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LONG COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors Bing (Chair), Cook, Billins, Brown, District Councillor Whalley-Hoggins, County Councillor Barker and 2 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr Sparrow
2. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** NONE
3. Jackie Brown submitted an application for Co-option onto Council. Cllr Bing proposed Jackie Brown for Cllr, all in agreement and carried
4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting on the 2nd February 2026**
   Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Billins
5. **Matters Arising**
   Barry McCoombes submitted an application for Co-option onto Council. Cllr Bing proposed Barry McCoombes for Cllr, all in agreement and carried.
   Have agreed to a village mowing contractor, however they have resubmitted their quote after a site visit with Cllr Bing and there has been a small increase. All Cllrs agreed to this.
   Highways project still in progress.
6. **Public Forum**
   Parishioner from The Butts attended the meeting to discuss issues about parking. District Councillor Whalley-Hoggins, County Councillor Barker will write to highways to see what can be done.
   The hedge from Lady Hereford's is overhanging the pathway again, Clerk to write to Lady Hereford to ask her to trim the hedge back to the wall line
7. **Report from the County/District Councillors**
   County Cllr Barker discussed that the 2nd county council budget meeting had taken place, and they have managed to retain their monies in reserve which is positive. Highways repair budget still intact and this shows in the quality of the roads in the area.
   District Cllr Whalley-Hoggins discussed that the full council meeting had taken place and the Lib Dem budget was accepted. She had raised childhood poverty and unemployment numbers
   There will be a rise in council tax of 2.9%
   John Careford has been redeployed to work on the South Warwickshire Local Plan and there is a new head of housing.
8. **Planning**
   New Applications:
   26/00438/TREE – no representation
   25/02802/FUL – no representation
   26/00192/AMD – No representation (if can comment)
   Existing Applications:
   25/02707/PIP – This went to committee and the committee went against Officer recommendation and the application was refused. This has now been appealed by the applicant. The Parish Council have asked District Cllr Whalley-Hoggins to ask the planners if there is anything that the Parish Council can add to their original comments. Cllr Bing will also contact a planning consultant for advice.
   Other Applications:
9. **Finance**
   a. **To approve the Budget Tracker and Bank Reconciliation**
      Proposed by Councillor Billins, seconded by Councillor Bing and carried
   b. **To approve amended payments as listed, plus the following payment**
      Proposed by Councillor Billins, seconded by Councillor Brown and carried
   c. **Budget**

Proposed by Councillor Bing, seconded by Councillor Cook and carried

10. Village matters

i. **Lengthsman –** Cllr Billins and Cllr Brown interviewed three candidates, 2 shone out and the Council have agreed to take on both with a trial period of 6 months. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the successful parties and Cllrs asked to make a list of areas/actions needed.

ii. **Neighbourhood development plan –** Cllr Billins to start a draft document which we can review and submit to the district as necessary.

ii. **Flood works –** The Flood Group have forwarded a quote for works to clear out the stream on the land behind the church and along the Barton Road. All agreed to this in principle. Works would commence later in the year after bird nesting season.

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

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Lengthsman
Annual Parish meeting and AGM of the Parish council

