LONG COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on held on 5th May 7:30pm at Long Compton Village Hall

Present: Councillors Bing (Chair), Billins, Sparrow and Brown

1. **Election of Chair** Councillor Bing Proposed by Councillor Billins, seconded by Councillor Sparrow and carried
2. **Apologies** Cllrs Cook & McCoombes, County Councillor Barker and District Councillor Whalley-Hoggins
3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** None
4. **To Receive Chairman's Declaration of Office** Signed
5. **Election of Vice Chair** Councillor Cook Proposed by Councillor Bing, seconded by Councillor Billins and carried
6. **To note new Councillors accepting office and vacancies for Co-option**
   No new councillors to consider
7. **Future Meetings** All dates noted and approved
8. **To appoint Councillors particular responsibilities, working parties etc and as representatives on outside bodies**
   i. Village Hall – Cllr Cook
   ii. Aunt Phoebe's Trust – Cllr Bing
   iii. Combined Charities – Cllr Billins
   iv. Play Group Inspections – Cllr Sparrow
   v. Planning – Working group proposed to include Cllrs Sparrow, Bing, Billins & Brown
   vi. LCFAG – Cllr Brown
   vii. Personnel – Cllrs Billins and Brown
9. **To agree cheque/BACS signatories and confirm banking arrangements**
   Agreed to continue as we are with Unity Bank and current Signatories
10. **To approve or confirm:**
    i. Standing orders - Approved
    ii. Financial regulations – approved
    iii. Insurance policies – we have insurance in place till 2028.
    iv. Grant Policy - Approved
11. **To confirm annual review of Clerk's employment terms**
    Review to be scheduled
12. **To approve the minutes of the meeting on the 7th April 2026 and extraordinary meeting 27th April 2026**
    Proposed by Councillor Sparrow, seconded by Councillor Billins
13. **Matters Arising**
    Objection was submitted for planning 26/00907/PIP following the extraordinary meeting
14. **Public Forum**
    A parishioner contacted the PC about the board in the Chronolog which they feels needs replacing. There are no plans to replace the board and if the PC were looking to then funds would need to be raised
    The allotment committee have made a request about hedge cutting and hard standing in front of the allotments. The allotment committee are to speak to Highways about the hardstanding and the quotations for hedge cutting were out of the PCs range
    Hedges over hanging the main road have also been raised. Clerk will contact those addresses this effects to request they cut their hedges back to aid visibility

15. **Reports from the District and County Councillors** None
16. **Planning**

    New Applications:

    26/01027/TREE – no representation
    26/01001/TREE – no representation
    26/00478/FUL– no objection
    26/00655/FUL– no objection

    Existing Applications:

    Other Applications:
17. **Finance**
    a. **To approve AGAR/internal Audit**
       Approved and signed for submission
    b. **To approve the Budget Tracker and Bank Reconciliation**
       Proposed by Councillor Sparrow, seconded by Councillor Billins and carried
    c. **To approve payments as listed plus extra payments as follows**
       Microsoft 365 renewal £84.99
       Thomas Fox mowing 30/04/26 £672.00
       Vodafone amended to £32.70
       (Please note payment for Smith of Derby not approved, Clerk asked to find out further information)
       Proposed by Councillor Billins, seconded by Councillor Sparrow and carried
18. **Village matters**
    i. Hollows – to note the HM land registry now complete
    ii. Church Clock – PC to change the company who service the clock. Clerk to let the church know of the change
    iii. Neighbourhood Development Plan – Cllr Billins has distributed draft changes. All Cllrs to look at these and come back with any changes/amends. Village design statement will also need addressing
    iv. Flooding – Cllr Brown updated the PC that funding has been awarded for Bury Way/Barton Road works and grant approved by the Stour Valley Lions for leaflet printing.

19. **Urgent information for Councillors and Items for the next Agenda**
    Parish Meeting 27th May 2026