a sign. CG has responded to the individual.

ii. Lengthsman – CG has placed an order with Stockbridge for 12 hours work including the benches and Salisbury Hill vegetation cut back. No work has been done in Longstock in the last 4 months.

iii. Rememberance – This year will be Sunday 8th November. Clerk to arrange the wreath & police signs, BS the music, AFo a serving member of the military to lay the wreath and CG the rest of the service.

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

i. Danebury School – The school had over 400 visitors to their open evening (normally about 150). Head teacher to attend next meeting to provide an update.

ii. Telephone Box – The clerk confirmed that we are still waiting on BT to disconnect the electricity supply before the box can be removed. **ACTION:** Clerk to chase

e) Environment, Trees, Dog Waste & Newsletter

i. Newsletter - SM advised the deadline for submissions is 15th September. The front page will be the Fête. BS and AF volunteered to distribute to the deliverers.

ii. Trees – Consideration being given to place a TPO on a memorial Willow tree located just off Longstock Road near the Old Farmhouse. **ACTION:** SJ to take forward and report back to the PC.

f) Village Hall & Streetlights

i. Village Hall – SM is standing down from the Village Hall Committee at their next meeting in November. The handover of her responsibilities is in hand. The Committee is focused on actions on how to cover its annual running costs.

g) Playground (BS)

i. Inspection – the latest bimonthly inspection by Infinity Playground has been undertaken. The Clerk has asked the company to quote for minor fixes that have been identified including matting at the bottom of the slide, missing fixings on the bike jumps, replace the basketball hoop, secure loose fittings on the swings and to remove all rough and splintered edges of the trim trail. Anything under warranty with Wickstead is being taken forward with them.

ii. Pavilion – BS has obtained a quote of £2,300 from Greg James for the roof. BS is waiting for a final quote to see what the materials are likely to cost. In principle, pending final costs, the PC has unanimously approved the expenditure on the gazebo roof. The downwards struts require some work and BS believes there is a way this can be done by digging out the legs and replacing with concrete. Volunteers will be required for the work and a date will be circulated.

iii. Fencing – BS is going to do a quick fix on the fencing to make it safe and then a quote will be required to replace some sections.

iv. It is likely that some funds will be forthcoming to the Playground for repairs from the volunteers at Trout 'n' About, amount unknown.

9) Village Fête

a) The fête was a fantastic day and a resounding success with the proceeds still being counted but in the region of £8,500. This will be split 70/30 to the Church/Playground. Congratulations to the fête committee and volunteers.

b) Storage Container – £500 grant approval received from TVBC. It was unanimously resolved that BS would sign the acceptance of the offer on behalf of the PC. Leckford Estate has agreed but has asked their solicitors to draw up a side letter to the car park lease. Miles Bulpitt is investigating with TVBC if planning permission is required. Further grant to be pursued from HCC Councillor Grant scheme.

AFo left the meeting at 9pm and SM took over the Chair.

10) HCC Report

a) David Drew has provided a report and papers by email to all Councillors. The HCC report will be placed on the website.

11) Council Policy & Procedures Review

a) Data Protection Policy– the Council approved the policy document with no change. **ACTION:** Clerk to publish

b) IT Policy - the Council approved the policy document with no change. **ACTION:** Clerk to publish

12) Correspondence

a) Councillors noted the correspondence.

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

a) Fête Committee becoming a standing committee of the Parish Council

b) Thanking Village Volunteers

14) Date of Next Meeting

AGREED as Monday 12th October at 7:00pm

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Date of PC Meeting: 8/09/2026

Bank Account Status as at 31/08/2026

	£21,379.81

Income Received in July & Aug 2026
(Items included in the current account balance above)

From	Description	Amount	
Officers Mess	Newsletter Advert	£	85.00
Greenfield Pigs	Newsletter Advert	£	85.00
Broughton Shop	Newsletter Advert	£	85.00
Tiebridge Farm	Newsletter Advert	£	85.00
Rawlings	Newsletter Advert	£	85.00

Payments Approved in July & Aug 2026
(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

Payee	Detail	Amount	
Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	£	4.25
D Robins	Grass cutting at Playground (Apr-June)	£	500.00
SSE	Streetlights electricity	£	69.12
Parish Printing	Newsletter printing	£	240.86
A Foster	Reimbursement for volunteer gift	£	22.00
Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	£	4.25
SSE	Streetlights electricity	£	72.35

* Faster Payment authorised by Cllrs

Signed by The Chairman