LONG NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2025 AT 7PM IN THE WILSON CENTRE

624.25

Present: Cllrs K Hissitt (Chairman), G Smith, L Sandbach, T Reed, D Butler, A Woods, G Attwood, J Higgins, and the Clerk.

624.1 **Apologies** for absence, none

624.2 **The Minutes** of The Parish Council Meeting held on 11th February 2025 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. There were no declarations of gifts/hospitality/interests or changes to the register of interests.

624.3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 **Highways A66 Litter** Cllr Attwood raised the amount of litter/debris all along the A66 from Darlington through to Stockton, not only on the verges but the laybys. This is not only detrimental to the environment but also gives a very bad impression to anyone visiting the area or any potential investors accessing Teesside via the Airport. Clerk requested to email DBC and SBC with copies to Ben Houchen to ascertain the policy regarding litter collection on this route, and when it was last carried out. **Long Newton Lane** Cllr Sandbach requested Clerk contact SBC and Forest England to inspect trees on their land near to the road to check for any potential damage/disease. There are also some large sacks of rubbish in the ditch on Long Newton Lane Clerk to report to SBC.

3.2 **Village Environment Trees on LNPC land** Cllr Hissitt will once again contact Mark Nozedar SBC to request the report which was undertaken in October. **Uninhabited Houses** No 2 Willow Chase. Although SBC inspected the site recently and deemed it may need a structural engineer to assess the condition of the house nothing has been resolved as yet. Cllr Smith will chase. **Willow Chase** Cutting Edge has cut down a number of trees which were deemed unsafe, and will return regarding one tree which has been made safe but will need a tree surgeon to remove further branches or fell the tree. Cllr Hissitt will liaise with Cutting Edge. **Litter Carters Lane** Clerk and Cllr Sandbach met with Rebecca Hassack from Easglescliffe Litter Pickers on Monday 3/3/25 regarding litter on Carters Lane area. This layby is approx. 2/3 miles from Long Newton but just within the Parish Boundary. It is in an isolated area with no properties in close proximity. It is also a popular parking place for plane spotters, and according to Rebecca it is also used for other activities on an evening. Rebecca showed Cllr Sandbach and the Clerk the area used for this activity which is off the hard standing of the layby in small clearings in the bushes, this is privately owned land. The problem is the litter both general and some hazardous most of which is on the private land. Both Clerk and Cllr Sandbach suggested that any fly tipping or excessive litter on SBC layby could be reported to SBC by the LNPC, but as to the nocturnal activities this is private land and anyone with any objections should contact The Police directly to give details of their complaint. Cllrs thanked Cllr Sandbach and The Clerk for attending this meeting. **Trees on Tees** Clerk will meet with Owen Smith from Trees on Tees to restart the process of provision of trees/hedging for the Playing Field, as the information regarding trees required from the meeting with Stephen Cosgrove in May 2024 was not registered before his departure.

3.3 **Bus Service** Cllr Smith has contacted Matt Vickers MP seeking support for the diversion of the X67 through the village.

3.4 Northern Powergrid Clerk has sent a reminder for information regarding power cut.

624.4 **Planning**

4.1 Lists circulated via email.
4.2 25/0185/FUL Middletown Farm LNPC fully support this application Clerk has sent email to SBC
4.3 25/0207/X Application for work on trees with TPO No comment.

624.5 **Accounts**

5.1 Cheque issued to Wilson Centre £11.00 hire fee February 1361
5.2 Cheque issued to Clerk for salary March 1363
5.3 Cheque issued to HMRC PAYE 1362
5.4 Financial Documents Policies and Procedures A review of the Policies/Procedures and Risk Assessment template for 25/26 was undertaken by Cllrs and approved by the Council. The Fidelity Guarantee and Public Liability Insurance was reviewed and approved by the Council as adequate. 5.5 Replacement of computer Cllr Hissitt is to contact MSG Computers who have undertaken work for LNPC previously regarding purchase of new computer and set up.

624.6 **Correspondence** None

624.7 **Cllrs Items and items for next meeting**

7.1 Litter A66 Cllr G Attwood see 3.1.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.55PM

Signed…… K Hissitt Chairman