

LONGSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
19:00 MONDAY 9th MARCH 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Alice Foster (AFo) – Chairman
Cllr Kirsty Dominick-Gibson (KDG)
Cllr Angie Filippa (AF)
Cllr Charles Grieve (CG)
Cllr Sarah Johns (SJ)
Cllr Selina Musters (SM) – Vice Chairman
Cllr Beccy Soper (BS)
In attendance: Clerk Gill Bulpitt and Ian Jeffrey (IJ) TVBC and 1 resident

- 1) **Apologies:** Colin McIntyre (CM), Leckford Estate and Nicky Goodridge (NG) Danebury School
- 2) **Declarations of interest** – None for this meeting. All Councillors present confirmed there were no changes to their Registration of Pecuniary Interests. **ACTION:** Clerk to inform TVBC
- 3) **Minutes of PC Meeting 9th February 2026** - Unanimously agreed for adoption and signed by AFo.

As BS needed to leave the meeting for personal reasons, the Chairman gave dispensation to receive the Playground update.

4) Councillors' Report

a) Playground

- i. Fundraising – BS gave proposed details for the ‘Family Camp Out’ event now set for 9th May. The plan is for there to be a bar, jacket potatoes on a fire pit and marshmallows. Breakfast baps will be available in the morning. Ticket prices were discussed with full details to follow. AFo to create a poster and place on Facebook and the Clerk will add to website and it was agreed by all it should be the front cover of the next newsletter.
- ii. Pavilion – The villager who volunteered to fix this is now not available. BS to circulate a date for a playground working group and provide a list of work that needs to be undertaken. It was agreed the PC will cover the cost of the materials. Volunteers will be sought from the village with the necessary skills.
- iii. Tree – BS had been approached by the developer of the house next to the playing field about the large Ash tree which overhangs the zip wire. After a visual inspection it was believed to be diseased, and some branches have already fallen. The zip wire has been disabled and cornered off by BS with hazard tape as a precaution. A tree surgeon has confirmed that the tree requires felling, and the developer is applying to TVBC for urgent permission to remove the tree and replace it in view of the potential risk at the playground.

As IJ had to leave to attend another PC meeting, the chairman gave dispensation to receive the TVBC update.

- 5) **TVBC Update (IJ)** – IJ presented the contents of Mid-Test Matters which can be located on the LPC website and included matters such as fly tipping successful prosecutions and grants available.

BS And IJ left the meeting at 19:35

6) Points from the Floor

- a) Resident raised a question about the blocked drain outside Church Cottage. **ACTION:** Clerk to report
- b) Resident thanked the PC for cutting the allotment hedge and advised that a lot of landscape planting has been done by the contractors at Church Fields.

7) Planning

- a) **26/00302/VARN – Variation of condition 2** – Kingsfisher Lodge - to allow for substitution of cedar shingles with clay tiles and replacing door with window. **Decision:** Unanimous PC No Objection.
- b) **TVBC decisions on previous applications** – 26/00019/TREEN Fell Apple tree – The Old Forge – No Objection

8) Highways

- a) The Clerk maintains a spreadsheet of all reported concerns. Any questions – refer to the Clerk. Issues reported by Councillors – drains at top of Longstock Rd and large pothole at the top of Bottom Rd. **ACTION:** Clerk to report

- b) Traffic calming measures – AFo discussed the proposal for additional signage in the village to try and help with traffic calming, including Children’s drawing competition, children warning and duck crossing. The idea of some signs were supported by the PC but permission and cost would need to be sought from HCC. **ACTION:** Clerk to write to HCC requesting the process to obtain permission and likely costs.

9) Finance

- a) Monthly Finance Report – Clerk pre circulated PC Bank Account status also showing approved Feb payments and income receipts. Reviewed and approved payments to Daniel Robins for hedge cutting at the Allotments £40.00, Utili-Lights Ltd for Street Light cleaning £337.60, TVBC for annual dog waste emptying 2025/2026 £291.08 and Clerks Salary £2,000 and HMRC PAYE £500. The Bank balance at 28/02/2026 was £16,581.52. Cllrs noted the income and expenditure.
- b) Reserves – Opening a savings account is still outstanding. **ACTION:** Clerk
- c) Telephone Box Grant – Clerk confirmed that the National Lottery has agreed to provide a grant of £5,100 to refurbish the telephone box into a book exchange/local information. Clerk to take forward.
- d) Longstock Newsletter Finances – Clerk presented the annual newsletter finances for 2025/2026. Pending receipt of a couple of outstanding invoices for £63.34, which are being chased, the surplus for the newsletter for this year is £256.73. There are subscriptions to add onto this figure of £30 when received. It was unanimously agreed that the surplus funds would be ringfenced in case software is required in the future.

10) Councillors’ Reports

- a) Affordable Housing and NHP. (AF)
- i. Church Fields – English Rural (ER) have confirmed that the residents were able to attend a viewing and “how it works” session. They were all very pleased with the properties and are keen to move in. Works are progressing well, and ER are due to accept completion on Tuesday 17th March, with residents being signed up the following day. All residents of the rental properties are now confirmed. The shared ownership plot has yet to be allocated.
 - ii. TVATPC – AF attended this meeting on 5th March and provided an update from Graham Smith, Head of Strategic Planning and Growth, TVBC on the Local Plan. The main points being the overwhelming response to the Reg 18 consultation (1,860) and the withdrawal of 3 large proposed sites. TVBC have been calling for alternatives and the upshot is there will be a supplementary Reg 18 consultation in Summer 2026. The Local Plan must be completed and submitted by the end of 2026. If deadline not met then TVBC will only have 2.5 years to complete a new Plan. AF has prepared a full article to explain the position to villagers for the newsletter.
 - iii. NPPF Consultation – AF will submit comments.
- b) Allotments, Cemetery and Henry Smith Charity. (KDG)
- i. Allotments – Hedges have now been cut and paid for by the Parish Council (£40.00). KDG attended the AGM and there are 5 plots available (1 x full and 4 x half) which the committee are keen to keep local. They will have a stall at the plant sale at Leckford on 4th May to raise funds and the annual BBQ is set for 7th June at 1pm, with all PC invited. The committee have also proposed a plaque at the allotments for those long-standing holders who have died. The PC Unanimously agreed to contribute £30 towards the cost of the plaque.
 - ii. Cemetery – The annual clean-up is Sat 21st March from 10am-12pm – need to advertise in social media **ACTION:** AFo. The regulations have been updated re dogs.
 - iii. Henry Smith - This year’s grant has been received but at a reduced amount. There is just under £1,900 available. A further grant can be applied for if needed. New guidelines have been provided by the trustees limiting individual grants. These will be circulated to the PC.
- c) Footpaths and Lengthsman and Remembrance (CG)
- i. Footpaths – Nothing to report
 - ii. Lengthsman – The admin of the scheme has been confusing and the new Clerk at Stockbridge is taking this over. In March he will litter pick, clean notice boards and tidy around The Bunny bench. In April he will cut back the foliage around the road signs and wash all street signage. Good news is that the scheme has been extended by HCC for 2026/2027. CG will sign the contract on behalf of the PC. CG and Clerk to meet the lengthsman about refurbishment of the Cemetery gates.
 - iii. Outstanding work to be done by the lengthsman – 5 hours at the Village Hall to clear brambles etc and work on one of the benches currently stored at The Mill. **ACTION:** SM to chase

SJ left the meeting

- d) Danebury School, Website and Telephone Box (AFo)
 - i. Telephone Box – Now confirmation of grant for £5,100, the Clerk is obtaining updated quotes for the work to refurbish the box and convert into a book exchange/local information.
- e) Environment, Trees, Dog Waste & Newsletter (SJ)
 - i. No report
- f) Village Hall, Street Lights & Newsletter (SM)
 - i. Village Hall – Slowly working through the work to repair the leak damage with the insurance company. SM is setting up a WhatsApp group for emergencies. The Committee has decided to increase Hall hire rates to help cover annual costs. Another smart meeting is being installed for the electricity.
 - ii. Streetlights – These have now been cleaned, with two issues identified by the company: one at Roman Road is leaning and one near the Houghton crossroads has a cracked glass which has been removed. SM is obtaining quotations for repairs.

11) Parish Council Policy and Procedures Review

- a) The Council considered no changes were required to the existing policy and resolved to ratify the existing Social Media Policy. **ACTION:** Clerk to update the confirmation dates on the website.

12) Correspondence

- a) Items noted on pre-circulated report with the agenda and PC noted.

13) Matters Raised and for possible inclusion on next meeting's agenda

- None

14) Date of Next Meeting

- a) Agreed the next Meeting will be on Monday 13th April 2026, starting after the Annual Parish Assembly which will start at 6.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:15pm

Monthly Finance Report for Longstock PC Meeting

Month: Feb 2026

Date of PC Meeting: 09/03/2026

Bank Account Status as at 28/02/2026

Current Account	£16,258.86
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Income Received in Feb 2026**(Items included in the current account balance above)**

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
BACS				
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Payments Approved in Feb 2026**(Items included in the current account bank balance above)**

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount
BACS*	02/02/2026	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	£ 4.67
BACS*	10/02/2026	Infinity Playgrounds	Playground Inspection	£ 66.00
Debit C	12/02/2026	Amazon	Dog Fouling signs for Cemetery	£ 13.48
DD	23/02/2026	SSE	Electricity - Streetlights	£ 113.51

*Approved by 2 Councillors

Income to be received (Items received and NOT yet included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
None				£ -

Payments Approved (Items NOT included in the current account bank balance above)

Type	Date issued	Payee	Detail	Amount

Projected Bank Account Status (including all approved items)

Current Account	£ 16,258.86
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Invoices received and requiring authorisation for payment

Type	Date Received	From	Description	Amount
Email	28/03/2025	Daniel Robins	Hedge cutting at Allotments	£40.00
	n/a		Clerk Salary	£2000.00
			HMRC	£500.00

Signed by Chairman