

LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF LONGHOPE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD AT THE LATCHEN ROOMS ON
MONDAY 20th APRIL 2026 at 7.00pm

Attendees: Cllrs J. Barker, P. McCoy and C. Williams

District Cllr D. Tradgett and District Cllr J. Francis

Present: B. Jelf (Acting Clerk) and 40 members of public

1) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr J. Barker would become the new chairman of Longhope Parish Council.

2) APPOINT A TEMPORARY CLERK FOR THIS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that B. Jelf would become the acting clerk for Longhope Parish Council

3) APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

None received

4) CO-OPTION OF DAVE TRADGETT

For the Council to approve the co-option of the above candidate.

District Cllr D. Tradgett withdrew his application

5) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest from members in matters on this agenda or to be declared as arising during the meeting.

None Received

6) DISPENSATION REQUESTS

To consider any requests for dispensations in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

None Received

7) CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Cllr Barker gave a short statement on current situation of Longhope Parish Council. She encouraged applications to fill the current vacancies.

8) OPEN FORUM

A member of public highlighted the appeal against notice on Colemans Wood, Cllr J Barker acknowledged the comment.

9) MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 16th March 2026

Members **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the meeting held on 16th March 2026, duly signed by the chairperson.

10) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District Cllr Francis gave an update on the Draft Local Plan. District Cllr Tradgett gave an update on the proposed Bio-Sphere. There will be a meeting on Monday 27th April regarding community grants and Biosphere briefing. He also gave an update on the proposed new UA.

11) MEMBER'S REPORTS

Cllr. Barker commented on the lighting on Church Road. Cllr Williams advised that there was an available allotment. Cllr McCoy gave an update on the A40 bus stop. Both defibrillators are active. The reported issued in the play park has been rectified. The speed sign faults have been identified.

12) BANKING & FINANCE

Members **RESOLVED** to sign the Board Resolution. The document was independently witnessed by a member of public during the meeting.

13) IT EQUIPMENT

Members **RESOLVED** that no equipment would be purchased at present

14) ROSE BARTON & MARGARET SKELTON TRUST

Members **RECEIVED** an update of the RB&MS Trust. **ACTION:** Acting clerk to look into the matter of insurance and report back in the May meeting.

15) DEFIBRILLATORS

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the automatic transfer of both of its defibrillators back to the Latchen Rooms Trust should the Council cease to operate for more than one month. **Proposed by Cllr McCoy seconded by Cllr Williams**

16) STAFFING MATTERS

Members **RESOLVED** to re-launch the adverts for a Permanent Clerk. **Proposed by Cllr McCoy seconded by Cllr Williams**

17) PLANNING

a) Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 (As Amended)

P0408/26/TCA Undertake remedial reduction work, including removal of all Mistletoe, to a Bramley Apple tree. Tree also requires the installation of two timber props to provide support to heavily leaning boughs that are growing towards house. The Old Post Office Blaisdon Lane Blaisdon Longhope Gloucestershire GL17 0AL. **NO OBJECTIONS**

P0332/26/FUL| Erection of 5 no. dwellings and associated works including improvements to the existing access, provision of open space, landscaping, and drainage infrastructure.|Land North East Of Church Road Longhope Gloucestershire.
NO OBJECTIONS

P0314/26/TCA| Removal of dead Horse Chestnut tree.|Low Greens Station Lane Longhope Gloucestershire GL17 0NA. **NO OBJECTIONS**

P0280/26/FUL| Retention of existing butchers farm shop and provision of new container unit (Part retrospective)|Fold Farm Station Lane Longhope Gloucestershire GL17 0NA. **NO OBJECTIONS**

18) DATE FOR COUNCIL AGM AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS

The dates of the next meetings were **AGREED** as

Extraordinary Meeting - 7 pm, 28/04/2026 Latchen Rooms, Longhope

Annual Parish Meeting – 6 pm

The Annual Parish Council Meeting - 7pm 18/05/2026 Latchen Rooms, Longhope

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Schedule 12A (S3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

19) TO DISCUSS CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS

Matters were discussed and it was **AGREED** that no action would be taken at this time.

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm