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LONG COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on held on 7th September 2026 7pm at Long Compton Village Hall

Present: Councillors Bing (Chair), Cook, Billins, Sparrow and Brown. Also County Councillor Barker and 6 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** District Councillor Whalley-Hoggins
2. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** Cllr Bing for item to be raised under Public Forum
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting on the 6th July 2026**
   Proposed by Councillor Billins, seconded by Councillor Sparrow
4. **Matters Arising**
   26/00165/DESCOU - no issues with planning or enforcement
5. **Public Forum**
   Allotments – Allotment group put forward a request for £1800 for working on the tress around the allotments so hedge could ultimately be tidied up. Cllrs agreed, however any spends in future years will be very carefully considered
   Allotment committee also raised concerns over rabbit infestation. The PC stated that this was not an issue for the Parish Council, but there is to be no ferreting or trapping of rabbits on Parish Land.
   Email received regarding the land at Weston Court and possible uses for the land as it has become overgrown and a fire risk in the hot weather. The Parish Council are not looking to use the land for any purpose currently and will continue to top as needed.
   Parish land- Cllr Bing left the meeting, handing over to Cllr Cook – request to temporarily take on part of a neighbour's tenancy for 5 years. Request was denied by the Parish Council and will contact both parties.
6. **Report from the County/District Councillors**
   Cty Cllr Jo Barker confirmed that the local government review has been rejected today. Further information to follow as it comes in. Grass fires this summer have been an issue and have not been helped by incentives such as no mow May. Council will be looking at how to stop wildfires in future hot summer seasons. Cllr Barker confirmed that there is scope to apply for help with the flooding works through resilience funding. Finally SWLP at section19 stage so still time to get things in for that if we want to.
   Planning
   New Applications:
   26/02183/TREE – no representation
   Existing Applications:
   26/00700/VARY & 26/00702/VARY –Cllr agreed to remove objection but not to support (no representation). The PC wanted it noted that the consultant originally said there was no justification and the design was over engineered but there is no point in fighting the application.
   Other Applications:
7. **Finance**
   a. **To approve the Budget Tracker and Bank Reconciliation**
      Proposed by Councillor Cook seconded by Councillor Sparrow and carried
   b. **To approve extra payment in July**
      SLCC membership £116
      Proposed by Councillor Cook seconded by Councillor Sparrow and carried
   c. **To approve payments as listed**
      Proposed by Councillor Cook seconded by Councillor Sparrow and carried

8. **Village matters**
   i. Flooding – 2 sites have been agreed for attenuation ponds, more details to follow. Also details for work son Barton Road need to be finalised including possible road closure.
   ii. Lengthsman/village maintenance – Cllr Billins to speak to Lengthsman about hedge cutting, but if he is unable to help, we have a quote for someone to complete the works that are desperately needed.
   Issues with hedges over growing and blocking pathways continues. PC will continue to follow up
9. **Urgent information for Councillors and Items for the next Agenda**
   We have been advised that the date for works to commence for the new pavement is from the 26th September, we await further information
   Wooden play equipment at the rec looking tired now so we will need to look at that as a project going forward
   Parish land & allotment rent notices due 1st October, reminder to all Parish land holders that they are required to maintain the internal side of the hedges with the boundary of their plot
10. **To Propose exclusion of the public**
    Cllr Brown wished to pass on information regarding potential occupancy issues on a site in the parish.

