LONG NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 2026 AT 7PM IN THE WILSON CENTRE

633.26

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

633.1 **Apologies** for absence Cllr A Woods

633.2 **The Minutes** of The Parish Council Meeting held on 9th December 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.

633.3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 **Highways Speeding** Clerk has informed SBC that LNPC agree to the proposals Clerk will remind SBC that the white lines at the junction with Darlington Rd and Woodland Way need repainting. **Cycle Way** Cllr Smith reported that TVCA are going to be given funding to improve cycleways, and SBC are planning to undertake a feasibility study on the continuation of the path from the Co. Durham border to Long Newton.

3.2 **Village Environment Play Area** No response from SBC regarding cost of maintaining Play Area. Clerk will send reminder. **Community Support National Highways.** The two ditches on Willow Chase have been cleaned of debris as part of the scheme. National Highways are looking into providing goal posts and owl boxes **Power cuts** Matt Vickers MP has arranged for Northern Powergrid to attend a Public Meeting on 23rd January to explain the reasons for the recent power cuts in Long Newton and how they are addressing the problem. Letters have been sent to residents and the Clerk has placed a notice on the notice board. **Trees Parish Council land** SBC have still not responded to the LNPCs request for the necessary work which was flagged up on the inspection to be undertaken,. LNPC are to pay for this work to be done. Cllr Hissitt will contact Nigel Clark will a copy to the Chief Executive as this has been ongoing for over 2 years.

3.3 **Bus Service** The Tees Flex bus is to be withdrawn from Service as it is not cost effective. LNPC have put forward proposals for either the No6 or X67 to be diverted through the village. LNPC are waiting confirmation that the proposal will be considered for implementation in the next financial year.

633.4 **Planning**

4.1 Lists circulated via email.

633.5 **Accounts**

5.1 Cheques issued to Wilson Centre for hire fee December Meeting £12.00 and electricity Christmas Lights £100.00. 1408 & 1409
5.2 Cheque issued to Clerk on 25/12 for sal and exp December. 1407
5.3 Accounts Clerk reported on the 3rd Quarter Accounts, the quarterly review of the budget was undertaken, the reserves are adequate for the proposed expenditure to the end of the financial year.
5.4 The Clerk submitted precept request to SBC on 12/12/25
5.5 Cllrs reviewed the effectiveness of the Internal Audit, there were no issues arising. Chair will undertake a review of the control systems and Risk Assessment.
5.6 Notification of increase in website fees acknowledged.

The above invoices were approved by LNPC

633.6 **Correspondence**

6.1 E mail from Mr & Mrs Cooke received concerning land to the rear of their property at Whitehouse Croft which was left as a buffer zone when the houses were built. This land is owned by Yuills and maintained on their behalf by George F White LLP. There is a dispute arising regarding this land and the fence on Mr & Mrs Cooke's property. As the land/boundaries and fences are all in private ownership this is not a LNPC matter. Clerk has informed Mr & Mrs Cooke.
6.2 Letter received from Matt Vickers regarding a Public Meeting with Powergrid regarding recent power cuts which has been arranged for 5pm Friday 23rd December in The Wilson Centre. See 3.2

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

7.1 Social media Policy

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.55PM

Signed…… K Hissitt Chairman