LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19:00 MONDAY 12st OCTOBER 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Cllr Selina Musters (SM) – Vice Chairman
Cllr Kirsty Dominick-Gibson (KDG)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Beccy Soper (BS)
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt and David Drew, HCC Councillor (part of meeting)

Cllr Selina Musters (SM) – Vice Chairman acted as Chairman in AF absence

1) **Apologies**: Cllr Alice Foster (AF) Chairman, Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ), Cllr Angie Filippa (AF), Colin McIntyre (CM), Leckford Estate and Ian Jeffries (IJ) TVBC Councillor.

2) **Declarations of interest:** None

3) **Minutes of PC Meeting of 14th September 2026**
   a) Unanimously AGREED for adoption and signed by SM.

4) **Points from the Floor**
   a) None

5) **Planning Applications**
   a) 26/02039/FULLN - Demolition of barn and erection of dwelling with associated landscaping and installation of package treatment plant - Poplars Farm, Church Road. PC Decision – Unanimous NO OBJECTION with a comment that the property will be located along a restricted by-way with limited access for emergency and other services.
   b) Update the PC on recent previously discussed applications and TVBC decision –
      i) 26/01902/TREEN - T1-T4 - Willow - Re-pollarding – Ivy Cottage - NO OBJECTION

6) **Highways**
   a) No updates from the Clerk
   b) Traffic Calming Measures (AFo) – BS has provided quotes for the laminates to AFo for further agreement at a later meeting. There was a consensus that the stickers seemed expensive for something that would be only shown once a week. Could there be a sign alternative - no decision made.

7) **Finance**
   a) Monthly Finance Report – Clerk circulated PC Bank account status also showing approved September payments and income receipts. Reviewed and approved. The Bank balance is £27,503.63 at the end of September. Cllrs noted the income and expenditure. Payments approved D Robin (grass cutting) - £500 and Village Hall (Sept Hire) - £20 .
   b) Playground Fund – The Fete proceeds have been received of £2440.82 PC unanimously agreed that this money should be earmarked for repairs at the playing field.
   c) Budget 2026/2027 – Clerk confirmed that the budget will be pre-circulated for discussion at the December meeting and to agree the precept. Cllrs to advise the Clerk of any anticipated expenditure in 25/26 or any proposed projects.

8) **Cemetery Sub-Committee**
   a) Proposal by KDG (pre-circulated) to establish a standing Cemetery Sub-Committee to support the effective and efficient management of the Longstock Cemetery. Proposed by CG and seconded by KDG with unanimously agreed by the PC with the membership to consist of 3 members, namely 2 Councillors and the Clerk. A quorum shall be 3 members. The sub-committee will agree a terms of reference and refer these back to the full Council for approval. Agreed the 2 Councillors will be KDG and CG.

9) **Village Fête**
   a) Update on the Container - Clerk confirmed £500 received from TVBC grant. Still awaiting a response from TVBC Planning Dept as to whether the siting of the container requires planning permission.

10) Playground Maintenance (BS)

a) BS presented the proposal that had been pre-circulated to consider the following expenditure from the playground fund to fix findings from the latest playground inspection:
   i) Rubber mat to bottom of slide (£657.92 ex VAT)
   ii) Netball Hoop Replacement (£136.00 ex VAT)
   iii) Agility Jumps tightening of fixings (£149.00 ex VAT)

b) The total for all the works is £942.92 and this figure was unanimously agreed from the playground fund. **ACTION:** Clerk to instruct Infinity Playgrounds to commence the work.

c) The playground fund balance as at 05/10/2026 stands at £5,841.20 with £500 due from the Longstock Rally and another £500 from Trout 'n' About. Roof repairs to the pavilion will be around £2,300.

d) It was unanimously agreed to reject the quotation for maintenance, cleaning and treatment works to the trim trail (£995.00 ex VAT) as the trim trail may need complete replacement and this work will not prolong its life. CG suggested that the lengthsman maybe able to jet wash the timber equipment to remove dirt and algae making it more pleasant to use in the meantime. **ACTION:** CG

11) Village Volunteers (CG)

a) Debate about how we recognise the valuable work of the volunteers of the village. Whilst a comprehensive thank you is done at the APA, it is recognised that hardly any villagers attend. The Chairmans report is published in the newsletter. Consideration to be given to a presentation at the Henry Smith lunch.

D Drew arrived at 20:15

12) HCC Update –

a) DD summarised his update from HCC which can be located on the LPC website, main topics covered included HCC requesting more of the vehicle excise duty, new pathway with NHS to help unblock beds, and prosperity partnership board.

b) In addition, in IJ absence, DD summarised news from TVBC namely, the future of Andover Museum, fly-tippers in Clatford and the unveiling of the Queen Elixabeth II sculpture in Romsey.

DD left the meeting.

13) Councillors' Reports

a) Affordable Housing and NHP.

i. In AF's absence, BS updated the PC on the latest Pan Parish Planning Forum (PPPF) meeting. It was reported that Highwood Development may be considering 60 homes on D Field (a mix of two-storey houses and bungalows) and 44 homes behind Roman Road. The "Dutch Barn" field would remain undeveloped for 15 years, with no guarantees thereafter. The PPPF has not been informed whether a pre-planning application has been submitted to TVBC, and Highwood has made no formal approach to any of the three Parish councils. The PPPF agreed that should an approach be made by Highwood, any meeting involving Highwood and the parish councils should be held in public to ensure full transparency.

ii. NPPF – The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published at the end of August 2026. BS advised that AF has produced a report on the NPPF changes and will report back to the PC about how this affects the plans for the Longstock Neighbourhood Plan.

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

i. Allotments – No update. There are some vacant plots.

ii. Henry Smith – One application to be consider outwith the meeting. KDG is still awaiting response to her additional funding request for the senior lunch. KDG to send newsletter article to SM.

c) Footpaths, Lengthsman & Remembrance (CG)

i. Footpaths – CG has received the replacement sign for footpath 9 and will arrange for this to be erected.

ii. Lengthsman – The list for Oct work has been submitted to Stockbridge. There is 12 hours work outstanding for July/Aug/Sept. CG is dealing directly with the Lengthsman and will also take forward what can be done regarding fixing the Cemetery gates.

iii. Remembrance – This year will be Sunday 8th November. All in hand. Poppy Appeal – Unanimous approval of a donation of £125.00. Cheque drawn up and signed and given to SM to deliver.

d) Danebury School, Website, Telephone Box.

i. Telephone Box – The Clerk confirmed that we are still waiting on BT to disconnect the electricity supply before the box can be removed. Clerk has chased BT.

e) Environment, Trees, Dog Waste & Newsletter

i. Newsletter - SM advised the deadline for submissions is 11th November. The front page will be Remembrance. SM requested articles. Consideration to be given to bringing forward deadlines by a week to give the editor a 'buffer' to work on the edition before submission to the typesetter.

ii. Trees – The PC unanimously agreed to take forward placing a TPO on a memorial Willow tree located just off Longstock Road near the Old Farmhouse. Mr & Mrs Robinson, whose daughter the tree was planted in memory of, are in support of the action. **ACTION:** SJ to take forward.

f) Village Hall & Streetlights (SM)

i. Village Hall – SM advised that most of her responsibilities have been handed over.

ii. Streetlights – Debate about should they be 'switch off' to help save money and light pollution. The lights are factory set and currently set to half brightness at midnight, although this has not been observed. At the last consultation, 50% of the village wanted the lights and the other half did not. Any change would need to be a matter for public consultation.

g) Playground (BS)

i. Pavilion – Greg James has amended the work from tiles to felt. Still going ahead on that basis. Materials will be ordered and paid for this week by the Clerk and then work may start next week.

ii. 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. **ACTION:** Clerk to order brackets

14) Council Policy & Procedures Review

a) Disciplinary Policy– NALC has significantly updated this policy in Dec 2025. The Council approved to adopt the NALC Model December 2025, noted the tracked-changed comparison and review of all updates as presented. There will be adjustments to reflect LPC structure. The Clerk will update all documentation, check the AI created comparison documentation and publish the approved version on the Council's website. **ACTION:** Clerk to publish

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

15) Correspondence

a) Councillors noted the correspondence.

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

a) Plan for the HS Lunch

b) Rubbish/dog waste at the bottom of the track near Roman Road can this be moved?

17) Date of Next Meeting

AGREED as Monday 9th November at 7:00pm

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 9:05pm

Signed by The Chairman

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Month: Sept 2026 Date of PC Meeting: 12/10/2026

Bank Account Status as at 30/09/2026

Current Account	£27,503.63

Income Received in Sept 2026
(Items included in the current account balance above)

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
BACS	15/09/2026	Village Account	Fete Proceeds - Playground fund	£ 2,440.82
BACS	21/09/2026	TVBC	Precept	£ 5,220.00
BACS	28/09/2026	TVBC	Grant - Container	£ 500.00

Payments Approved in Sept 2026
(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
DD	30/09/2026	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	£ 4.25
BACS	02/09/2026	BDO LLP	External audit	£ 252.00
BACS	22/09/2025	Gallaghers	Insurance	£ 1,656.52
DD	28/09/2026	Cloud Next	Domain and email provision	£ 119.98
DD	30/09/2026	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	£ 4.25

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

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
None				**£ -**

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

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
Card	09/10/2026	South Coast Building Supplies	Green Felt for Pavillion	£ 288.00

Projected Bank Account Status (including all approved items)

Current Account	£ 27,215.63

Invoices received and requiring authorisation for payment

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
INV	26/09/2026	D Robins	Grass Cutting Jul - Sept	£ 500.00

Signed by The Chairman