LONG NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 7PM IN THE WILSON CENTRE

630.25

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

630.1 **Apologies** none

630.2 **The Minutes** of The Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 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.

630.3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 **Highways Speeding** SBC 's reply to email regarding speeding within the village and Long Newton Lane was not satisfactory, further email to be sent to SBC requesting they check that the 30mph sign on Long Newton Lane is in the correct position given its close proximity to the entrance to Burnwood Court. **Cycleway Mill Lane** The proposed cycle path to connect the village to the Durham County border cannot go ahead as third party land would be required to deliver a route that meets the latest guidance. Cllr Smith has contacted Jonathan Kibble SBC, who has referred the LNPC to Sustrans who are responsible for delivering the scheme. Cllr Smith is to try to obtain more information regarding land acquisition. **SID** St Mary's Church is not working Clerk has reported to SBC. **Road Markings** It was noted than some of the white lines and bus stop markings have been recently repainted. Clerk to contact SBC to request other lines and bus stops within the village also be refreshed.

3.2 **Village Environment Norwood Darlington Rd** which has been empty for a few years was inspected by SBC at LNPC's request and found to be structurally sound. SBC is to contact the owner to request the garden be tidied up **2 The Willow Chase** LNPC understand that this property has changed hands since being sold at Auction, SBC has extended the section 215 until January 2026 to ensure significant work has been undertaken. **Daffodils** Clerk will purchase additional daffodils to be planted in the planters around the village. **Tree Mill Lane** Clerk reported a fallen tree blocking the footpath/cycle way on Mill Lane to SBC Tree removed

3.3 **Bus Service** Cllr G Smith will submit a formal submission to TVCA for reprogramming of the X67 to enable the service to run through the village.

630.4 **Planning**

4.1 Lists circulated via email.
4.2 25/1832/FUL Call Hill No comments

630.5 **Accounts**

5.1 Cheque issued to Wilson Centre for hire fee September Meeting £12.00	1390
5.2 Cheque issued to Cutting Edge for grass cutting September £700.90	1391
5.3 Cheque issued to Clerk sal and exp September	1392
5.4 Cheque issued to HMRC PAYE	1393
5.5 Cheque issued to St Mary's School photocopying Parish Press £35.00	1394
5.6 Cheque issued to Clerk reimburse installation of computer MSG Computers £50.00	1395
5.7 Cheque issued to Clerk sal and exp October	1396

5.7 Approval of Audit Plan The Audit Plan which had been circulated to Cllrs via email was approved.
5.8 Accounts The Clerk reported on the 2nd quarter accounts. The quarterly review of the budget has been undertaken, the reserves are adequate for proposed expenditure to the end of the financial year.
5.9 Budget 26/27 Cllrs were requested to consider items for the 26/27 budget.
5.10 It was agreed to buy Microsoft Word for the computer.

The above invoices were presented and approved by the Council. Cont..

630.6 **Correspondence**

6.1 Email from SBC re Christmas Lights acknowledged
6.2 Email from SBC re Remberance Service acknowledged
6.3 SBC report on Quality play provision a priority for children across the Borough was brought to the attention of the Clerk from a resident who happened to see it online. SBC had not informed LNPC of this proposal. SBC have not updated the play area for a number of years despite LNPC's requests. Although extra funding is to become available, the report suggests that along with other play areas in the Borough Long Newton will be decommissioned over time and not replaced. Clerk to email SBC Cllr D Clarke for her to support the retention of the play area, as this is going to Cabinet this week for approval.

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

7.1 Cllr Smith requested a review of information held regarding various bodies. Cllr Smith requested this be removed from the agenda in future.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8PM

Signed…… K Hissitt Chairman