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LONG COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors Bing (Chair), Cook, Billins, Sparrow and Brown. Also District Councillor Whalley-Hoggins

1. **Apologies for absence** County Councillor Barker

2. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** None

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting on the 15th October 2026**
   Proposed by Councillor Sparrow, seconded by Councillor Brown and carried

4. **Matters Arising**
   Follow up on the working group discussed at the last meeting. The parishioner has followed up with Cllr Bing and they are looking to start rallying volunteers for a potential first working group in the spring. The Parish Council will fully support this initiative

5. **Public Forum** None

6. **Report from the County/District Councillors**
   Devolution is back on. The elections for District Cllrs will be next May, but they will only be in office for 2 years. In 2028 there will be elections for the devolved council and in 2029 the new devolved council to take effect. However, all this could change if there is a change in government with a general election
   Planning has been turned on its head with democratic rights be eroded. The Parish Council must still do robust objections to application where necessary

7. **Planning**
   New Applications:
   26/02616/TREE – no representation
   26/02649/FUL – no representation
   Existing Applications:
   Other Applications:

8. **Finance**
   a. **To approve the Budget Tracker and Bank Reconciliation**
      Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Sparrow and carried
   b. **To approve payments as listed plus £504 for Thomas Fox (Mowing)**
      Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Sparrow and carried
   c. **Acknowledgment of receipts with the donations increasing to £7800**
      Proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Sparrow and carried

9. **Village matters**
   i. Agenda – Cllr Brown discussed having set items on the agenda to create more structure, however there would need to be tangible items to discuss which would need to be on the agenda before hand
   ii. Highways – Thank you to Cllr Billins for all her hard work on the pavement. The results and feedback are positive.
   How to get things reports that need sort by highways in the village. Best way is to upload Information and photos to fix my street.

iii. Flooding/LCFAG – Ther's been no meeting so there is no update. However, the volunteers for the action group have been rehearsing scenarios in case of a flooding incident. Cllr Bing to contact villager about the emergency box which is currently redundant.
iv. Parish Land – nothing to discuss
v. Playground – Fort is wobbling. 2 Quotes received, perhaps a future village project? To be raised in discussions about budget at the next meeting
vi. Availability of grants – Cllr Cook is going to look into what grants are currently available
vii. Budget – To be discussed at the next meeting

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

Budget – please have notes and project ideas to Cllr Bing/Clerk by the end of November ready for discussion
Fireworks in the village this Saturday night

11. To propose exclusion of the public

Tenders for available Parish Land discussed and successful applicant will be contacted