LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19:00 MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Alice Foster (AFo) - Chairman
Cllr Selina Musters (SM) – Vice Chairman
Cllr Kirsty Dominick-Gibson (KDG)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ)
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt and David Drew, HCC Councillor (part of meeting), Ian Jeffries (IJ) (part of the meeting) and Nicky Goodridge (NG), Headteacher, Danebury School

1) **Apologies**: Cllr Angie Filippa (AF) and Cllr Beccy Soper (BS)

2) **Declarations of interest:** None

3) **Minutes of PC Meeting of 12th October 2026**
   a) Unanimously AGREED for adoption and signed by AFo.

4) **Danebury School Update (NG)**
   a) AF gave NG dispensation to provide her report as she needed to leave after her report.
   b) NG gave an update on the school and there has been an improved intake into the school with the total number of pupils growing year on year. There has still not been an Ofsted inspection.
   c) The next phase is for NG to grow the school in revenue terms. This includes plans to improve the sporting facilities with a 4G artificial pitch and possible padel courts. NG looking for investors.
   d) The school has many facilities that are available for hire from minibuses, art & textile rooms, music rooms to design equipment. **ACTION:** NG will provide a list including prices and these can be promoted in the newsletter/website.

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

6) **Planning Applications**
   a) 26/02401/FULLN - Demolition of garage and store, erection of replacement first floor extension, and replacement of sections of tile hanging with timber weatherboarding, replacement porch, remove chimney and replace with flue, installation of solar panels, and heat pump – Greenwells**.** PC Decision – Unanimous NO OBJECTION
   b) 26/02402/TREEN – Fell 5 Conifers – Highfield, Longstock Road. PC Decision – Unanimous NO OBJECTION
   c) Update the PC on recent previously discussed applications and TVBC decision –
      i) 26/01802/FULLN - 26 Longstock Road Longstock. New vehicle entrance and parking for two vehicles and erection of shed following removal of two sheds. TVBC Decision – PERMISSION
      ii) 26/01945/FULLN – 29 Longstock Road Longstock. Replacement of existing access path and area of hardstanding with new relocated path and improvements to existing parking area. TVBC Decision - PERMISSION

7) **Highways**
   a) No updates from the Clerk
   b) Traffic Calming Measures (AFo) – Discussion about a children's competition in the Spring. The Wheelie Bin stickers appear expensive for the PC to fund completely. Suggestion that Villagers may wish to 'buy' the stickers and contribute to say half the cost and could we get a grant under Road Safety for the other half? AFo to approach David Drew regarding HCC Councillor grant. Plan to launch in Feb/Mar newsletter.

IJ arrived at 19:45 and DD at 19:55

8) **TVBC Report (IJ)**
   a) IJ advised that he has decided to stand again in the borough elections in May 2027.
   b) IJ summarised Mid-Test Matters (a copy of which is on the PC website).
   c) Under LGR, no final decisions have been made regarding the Hampshire/Solent area.

9) **HCC Report**

a) DD summarised his HCC report which will be placed on the PC website.
b) AFo asked DD if he had any Councillor funds left to support the road safety ideas and DD was broadly positive and we should formally request his support for the grant .

IJ and DD left the meeting.

10) Finance

a) Monthly Finance Report – Clerk circulated PC Bank account status also showing approved October payments and income receipts. Reviewed and approved. The Bank balance is £26,081.34 at the end of October. Cllrs noted the income and expenditure. Payments approved P Coates (Internal Audit) £50.00, ICO annual fee £52.00, Village Hall (PC Meeting) £20.00, Infinity Playgrounds (Inspection) £66.00 and Danebury school prize £30.00.
b) SSE – Issues with SSE not utilising the DD mandate in place when the contract renewed in September. As a result the Clerk has made payments using the PC debit card. DD mandate now in place and SSE have credited the LPC SSE account with a £20 GOGW for the inconvenience.
c) Grass Cutting Contract – Current contract finishes on 31/12/2026. Authorisation given to Clerk to re-negotiate the contract with Daniel Robins for another year within budget figures.
d) Internal Audit – 6 months audit is due. Authorisation given to continue to use Patrick Coates.
e) Election Costs – TVBC have advised that likely election costs, if Longstock has a PC election in 2027, will be approx £2.50 per elector. This will mean a charge in the region of £925. If uncontested, there will be an admin fee of £30. Clerk will include in the budget for 27/28.

11) Cemetery Sub-Committee

a) KDG wanted to give a vote of thanks to Miles Bulpitt for his continued work cutting the grass at the Cemetery.
b) KDG presented the TOR (pre-circulated) for the Cemetery sub-committee. The proposed TOR was unanimously agreed confirming the members will be 2 Councillors and the Clerk. The TOR will be placed on the PC website.
c) Minutes were circulated of the first meeting and the proposals regarding permanent mementos to be placed at the foot of headstones only was unanimously agreed. The regulations will be updated.
d) The hedges require some maintenance. It was agreed that the Clerk will approach Daniel Robins. Last year the charge was £250 for all the hedges. Unanimous agreement to negotiate up to £300 or return to PC for authorisation.

12) Village Fête

a) Update on the Container - Still awaiting a response from TVBC Planning Dept as to whether the siting of the container requires planning permission.

13) Councillors' Reports

a) Affordable Housing and NHP.
i. Nothing to report.

b) Allotments, Cemetery and Henry Smith Charity. (KDG)
i. Allotments – No update. There are some vacant plots.
ii. Henry Smith – KDG has chased about the additional grant. CG agreed to telephone to get an update. CG advised that there is no Henry Smith page on the Website. **ACTION:** KDG to send an article to the Clerk and Clerk to create a webpage.

c) Footpaths, Lengthsman & Remembrance (CG)
i. Footpaths – Sign for footpath 9 erected by Lengthsman. CG will arrange for letters to be painted as they are not obvious.
ii. Lengthsman – CG acknowledged the lengthsman has done an excellent job of clearing away under and overgrowth from all Bunny bridges. The Hunter bench has been collected for treatment. He will produce an estimate for works to the Cemetery gates. A request has been sent to Stockbridge for November work to cut back to entrance to FP3W, cut back the sign at FP5S, dig out the grips at Bottom Rd and Southside, Litter pick, clean the notice boards, tidy around the Bunny bench and jetwash the climbing wall at the Playground. A request has been made to identify how many hours left in the 26/27 budget.
iii. The Bunny verge marker posts, only one has survived out of the original six. HCC will be approached about replacing. **ACTION:** Clerk
iv. Thank you to CG for arranging the Remembrance service. Chairman to send a thank you card to The Peat Pade for supplying coffee and cakes.

d) Danebury School, Website, Telephone Box.

i. Nothing to report (NG School report earlier in meeting)

e) Environment, Trees, Dog Waste & Newsletter

i. Trees – TVBC have advised that they will not put a TPO on a tree unless that tree is at imminent risk by any development. SJ has asked BS to update the family regarding the memorial Willow on Longstock Rd.

ii. BS requested at the Oct meeting, if the dog waste bin at the bus bay could be moved to the bottom of the footpath near Roman Road. SJ advised that TVBC will not move these bins. If we want another dog waste bin, then the PC would need to pay for it to be installed and for it to be emptied.

iii. SJ will chase the dog warden again as she has not had a reply. Will copy in IJ for help.

f) Village Hall & Streetlights (SM)

i. Village Hall – SM advised she will leave the Committee in November. SM will arrange with the Secretary to have a regular update report on the Village Hall that can be presented at a PC meeting.

ii. Defibrillator – KDG volunteered to take over the responsibility of checking the defibrillator at the Village Hall.

g) Playground (BS)

i. Pavilion – Work completed. BS provided an update in her absence by email. The remaining waste will be removed by David Burnfield in the next few days. The Pavilion has now been given another 10 years of life. The final cost for the work was £2,296 (£409 materials (gross) and £1,805 labour). This is slightly less than expected and the Clerk will claim back VAT of £81.93.

ii. Maintenance work – Infinity Playgrounds have completed all the works to the slide; agility jumps and netball hoop. Invoice to follow. Unfortunately, someone has already broken the hoop. BS will try and fix one more time and then if it happens again will remove it altogether.

iii. Thank you card to be sent to private donor**. ACTION:** Clerk

14) Council Policy & Procedures Review

a) Anti-bullying and Harassment - 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) Thank you cards with Longstock pictures (KDG)

17) Date of Next Meeting

AGREED as Monday 14th December at 7:00pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:40pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Month: Oct 2026

Date of PC Meeting: 09/11/2026

Bank Account Status as at 31/10/2026

Current A/c	£26,081.34

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

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
BACS	13/10/2026	Private Donation	To the Playground Fund	£ 50.00

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

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
BACS*	05/10/2026	Parish Magazine Printing	Newsletter Printing	£ 287.50
Debit card	07/10/2026	SSE	One month electricity - Streetlights	£ 83.50
BACS*	12/10/2026	South Coast Building	Playground Refurbishment (Materials)	£ 288.00
BACS*	13/10/2026	D Robins	Grass Cutting (3 months)	£ 500.00
BACS*	13/10/2026	Longstock Village Hall	Hire for PC meeting	£ 20.00
BACS*	19/10/2026	Jewsons	Playground Refurbishment (Materials)	£ 203.58
Debit card	20/10/2026	SSE	One month electricity - Streetlights	£ 89.71

*Approved by 2 Councillors

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
CHQ	12/10/20265	RBL	Poppy Wreath	£ 125.00
BACS	TBC	Danebury school	School Prize	£ 30.00

Projected Bank Account Status (including all approved items)

Current Account	£26,051.34

Invoices received and requiring authorisation for payment

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
TBC	TBC	P Coates	Internal Audit half year	£ 50.00
DD	17/10/2026	ICO	Annual fee Information Commissioners Office	£ 52.00
INV	22/10/2026	Village Hall	PC Meeting - October	£ 20.00
INV	12/10/2026	Infinity Playgrounds	Inspection fee	£ 66.00

Signed by The Chairman