

LONGHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 15th June at 7.00pm AT THE LATCHEN ROOM

In attendance: Cllrs Barker, McCoy, Francis, Noble and Williams

Present: B Jelf , (clerk), L Tustin (assistant clerk) and 8 members of public

1. **APOLOGIES** – no apologies were received.
2. **MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA** – no declarations.
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS** – Council resolved that the minutes of meeting held on 18th May 2026 form an accurate record of the events.
4. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** – Two members of the public raised concerns about the scope and standard of the grass cutting delivered by a contractor. A review of the current contract will be conducted by the clerks and reported back at the July meeting.

One member of the public commented that two dog bins have been placed behind The Latchen. These are overflowing. A MOP said he will clear the area of waste.

District Councillor Francis reported that a public meeting is taking place on 16th June at Minsterworth Village Hall to discuss the upcoming works on the A40 Over bridge. The FoDDC are looking to change their approach to the Local Plan Regulations process and use the Government Gateway process instead. The first step is to review the Local Plan Strategy. This review may result in a redraft of the Local Plan. Meetings with District and County Councillors on the Local Plan are continuing.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Council **accepted** the statement of accounts.

5.2 Council **resolved** to authorise and ratify payments as detailed.

(a)	Statement of Accounts as of 9th June 2026		
	Commercial Instant Access Account – ending 305	£	2600.00
	Commercial Instant Access Account – ending 478	£	31804.52
	Community Account – ending 626	£	10390.34
	Community Account – ending 731	£	8372.58
	Community Account – ending 568	£	30000.76
(b)	Grant Applications - Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972		None

(c)	Adverse variance to budget (>£10)		No Report
(d)	To ratify payments made between meetings		
	99 Web Ltd – SO 1 st June 2026	£	30.00
	EE – DD 15 th May 2026	£	37.16
	Water Plus DD 6 th May 2026	£	24.67
	99 Web Ltd – SO 1 st May 2026	£	30.00
	PWLB – DD 22 nd April 2026	£	1599.14
	EE – 15 th April 2026	£	37.16
	Water Plus DD 2 nd April	£	20.00
	AMGC – Inv 84 (2 cuts)	£	460.00
	K Hearn – repay of Microsoft subscription	£	84.99
(e)	BACS Payments for Approval		
	C. Matthews	£	1028.98
	AMSC – Inv 88 (2 cuts)	£	460.00
(f)	Income Received – Since 1st April 2026	£	
	Precept 1/2	£	17,500.00
	Allotment (J Foran)	£	20.00
	Bank Interest 11 th May 2026 - 478	£	13.94
	Bank Interest 9 th April 2026 - 478	£	13.49
	Bank Interest 11 th May 2026 - 305	£	1.14
	Bank Interest 9 th April 2026 - 305	£	1.10
	CCLA Investment 29 th May - 626	£	72.36
(g)	Bank Fees		
	19 th May – Acc 568	£	4.25
	20 th April – Acc 568	£	4.25
	18 th May – Acc 731	£	4.25
	20 th April – Acc 731	£	4.25
	29 th May – Acc 626	£	4.25
	28 th April – Acc 626	£	4.25
	18 th May – Acc 731	£	4.25
	20 th April – Acc 731	£	4.25

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 Received: P0639/26/TPO Belle Vue Cottage, Hopes Hill, Longhope, Gloucestershire. Remove 2 x Oak trees covered by T5 and T6 of Tree Preservation Order number DFTPO 78 due to their influence on the soil below building level foundations which has caused subsidence damage to Belle Vue Cottage. **Council resolved that no comments were to be made.**

P0573/26/FUL - The Homestead, Hopes Hill, Longhope, Gloucestershire.

Erection of a first-floor rear extension over existing terrace and a partial extension to existing ground floor porch with first floor bedroom extension above **Council resolved that no comments were to be made.**

6.2 Dealt with Between Meetings: None

6.3 Decided Since Last Meeting: None

6.4 Appeals: None

6.5 Enforcement Issues: No updates

7. LEAD MEMBER REPORTS

7.1 ALLOTMENTS – All allotments are occupied and a waiting list will be created. The two plots that were previously in a poor condition have now been worked. Councillor Williams is obtaining quotes for work on the bank of ground. The water bill has been based on estimate readings, and the account is currently in credit. Actual readings will be used in future.

7.2 DEFIBRILLATOR – The defibrillators have been available this month. These, plus the cabinets will need replacing within 12 months. Will be added as a future agenda item.

7.3 TREES – The County Council owned trees in Station Lane need surgery. Councillor Baker is in discussion and will report at a future meeting.

8. TO AGREE WHETHER TO CHANGE THE EE PHONE CONTRACT TO A SIM ONLY CONTRACT – Council resolved to approve.

9. MEMBER'S REPORTS – Council received verbal reports from councillors and agreed actions.

9.1 Speed Signs – The Speed Sign on Church Road is functioning but has been removed to replace the battery connecting cables. Council agreed to discuss the conversion of the existing Speed Sign to solar power and the purchase of an additional solar powered Speed Sign at a future meeting.

10. CLERK REPORT – There is no report this month.

11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – A40 and Latchen Central bus Stop repairs, review of the Recreation Ground Committee and Parish Council responsibilities regarding the play area, overgrown hedges encroaching onto pavements, speeding measures, condition of roads and pavements in the parish, parking issues.

12. NEXT MEETING – Confirmed as Monday July 20th at 7.00 pm at The Latchen Room. An extra ordinary meeting will be required by 29th June to sign the AGAR.

13. MEETING CLOSED AT 7:25PM