

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19:00 MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Alice Foster (AFo) – Chairman
Cllr Kirsty Dominick-Gibson (KDG)
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 XX residents

Apologies: Colin McIntyre (CM), Leckford Estate and Nicky Goodridge (NG) Danebury School

1) **Declarations of interest** - None

2) **Minutes of PC Meeting 12th January 2026** - Unanimously agreed for adoption and signed by AFo.

As IJ had to leave to attend another PC meeting, the chairman gave dispensation to receive the TVBC update.

3) **TVBC Update (IJ)** – IJ presented the contents of Mid-Test Matters which can be located on the LPC website. AF asked if there is an update regarding the Reg 18 consultation of the TVBC Local Plan however IJ had no update. In addition there is no further information about the Local Government Re-organisation proposals.

IJ left and DD arrived

4) **Points from the Floor**

- a) Allotment Hedge – Resident raised that the hedge at the allotments next to the side of the road requires a trim.
ACTION: KDG to discuss with the allotment committee.
- b) Resident raised a question about the Poplar Farm planning application which was deferred to the planning agenda item.
- c) Resident advised of a pothole at the junction of The Bunny with the A3057. Clerk advised this has already been reported to HCC.

5) **Planning**

- a) **26/00111/LBWN – Various items inc. vent cowls, slate vents, electrical lighting – Carbery House.** Councillors noted the works within the listed building consent and remain sympathetic to the building. No concerns raised. **Decision:** Unanimous PC Support
- b) **26/00052/FULLN - Demolition of barn and erection of dwelling with associated landscaping and installation of package treatment plant – Poplars Farm, Church Rd.** Councillors reviewed the proposals and LPC concerned about the road surface of Church Road during the construction and what will be done to protect the road. In addition, the house is to be located along a restricted by-way where the access has not been made up (it is hardcore) and it is a rough surface – this may impact both emergency services, postal and environmental services for refuse collection. **Decision: 6 votes No Objection to 1 vote Support.** LPC decision will be sent as No Objection with additional question to be asked about protection of Church Road road surface during construction and the rough terrain of the restricted by-way for access purposes for services (Emergency & Environmental).
- c) **26/00136/FULLN - Replace store with detached garage and store – Old School House.** Councillors reported back on the site visit and the height of the structure is 4.5m at its highest point, which was not included in the planning documentation. The applicants made comments that the shape is to mirror the main house and a tiled roof requires a 35degree angle which determines the height of the structure. Slate tiles only need a 20degree angle. There were concerns that the structure will alter the street scene of Longstock Road but not sufficient to object. **Decision:** Unanimous PC No Objection.
- d) **TVBC decisions on previous applications – 25/02547/LBWN – Demolish & rebuild outbuilding– 10 Longstock Rd – Withdrawn**

As DD had to leave to attend another PC meeting, the chairman gave dispensation to receive the HCC update.

6) **HCC Update (DD)**

- a) DD summarised pre-circulated his report will be placed on the LPC website.
- b) DD advised that there are still some funds left in the HCC Councillor grant and LPC will apply for some funds

for the telephone box. **ACTION:** Clerk

- c) AF advised that there had been a blockage in the culvert which runs under Stockbridge High Street, HCC has power hosed the culvert which resulted in a lot of old brickwork being flushed into the stream by The Three Cups public house. AF expressed concern about the safety of the culvert, the Test Bridge and the culvert under the White Hart roundabout. DD was asked how safe these all were? DD advised he was aware there was work done at Stockbridge but was not aware of the plan and any safety implications. **ACTION:** DD to raise with HCC highways and advise. In addition the Clerk will write to HCC requesting information about the weight limit of The Test Bridge as this is a partly in Longstock. **ACTION:** Clerk
- d) CG raised the nuisance of yellow road diversions signs that are not collected after the road works have been completed. DD explained these should be reported to HCC.

7) Highways

- a) The Clerk maintains a spreadsheet of all reported concerns. Any questions – refer to the Clerk.
- b) AF and BS raised the holes in Roman Road. Pictures to be provided to the Clerk for reporting. **ACTION:** BS/Clerk
- c) Traffic calming measures – AFo will present next month.

8) Finance

- a) Monthly Finance Report – Clerk pre circulated PC Bank Account status also showing approved Jan payments and income receipts. Reviewed and approved payments to Infinity Playgrounds for Playground inspection £66.00. The Bank balance at 31/01/2026 was £16,581.52. Cllrs noted the income and expenditure.
- b) Reserves – Unanimously agreed for LPC to open an instant access savings account for reserves. This may help to offset Bank Charges. The Clerk will have authority to transfer to and from this account into the main PC account as required. **ACTION:** Clerk

9) Councillors' Reports

- a) Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)
 - i. Church Fields – English Rural (ER) have confirmed that the scheme is progressing well. They have received the 8-week notice from the developers and are aiming to accept practical completion between mid and late March. Three of the four rented homes are under offer, and they are currently assessing the nomination for the fourth. ER have also received interest in the shared ownership property, although this is not yet under offer. Residents will be invited to a viewing and “how it works” day towards the end of February
 - ii. Pan Parish Planning Forum – Update provided on present position and the next milestone will be the TVBC supplementary reg 18 consultation. Unanimous approval for AF, BS and Gill Bulpitt to be trustees. Indication that there may be a planning application made for the D Field towards the end of 2026. This is unconfirmed.
- b) Allotments, Cemetery and Henry Smith Charity. (KDG)
 - i. Allotments – See 4a regarding hedges.
 - ii. Cemetery – Due to the continued wet weather the clean-up has been changed from 21st Feb to Sat 21st March from 10am-12pm – need to advertise in social media **ACTION:** AFo
 - iii. Dogs in the Cemetery – Discussion regarding a recent facebook post about dogs ‘running around’ the Cemetery. It was agreed that dogs should be allowed into the Cemetery but on a lead and all dog waste should be cleared up by the owner. Pre-circulated wording unanimously agreed with the omission of a ‘short’ lead to just a lead. Wording will be added to the Cemetery regulations and a sign to be added to the gates. Clerk authorised to purchase a sign. **ACTION:** Clerk
 - iv. Henry Smith – Annual lunch 20th Feb with 62 attendees. Next grant has been applied for with funds due this week.
- c) Footpaths and Lengthsman and Remembrance (CG)
 - i. Footpaths – Nothing to report
 - ii. Lengthsman – no update from Stockbridge PC. CG and Clerk taking forward with the Lengthsman the possibility of refurbishing the Cemetery gates using the Lengthsman scheme.
- d) Danebury School, Website and Telephone Box (AFo)
 - i. Telephone Box – Waiting for outcome of Lottery grant application
 - ii. Danebury School – Update on the proposal to provide provision for 15 children with SEMH needs at the school. There is a lot of funding available.
- e) Environment, Trees, Dog Waste & Newsletter (SJ)
 - i. Newsletter – Next deadline 14th March. The photos in the last edition appeared to be darker and SM to take up with the printers.

f) Village Hall, Street Lights & Newsletter (SM)

- i. Street lights – SM has obtained a quote from the firm who did this previously and it is cheaper. Already allocated in the budget and authorised by the PC.

g) Playground (BS)

- i. Regular inspections – The first one has happened and all findings have been previously highlighted. Nothing is urgent and BS is working on a fix for the items.
- ii. Fencing – this needs repair and the plan is to pull together a village working party in the Spring. BS to circulate a date.
- iii. 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 told about the date for the fencing working party to see if it can be done at the same time.
- iv. Fundraising – BS outlined idea for a Family Camp Night/Party in the Park. There will be a bar, BBQ and then breakfast baps in the morning after overnight camping. Leckford Estate (as Landlord) has given its approval to a camp night. Full details to be provided in due course.

10) Emergency Cascade System (SM)

- a) Discussion about purpose and it was agreed that there should be a way to get a message to a select group of people about an emergency in the village. This should be wider than the Village Hall and include such things as trees down, blocked roads, flooding. SM has already had some volunteers following the article in the newsletter. Unanimously agreed to set up a Longstock Emergency Group (SOS) for no more than 10 people. Strict rules to apply that it should only be used in an emergency. **ACTION:** SM to take forward

11) Correspondence

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

12) Matters Raised and for possible inclusion on next meeting's agenda

- Playground working party
- Traffic calming

13) Date of Next Meeting

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:45pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Date of PC Meeting: 10/02/2026

Bank Account Status as at 31/01/2026

	£16,581.52
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Income received Jan 2026

(Items included in the current account balance above)

From	Description	Amount
J Noviczky	Newsletter Advert	£ 85.00
HMRC	VAT Refund	£ 281.89

Payments Approved in Jan 2026

(Items included in the current account bank balance above)

Payee	Detail	Amount
Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	£ 4.67
Tobys Gardencare	One off grasscut	£ 300.00
D Robins	One off hedge cut	£ 250.00
SSE	Streetlight electricity (1 mth)	£ 116.97
Parish Printing	Newsletter printing	£ 239.03

*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)

	£ 16,456.52
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Invoices received and requiring authorisation for payment

From	Description	Amount
Infinity Playgrounds	Inspection 28/01/2026	£ 66.00

Signed by Chairman