LONG NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 12TH MAY 2026 AT 7PM IN THE WILSON CENTRE

637.26

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

637.1 **Apologies** received from Cllr J Higgins

637.2 **Election of Officers**

Position	Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chair	Cllr K Hissitt	Cllr L Sandbach	Cllr G Attwood
Vice Chair	Cllr G Smith	Cllr D Butler	Cllr T Reed
3rd Signatory	Cllr L Sandbach	Cllr G Smith	Cllr K HIssitt

Nominations for representatives on various bodies as follows: -

Wildlife Trust	-	Cllr K Hissitt
Parish Press	-	Cllr K Hissitt

637.3 **The Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th April 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.

637.4 **Matters Arising**

4.1 **Highways Street Lights** 2 The Yew Walk Clerk has again contacted SBC regarding the repair of this light which has been out since October. Cllr Sandbach requested Clerk contact SBC to review the street lighting on the footpath running along side Manor Gate Wall. The recent car break-ins have shown this area to be vulnerable due to lack of street lighting. **HGV's** Cllr Sandbach has received a complaint regarding the number of HGV's which appear to be flouting the weight limit through the village accessing Eaglescliffe via Long Newton Lane. Cllr Smith and Attwood will check positions of weight limit signs to ascertain if they are in the correct place.

4.2 **Village Environment Planters** It was agreed that Clerk will arrange purchase of plants and arrange planting by volunteers. **Goal Posts** It was agreed that Clerk will look into the purchase of 2 children's goal posts to be placed at the South end of the playing field. **Log Manor Gate** The log on top of the bank on Manor Gate Green is now rotten, Cutting Edge will remove it and also will be requested to remove all the debris from Woodland Way Green at the same time. **Power grid** Clerk contacted Power grid via Customer Services on April 15th for information regarding proposed upgrade of underground network as stated in the Public Meeting on 23rd January. Clerk sent reminder on 11th May and Power grid are looking into it. Clerk will contact again if no reply is forthcoming. **Trees** SBC reply on 15th April regarding work on trees states they will look into fixing a date and also look at the condition of the lime tree on Darlington Rd. **Meeting with Police** LNPC recognised a drop in meeting was arranged by Matt Vickers MP for residents to address their concerns to the Police regarding recent car break-ins. LNPC understand that information from the meeting will be circulated via social media, email and Matt Vickers MP website.

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4.3 **Bus** Cllr Smith has sent a reminder to TVCA regarding a request for an update on the procurement process for a bus service for Long Newton. As yet no reply.

637.5 **Planning**

5.1 Lists circulated via e-mail
5.2 26/0698/PD 30 Whitehouse Croft No comment.

637.6 **Accounts**

6.1 Cheque issued to Wilson Centre for £12.50 hire fee April 1420
6.2 Cheque issued to Cutting Edge for grass cutting April £740.45 1421
6.3 Cheque issued to Clear Councils insurance renewal 26/27 £860.55 1422
6.4 Insurance renewal circulated to Councillors and all agreed cover was adequate.
6.5 It was agreed that Clerk look into membership of the NALC.
6.6 Clerk attended a meeting with the Auditors regarding the Audit and was informed that LNPC needs to have a gov.uk domain for website and email. Clerk has contacted website provider Chess who have not responded with arranged return phone call. Clerk will look into another website provider.
6.7 Accounts/ Audit 25/26

- The VAT refund 25/26 £1544.53 has been received.
- The precept of £17,500.00 for 26/27 has been received.
- The Accounts for 25/26 were presented to the Council.
- Notice regarding Electors Rights to view the Accounts and an unaudited copy of the Accounting Statement will be displayed on the web site. The period for exercise of public rights is from 16th June to 27h July 2026.
- The Accounts for 25/26 were approved by the Council.
- The Internal Auditor's Report had been received and acknowledged. Internal Audit undertaken on 05/12/25 and 30/04/26.
- The Annual Governance for 25/26 was approved by the Council and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.
- The Clerk has completed, signed and dated the Accounting Statement for 25/26 which was presented to the Council for approval. It was formally approved by Council and signed by the Chair.
- The Certificate of Exemption was completed and signed by the Clerk and the Chair.
- Mrs Linda Wall was appointed internal auditor for 26/27

Clerk will send Certificate of Exemption to external Auditor and publish all necessary documents on the web site
The above invoices were approved by the LNPC

637.7 **Correspondence**

7.1 E mail from Helen Tweedy regarding HGV's driving through the village on a night and grass cutting of the grass verge outside her property. Clerk contacted SBC regarding grass verge and ascertained it is in their ownership, they will add this verge to their grass cutting schedule. Clerk sent information regarding reporting HGV's flouting weight restriction limits. As in 4.1 Cllrs are to check signs regarding weight limit are in the correct place.
7.2 E mail from Norton and Stockton Ancients requesting permission for under 7's football training received. Clerk has completed necessary paperwork for permission on Wednesday evenings 1st June to 30th September.

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

8.1 Cllr G Attwood brought to the attention of LNPC damage which is being caused to trees on Woodland Way Green by children playing after school. The children are damaging branches and bark is being damaged/removed. The two blossom trees near the footpath are now being damaged. Cllr K Hissitt will contact the School and request they bring this to the attention of the children and parents/guardians, and ask that they respect the trees and the environment of the village.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30PM

Signed……..K Hissitt Chair