LONG NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 9TH JUNE 2026 AT 7PM IN THE WILSON CENTRE

638.26

Present: Cllrs K Hissitt (Chairman), D Butler, T Reed, L Sandbach, and the Clerk.

638.1 **Apologies** received from Cllrs J Higgins, G Attwood, A Woods and G Smith.

638.2 **The Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th May 2026 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair. There were no declarations of gifts/hospitality/interests or changes to the register of interests.

638.3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 **Highways Street Lights** SBC have reviewed the street lighting along Manor Gate Green, as there is an existing lit alternative route available on the opposite side of the road they will not consider installing additional lighting. SBC have added this to the list of contenders for future lighting programmes which are assessed and prioritised as part of the Council's capital planning process. **HGV's** Cllrs Smith and Attwood have checked weight limit signs and verified that all the necessary signs are in place. Reports of HGV's flouting the restrictions should be made direct to SBC via their website where there is a section with a link titled Vehicles Contravening Weight Restricted Roads. **Darlington Rd** The horse chestnut trees on Manor Gate are starting to hang over the road. Clerk has reported to SBC.

3.2 **Village Environment Planters** Clerk has purchased plants and distributed for planting, Cllr D Clarke will be contacted re funding. **Goal Posts** It was agreed that LNPC will purchase 2 children's goal posts for the playing field, cost will be approx £400. **Log Manor Gate** The log on top of the bank on Manor Gate Green is now rotten, Cutting Edge are to arrange removal and remove the dead tree on Woodland Way via a tree surgeon. All the debris from Woodland Way Green will be removed at the same time. Cllrs Smith and Hissitt have spoken to the parents/guardians of some of the children who play on the green after school and pointed out the danger of tree climbing, and also the importance of not destroying/damaging trees. It also was reported that a young sapling has had bark stripped and has been snapped off at the base, this will also need be removed. **Power grid** Clerk has received a reply from Power grid after a reminder was copied in to Matt Vickers MP. The necessary works have been delayed and will be undertaken in October 2026. **Bus Shelter** The bus shelter near to The Vane Arms is in need of repairs, Clerk has contacted SBC who have replied that it will be dealt with accordingly.

3.3 **Bus** Cllr Smith has not had a reply from reminder to TVCA regarding a request for an update on the procurement process for a bus service for Long Newton.

638.4 **Planning**

4.1 Lists circulated via e-mail

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638.5 **Accounts**

5.1 Cheque issued to Wilson Centre for £18.75 hire fee May 1425
5.2 Cheque issued to Clerk Sal & Exp May 1423
5.3 Cheque issued to Clear Councils insurance £60.00 1424
5.4 Cheque issued to Clerk re-imburse purchase of plants for planters £273.35 1426
5.5 It was agreed that Clerk contact Hugo Fox regarding website and email domain change. Cost of website £9.99 per month plus £200 for setting up.

The above invoices were approved by the LNPC

638.6 **Correspondence**

6.1 E mails regarding use of Manor Gate Green Steven Firth has informed the LNPC that the Wilson Centre is booked on 15th August for a Sunday School trip, and if the weather is good there will be some fun games (nothing structure) on the green. St Mary's Church and St Mary's School are holding Family Fun Day on Manor Gate Green on 11th July. Clerk has issued Event Request Form, and also guidelines from Clear Council's Insurance Co regarding a proposed bouncy castle. All necessary documents will be checked and signed plus Cllr Hissitt will undertaken a risk assessment.

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

7.1 Cllr G Attwood has emailed to request an item in the next Parish Press regarding dog walkers letting their dogs both on and off the lead onto open plan gardens in the village. Some dogs are fouling on the gardens, leaving residents to remove it. This is a frequent occurrence and not acceptable.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.45PM

Signed……..K Hissitt Chair