

LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st
July 2025 at 7.00pm
at The Lachen Rooms, Longhope

Present:

Cllr. Richard Gough

Cllr. Sheila Sykes

Cllr. Lee Haines

Cllr. Clive Willaims

Dist. Cllr. John Francis

Dist. Cllr. Dave Tragett

Chris Haine, CEO, GAPTC, (Temporary Clerk for this Meeting)

Also present: 26 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

Quorum was confirmed.

2. Election of Chair

It was proposed, and seconded, that Cllr. Richard Gough be elected Chair, and this was unanimously agreed.

Resolved: Cllr. Richard Gough was duly elected as Chair and Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed

3. Appointment of Temporary Clerk

Cllr. Gough proposed that Chris Haine, GAPTC act as temporary clerk for the meeting, which was seconded, and unanimously agreed

Resolved: Appointment confirmed.

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made in relation to the agenda items.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available for approval, and also noted that the meeting wasn't Quorate.

6. Matters Arising

i. Annual Meeting and AGM

It was noted that due to recent changes in council membership, the Annual Meeting had not been formally completed, and the AGM not convened.

ii. Planning Applications

The following planning matters were discussed:

Ref	Address	Description	Decision
P0612/25/ FUL	The Fir Patch, Yartleton Lane, May Hill	Change of use to tourism (shepherd's hut), parking, storage etc. (part retrospective)	No Objection
0496/25/PIP	Highways Farm, Ross Road, Longhope	Permission in principle for erection of 3 dwellings	Council noted application refusal notice

Ref	Address	Description	Decision
P0758/25/ ADV	All Saints Church, Longhope	Replacement of notice board	No objections regarding style, size, etc. Re: Characteristics criterion, conservation area, etc. mitigation proposed for the colour to be reconsidered from the blue, to be more in line with the colour green - in keeping with other village furnishings, and for further consultation to be made with the applicant Objection: Subject to compliance with local design guidance, council raised concerns on grounds of disproportionality re: dimensions, previous application also with Council previously having objected,
P0727/25/ FUL	San Remo, Folly Lane, May Hill	Raising of roof height on existing extension	

7. Public Open Forum

Members of the public raised questions relating to:

- Transparency of planning consultation processes, and asked whether site visits were ever undertaken by Councillors. Chair responded, yes but on this occasion applications had been submitted late, and only just seen on night of meeting.

- Concerns raised regarding unresolved matters regarding mandates, and accounts, Chair noted, and confirmed that there was much to do, and pleased to have just re-established the Council, asking residents to constructively engage with questions, and that the Council were seeking to move forward, for the greater good of Longhope, and its parishioners.

A resident who had been engaged, as a Councillor in overseeing the defibrillators, agreed that they would meet with Chair to discuss further, and were happy to continue with this task

The Chair acknowledged comments and assured attendees that the council would operate in accordance with its legal obligations and public duty.

8. Member Reports

Cllr. Gough reported on dog bins, and this would be discussed further at further parish council meetings.

Cllr Gough reported that a resident had raised concerns about the condition of a tree on May Hill. Cllr Gough stated he had visited the site and reported that the tree did appear in a poor condition. The council will obtain a quote and report for the next meeting.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Longhope Parish Council will be held on **Monday 15th September 2025 at 7.00pm.**

Meeting closed 7.35pm