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LONG COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on held on 2nd February 2026 7pm at Long Compton Village Hall

Present: Councillors Bing (Chair), Cook, Billins, Sparrow and District Councillor Whalley-Hoggins and 3 member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** County Councillor Jo Barker
2. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** NONE
3. Cllr Brewin has tendered her resignation which has been accepted by the Chair. The Council would like to thank Cllr Brewin for all her work on the council in the time she was with us
4. Jackie Brown submitted an application for Co-option onto Council. Cllr Bing proposed Jackie Brown for Cllr, all in agreement and carried
5. **To approve the minutes of the meeting on the 5th January 2026**
   Proposed by Councillor Billins, seconded by Councillor Sparrow
6. **Matters Arising** NONE
7. **Public Forum NONE**
8. **Report from the County Councillors**
   District Cllr Whalley-Hoggins discussed how there is going to be a change in how social housing is allocated. Priority will be made to key workers in the local area.
   The Cllr said to look out for various consultation emails and to disseminate.
   Finally, orbit housing has a new CEO and the whole organisation is to be customer centric.
9. **Planning**
   New Applications:
   26/00079/FUL – No objection
   Existing Applications:
   25/02707/PIP – Going to committee, Cllr Bing will attend and speak with support of Cllr Cook and District Cllr Whalley-Hoggins
   20/03887/FUL – SDC will follow up on this enforcement notification made by Cllr Bing
   Other Applications:
10. **Finance**
    a. **To approve the Budget Tracker and Bank Reconciliation**
       Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Billins and carried
    b. **To approve amended payments as listed, plus the following payment**
       Playground inspection £297.60
       Proposed by Councillor Billins, seconded by Councillor Sparrow and carried
    c. **Budget –** final draft to be put together and distributed ahead of the next meeting
11. **Village matters**
    i. **Lengthsman –** 4 applications received. Cllr Cook raised employment laws and that it would be better to go for a company rather than an individual. Suggested probation period of 6 months. Clerk to arrange a meeting with each applicant for Cllrs to meet
    ii. **Village Mowing –** Cllrs agreed on a contractor and the clerk will contact accordingly
    iii. **Highways –** Cllr Billins submitted a proposal to cllrs. The Proposal was for a footpath from Weavers Cottages to Old Hill on the Pub side of the road. This would help to create a safe crossing point for people accessing the village from

Old Hill, and also for people using the industrial estate from the village. Costings were shown, and with a grant of £10,000 from WCC, a donation of £2800 from the owners of the Industrial Estate, and utilisation of CIL money , it would leave just over £12,500 for the Council to Pay. The council had looked at independent contractors but this was not viable due to restrictions from WCC Highways. It was decided that it be better to use WCC contractors. Cllr Billins Proposed, and Cllr Bing Seconded. All in favour, and Cllr Billins was instructed to ask WCC to proceed.

iv. **Playground –** The Annual inspection report had been received. Some problems, but nothing urgent. It was thought that the Lengthsman appointment may be able to help with small repairs and maintenance as necessary.

v. **Flood Committee –** Presentation given by the chair of the flood committee James Walton. Cllr Brown agreed to be new PC representative. It is suggested that modelling is required to help understand flood risk and can be used in future scoping and funding applications. The PC was asked if it could help with a contribution towards this cost, to which they agreed in principle, subject to the agreement of WCC and recognition that they would acknowledge the data and work going forward. The flood committee had already received promises of £23,000 from individuals in the village towards this work. WCC are also looking at possible funding options going forward and schemes that may be applicable for the village.

Cllr Sparrow stated he did not wish for the modelling to be carried out at the expense of routine maintenance. Cllr Bing explained that there was money set aside in the Council's budget for flood maintenance, and that any contribution towards the modelling would be, in his opinion a 'capital' expense, and not an annual accrual of funds specifically for ongoing maintenance. It was agreed that the flood committee would present quotes for maintenance of the brook from Crawbridge across the field behind the Church (Slatters) and along Barton Road. If approved, these works would be carried out later this year.

Cllrs thanked James for all of the work that he and the committee were undertaking, and looked forward to further regular updates.

12. Urgent information for Councillors and Items for the next Agenda

Budget