LONG NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7PM IN THE WILSON CENTRE

631.25

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

631.1 **Apologies** Cllrs D Butler, L Sandbach, J Higgins.

631 2 **The Minutes** of The Parish Council Meeting held on 14th October 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.

631.3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 **Highways Speeding** Cllr G Smith and the Clerk met with SBC Gillian Spence and Phil Hardie on site to discuss the LNPC's concerns regarding speeding on Long Newton Lane and to ascertain if measures could be taken to address the situation. SBC have arranged 3 speed surveys in the village 2 on Darlington Rd (paid for by LNPC) and one on Long Newton Lane funded by SBC Cllr D Clarke. LNPC stated that the preferred solutions would be to extend the 30mph zone further South on Long Newton Lane which may slow traffic down as it approaches the junction and Burnwood Court. SBC stated that to do this would necessitate the addition of at least one new street light, plus would need to be approved by Government which will take around 9 months. They estimated a rough cost of at least £20,000 which SBC would not fund. LNPC would need to fund this scheme. The alternative was to improve the signage on Long Newton Lane which would be funded by SBC. After discussion it was agreed that to change the 30mph zone was beyond the financial remit of LNPC therefore SBC will be asked to improve the signage, Clerk to email SBC to request a meeting to discuss options. **SID** outside St Mary's Church is not working and SBC have indicated that they are unable to carry out repairs as many of the components have become obsolete. SBC have suggested they can quote for LNPC to purchase a new SID which they will install. LNPC do not agree that this should be paid for out of LNPC precept. Clerk to email SBC. **Cycle Way** No further progress.

3.2 **Village Environment Play Area** Clerk emailed SBC Graham Clingan on 27/10 to request he lets the Council know the total cost to SBC of maintaining the Long Newton play area over the past 5 years. On 29/10 LNPC received and email from SBC Neil Mitchell stating that the Cabinet decision is now subject to 'call in' and all work on the Play Area strategy including conversations about the future of facilities for our Parish is paused depending on the outcome of the 'call in'. **Christmas Lights** Cllr K Hissitt will arrange for LNPC lights on the Wilson Centre to be switched on on 5th December. LNPC thanked Mr Martin Thompson for once again checking the lights were in working order.

3.3 **Bus Service** Nothing to report

631.4 **Planning**

4.1 Lists circulated via email.
4.2 25/2091/FUL Swaledale Darlington Rd No comments

631.5 **Accounts**

5.1	Cheque issued to Wilson Centre for hire fee October Meeting £12.00	1397
5.2	Cheque issued to Cutting Edge for grass cutting October £700.90	1398
5.3	Cheque issued to Clerk re-imburse payment for Speed Surveys NE Traffic £348.00	1399
5.4	Cheque issued to Clerk to re-imburse purchase of daffodils for planters. £32.00	1400
5.5	Cheque issued Cledrk to re-imburse purchase of Microsoft Word	1401

5.6 Audit Mrs P Ruddick has informed the Clerk that she is unable to undertake the internal Audit. Mrs L Wall was appointed as internal Auditor for 25/26.
5.7 Budget Clerk will circulate Budget for 26/27 for approval next meeting

The above invoices were presented and approved by the Council.

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631.6 **Correspondence**

6.1 Email from SBC re Mayor's Carol Service and Mayor's 2026 Charity Ball acknowledged

6.2 Email from National Highways regarding Community Support Opportunities which outlined their giving back to the local community scheme in areas where their presence may be causing disruption to daily life as in the current works to upgrade the A66 lighting and safety barriers. They have suggested LNPC put forward small projects for consideration. After discussion it was agreed Clerk will email and suggest. 1. Clear out the drainage systems on Willow Chase Nature Reserve which drain water from A66, and erect a couple of owl boxes. 2. Help to provide a couple of substantial small portable goal posts for the recreational field for the use by children of all ages.

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

7.1 Cllr K Hissitt and Cllr G Smith will compile a draft Social Media protocol to present to the Council.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30PM

Signed…… K Hissitt Chairman