LONG NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON 8TH APRIL 2025 AT 7PM IN THE WILSON CENTRE

The Annual Parish Meeting was not attended by any members of the Public. It was therefore agreed to continue with the Parish Council Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 8TH APRIL 2025 WHICH FOLLOWED THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

625.25

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

625.1 **Apologies** for absence, Cllrs A Woods and J Higgins.

625.2 **The Minutes** of The Parish Council Meeting held on 11th March 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.

625.3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 **Highways A66 Litter** Cllr Attwood had raised the amount of litter/debris all along the A66 from Darlington through to Stockton, not only on the verges but the laybys. Emails were sent to SBC, DBC, with copies to TVCA. SBC can only pick litter on the A66 with a full road closure in place which is co-ordinated with National Highways' schedule. The picking which was due to take place in 2024 was postponed as there was a change in guidance regarding the certification that Operatives hold, this has been resolved and picking will resume during programmed closures this year. No reply from DBC and TVCA referred LNPC to contact SBC. **Long Newton Lane** Cllr Sandbach had requested Clerk contact SBC and Forest England to inspect trees on their land near to the road to check for any potential damage/disease. Forest England have inspected trees on their land and SBC will undertake an inspection. The gate on Willow Chase which is access to National Highways land has been replaced. Some potholes have been repaired on Darlington Rd.

3.2 **Village Environment Trees on LNPC land** Cllr Hissitt has tried to contact Mark Nozedar SBC again to request the report which was undertaken in October, a message was left for him to contact Cllr Hissitt. It was agreed that if there is no reply this item needs to be escalated to a complaint to SBC. **Uninhabited Houses** No 2 Willow Chase. SBC are to serve a Section 215 Notice to the owner of the property. **Trees on Tees** Clerk met with Owen Smith from Trees on Tees to restart the process of provision of trees/hedging for the Playing Field. The area to be planted was agreed, and as it is small, the trees required will be provide and planted by Owen and his colleagues from TVCA.

3.3 **Bus Service** Nothing to report.

3.4 **Northern Powergrid** Clerk has sent a reminder for information regarding power cut, as yet no reply.

625.4 **Planning**

4.1 Lists circulated via email.
4.2 25/0482/FUL Fir Trees House no comment

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625.5 **Accounts**

5.1	Cheque issued to Wilson Centre £11.00 hire fee March	1364
5.2	Cheque issued to Cutting Hedge for work on Willow Chase £1,200	1365
5.3	Cheque issued to Tees Valley Wildlife Trust £24.00 membership 25/26	1366
5.4	Contract for Cutting Edge grass cutting and maintenance for 25/26 have been signed.	
5.5	Receipt of precept from SBC 25/26 acknowledged £16,500.	

625.6 **Correspondence**

6.1 VE-Day 80th Anniversary SBC are to provide the LNPC with a beacon to commemorate VE-Day on 8th May. An event will be held on Manor Gate Green at 7pm everyone welcome.
6.2 St Mary's Church are proposing to hold an afternoon of games on June 4th and would like the use of Manor Gate Green. It was agreed by LNPC and the necessary forms will be completed.

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

7.1 Cllr Sandbach had been approached by residents of Willow Chase regarding branches from trees which had been removed by tree surgeons and left on the Nature Area instead of removing from the site. Cllr Hissitt approached the resident concerned who is to arrange removal.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.55PM

Signed…… K Hissitt Chairman