LONG NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7PM IN THE WILSON CENTRE

640.26

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

640.1 **Apologies** Cllr J Higgins

640.2 **The Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th July 2026 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair. There were no declarations of gifts/hospitality or interests. Cllr G Smith has a change to the register of interests, forms A and B previously issued to Cllr G Smith for completion.

640.3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 **Highways** **Street Light Yew Walk** The street light outside no 2 Yew Walk has now been repaired. **Potholes** Clerk has reported pot holes at the entrance to Woodland Way, and also requested that this stretch of Darlington Road be resurfaced as potholes continually reoccurring. SBC Inspector has forwarded this request to SBC engineers for consideration. **Raised Bed Darlington Rd** Clerk has reported the rotten railway sleeper to SBC.

3.2 **Village Environment Policy** regarding vehicle access to Parish Council owned land, draft to be compiled for consideration at next meeting. **Tree SBC Highways land** Cllr Smith reported that the tree on SBC land at the corner of Darlington Rd and Cobwebs 1 Willow Chase needs attention, Clerk to contact SBC. **Trees on LNPC land** Clerk will contact SBC at the beginning of October regarding the work to be undertake on the trees. **Rubbish** During the summer the amount of rubbish left for others to pick up has increased. It is mainly on Manor Gate Green and The Playing Field, it consists of snack/sweet packets and drink bottles and cans. An item will be placed in the Parish Press regarding this.

3.3 **Bus** It has been confirmed that the new service X60 will operate from 28/9/2026 from Darlington to Teesside Park on an hourly basis during the day. Cllr Smith is to contact Jonathan Kibble to clarify the service regarding the statement that after Hartburn it will extend commercially to Teesside Park. Cllr Smith will also request the timetable asap as the LNPC will need to inform residents.

640.4 **Planning**

4.1 Lists circulated via e-mail

640.5 **Accounts**

5.1	Cheque issued to Wilson Centre for £12.50 hire fee July	1435
5.2	Cheque issued to Clerk Sal & Exp August	1434
5.3	Cheque issued to Cutting Edge grass cutting July/August invoice 3685 £1480.90	1436
5.4	Cheque issued to Clerk re-imburse purchase of gift voucher for internal audit £60.00	1437

5.5 Website Clerk reported that the new website should be completed soon, Cllrs approved Clerk set up necessary banking subscription to Hugo Fox website provider.

The above invoices were approved by the LNPC

640.6 **Correspondence**

6.1 E mail received on 21/8/26 from Amelia Darker regarding her disgust at the amount of dog poo that dog walkers have not picked up whilst walking in Coatham Woods. Clerk informed Ms Darker that LNPC have no jurisdiction regarding any issues in Coatham Woods and suggested that she contacts Forest England.

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

7.1 **Gateway Signs** Cllr A Woods raised a question on behalf of Cllr J Higgins who has requested permission to use wood preservative one of the Gate Sign Posts in the village . The gates purchased in 2000 are farm gates made of hardwood and do not need wood preservative, Cllr Woods will inform Cllr Higgins.

7.2 **Parish Press** The draft Parish Press was approved and Cllr Hissitt will arrange printing. It was agreed to wait until the end of the week when hopefully the new bus timetable will be available to be included.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.50 PM

Signed……..K Hissitt Chair