

Longhorsley Parish Council Annual Meeting 10th June, 2026 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present Cllrs: N Douglas
 K Bell
 J Parker
 T Potts
 S Alcock

Clerk S Doyle

2 police representatives 7pm-705pm

CO2/1		<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	
		Cllr P Boyle, Cllr L McMillan and County Cllr Sanderson.	
CO2/2		<u>Minutes</u>	
		Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May, 2026 (which had been previously circulated) were approved, and signed.	
CO2/3		<u>Declaration of Interests for items on the Agenda</u>	
		None tendered	
CO2/4		<u>Date of Next Meeting(s)</u>	
		It was agreed that the dates of the next Parish Council meetings would be: 8th July and 9th September.	ALL
CO2/5		<u>County Matters</u>	
		County Councillor Sanderson was not in attendance	
CO2/6		<u>Update on behalf of Northumbria Police</u>	
		Police in attendance stated that there were no other crimes reported in the period, whilst abandoned cars and parking issues on private land does not fall to Police to assist they have agreed they will try and locate the owner of the abandoned car in the village hall car park.	

CO2/7		<u>Finance</u>	
	7.1	<u>Authorisation of Payments</u>	
		Members considered and approved the Authorisation of Payments list for May 2026, totalling £10,714.44.	
	7.2	<u>Budget Monitoring</u>	
		Members approved the monitoring statements to the end of March, together with the account transactions for the year, petty cash documents and bank reconciliation to 31st May, 2026.	
	7.3	<u>Final Accounts 2025/26 Internal Auditors report</u>	
		Mr Kennedy had supplied members with a copy of his report on the audit of accounts. Members received, considered and endorsed his report and noted page 3 of the AGAR.	
	7.4	<u>Final Accounts 2023/24 Annual Governance Statement Section 1</u>	
		(previously circulated) – Members received, considered and approved Page 4 of the AGAR.	
	7.5	<u>Final Accounts 2024/25 Accounting Statements Section 2</u>	
		(previously circulated) – Members received, considered and approved Page 5 of the AGAR	
CO2/8		<u>Routine Items for Review</u>	
	8.1a)	Review of Planning Decisions	
		Status: Decided Erection of one (1) x 9 metre pole Adjacent To East Road Longhorsley Morpeth Northumberland NE65 8SY Ref. No: 26/01785/MISC · Received: Tue 19 May 2026 · Validated: Tue 19 May 2026 Status: Decided Notification of Prior Approval for steel portal frame agricultural building for general storage, with profiled metal cladding and fibre cement roof incorporating roof lights Smallburn Farms Smallburn Drive Longhorsley Northumberland NE65 8QJ	

		Ref. No: 26/01402/AGRGDO · Received: Tue 21 Apr 2026 · Validated: Tue 21 Apr 2026	
	8.1b)	Review of Planning Applications	
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	8.1c)	The following applications are to be kept on the Agenda in order to ensure that they are not forgotten	
		None at this time.	
	8.2	Moor Management Committee	
	i	29 Sheep and 4 ponies visible at the Moor meeting the week prior	
	ii	Natural England representatives and a Heath Expert are coming to the moor early July to view the site and meet with members for discussion of Management of the Moor. Clerk to confirm the meeting time with NE.	SD
	iii	A number for the contact at Wembley Burn is needed for the Wildfire response plan. This document needs to be submitted to the Wildfire Team at Northumberland Fire & Rescue Service once complete.	TP/SD
	iv	Members agreed that the ad-hoc services of a land agent should be engaged to ensure we are receiving the best advice possible for Moor Management. Cllr Bell will make some enquiries.	KB
	11.3	The Old Church Wood – Report by Cllr Alcock	
	i	A working group is to be arranged.	SA
	ii	No further update to Path works given at the meeting, however, an update post the meeting is that works are planned to commence w/c 18th August 26. Temporary footpath closure notices will be in force for the duration of the works, currently estimated at 2-3 weeks.	SA
	8.4	Play Areas	
	i	No written report was received for the meeting	
	8.5	Allotments	
	i	Printed copies of the edited tenancy agreements given out to all	

		allotment holders with the exception of 13, waiting for all signed copies to be returned. Fees for the year sent out which includes water charges.	
	ii	No further update to allotment 13.	PB
	iii	No vacant allotment at the moment.	
	8.6	Village Maintenance Issues	
	i	Cabling is in for the CCTV extension, there are cables that need to be attached to a temporary post whilst waiting for the upgrade. Atom Alarms are working on updating the equipment we have for the extension. Cllr Boyle to update at the next meeting.	PB
	ii	Swarco are costing the replacement batteries and replacement speed units to allow members to have an understanding of longevity of replacing a part versus buying new signs. At the time of the meeting no response had been received.	PB
	8.7	Website	
		Nothing to add at this time	SD
	8.8	Longhorsley Tree	
		The Clerk was asked to write articles covering the works to the footpath at Old Church Wood, a request for volunteers for the next Friends of Longhorsley Green Spaces working party and the Annual Accounts year end 25/26 Internal Audit and AGAR being approved	SD
	8.9	Donation Requests	
		None received.	
	8.10	Village Hall Committee	
		Cllr Parker gave the following update from the last Committee meeting held on 19th May 2026. A constitution has been drafted and will be completed in readiness for the next Parish council meeting to be approved and signed. There was no further update to the Village Hall building. The Village Hall Committee can not start the process of funding for the new hall until ownership is complete, Members advised this was imminent.	
CO2/9		<u>Items Carried Forward</u>	
	9.1	Housing Developments in the Village to include:	
		a) South Road Development	
	i.	Legal work is ongoing regarding an easement between Northern Power	PB /

		grid and Ascent. The land is currently not registered along the northern edge and there are cables with no wayleaves or easements.	ND
	9.2	Neighbourhood Plan	
		Members agreed that a meeting would take place on 19th August to work on the Neighbourhood Plan. Clerk to book the hall.	SD
	9.3	Village Green	
	a.	NCC Scheme & Management	
	i.	On-going	
	b.		
	9.4	Welcome Letters	
		None at this time	
CO2/10		<u>Other Agenda Items</u>	
	10.1	Parishioner Emails	
	a.	Grass Cutting - Village Green, response sent to Parishioner with regards to the Grass Cutting in parts of the village, NCC are responsible for the area in question. Clerk informed Parishioner that this can be reported via FixMyStreet	SD
	b	Speed Sign issue West Road - Clerk has responded to Parishioner that the Council are aware and are in discussion with Swarco regarding either repair or renewal of speed signs.	SD
	10.2	Expansion of the Cemetery Entrance off the A697	
		No update to report at the time of the meeting, clerk to chase. However, since the meeting a date for work commencement (to be confirmed) is 29th June 2026.	SD
	10.3	Flooding at Whitegates	
		NCC are dealing with this and updates are awaited from them.	PB
	10.4	Laptop for Chairman	
		Members agreed that a laptop could be bought for the Chairman which will be passed to all chairpersons as and when elected. Maximum to spend £300. Clerk to purchase the laptop.	SD
	10.5	Google Drive Access	
		More research to be done with the price of Google Drive versus One	SD

		Drive, which gives best value for money and greater accessibility for all members.	
CO2/11		Other Items for Information	
		None at this time	
CO2/12		Any Other Business (arising too late for inclusion on the agenda)	
	12.1	Cllr. Alcock has secured some trees via an NCC and these will need planting. Can be arranged within the Friends of Longhorsley Green Spaces.	SA
	15.2	Mulching of the trees is needed in the Orchard, Cllr Boyle to speak with Kevin to arrange this.	PB
	15.3	Clerk to arrange delivery of the benches with Kevin and installation.	SD
		The meeting closed at 9.07pm	