

Longhorsley Parish Council Meeting 8th October, 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present Cllrs: N Douglas (Chairman)
A Peat
K Bell

Clerk S Doyle

2 members of the public in attendance 19.51 to 20.05

CO5/1 **Apologies for Absence** Cllr. P Boyle, Cllr. J Parker, Cllr. T Potts, Cllr. S Alcock

CO5/2 **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th September, 2025 (which had been previously circulated) were approved, and duly signed.

CO5/3 **Declaration of Interests for items on the Agenda**
None tendered.

CO5/4 **Date of Next Meeting(s)** – It was agreed that the dates of the next Parish Council meetings will be 12th November and 10th December

CO5/5 **County Matters** – County Cllr Sanderson was not present but sent the following report: We had a very big day in October with the next step in the Data Centre Campus investment and already the Council have received some funds into our special new £110m Northumberland Investment Fund which has been our part of the negotiation, money that is ringfenced for new business and job creation across the County. Road works continue. The Council are focusing on how to find the £20m savings in this year's budget which is not easy.

CO5/6 **Update on behalf of Northumbria Police** – Members received and noted the Police Report dated 7th October 2025. We are waiting for confirmation from the Rural Police Team as to whether they can attend a warm space session.

Agenda order changed for this meeting to allow Mr K Woods to present his report

CO5/8 **Routine Items for Review**

8.4 **Play Areas**

- I. Mr Wood has been working through the ROSPA reports starting with the highest ranked alerts. Hedges have been cut and swings have been cleaned. He is still working through the schedule. It was noted that Wilding Place needs an "Ownership sign" and a "no dogs allowed" sign. Adamson Park needs more work in terms of pruning and cleaning paths. It was reported that not all the Muga floodlights are working so Cllr. Douglas will check this and report back to the next meeting if further steps are needed from an external contractor. Mr Woods will investigate a tree that needs attention at Archies Pond and report back to the next meeting with suggestions.

CO5/7 Finance

- 7.1 **Authorisation of Payments** – Members considered and approved the Authorisation of Payments list for October 2025, totalling £4,911.34
- 7.2 **Budget Monitoring** - Members approved the monitoring statements to the end of March, together with the account transactions for the year, petty cash documents and bank reconciliation to 31st September 2025.
- 7.3 **New Laptop** - Members agreed that a new laptop could be purchased.
- 7.4 **Budget 25/26**
Members received version 1 of the Standstill Budget. The Clerk informed the meeting that the revised taxbase is due at the end of October and then version 2 of the Budget will be produced.

CO5/8 Routine Items for Review

- 8.1a) **Review of Planning Decisions –**
None at this time
- 8.1b) **Review of Planning Applications -**
Ref. No: 25/03289/FUL [Erection of car port with room above, erection of a porch, rear extension and restoration of chimney](#)
4 South Road Longhorsley Northumberland NE65 8UW. - **Objections**
- 8.1c) The following applications are to be kept on the Agenda in order to ensure that they are not forgotten - **None at this time.**

8pm - 8.04pm Adjournment for Parishioners

1. The neighbouring homeowner to the Oaklea property asked if there was an update to the issue of the matting that has been laid over village green which resulted in an area of wild daffodils dug up. The Parish Council confirmed that they are waiting for a date to hold a meeting with the Legal team where multiple Village Green issues will be discussed, including this. At the time of this meeting there had not been a date arranged and it was confirmed that as soon as the meeting had been held that a response will be given to the Parishioner.

- 8.2 **Moor Management Committee**
- i. The Moor Management Committee are awaiting quotations for the supply and install of fencing for test areas. In the absence of guidance Post and rail fencing will be installed.
 - ii. The temporary fencing for the test areas will be in situ for 5 years.
 - iii. Temporary fencing will be installed to eliminate the ease to fly tip for 5 years.
 - iv. On 1st October 25 sheep and 5 ponies were visible and healthy.
- 8.3 **The Old Church Wood – report by Cllr Alcock**
- i. Quotations for the footpath have been sought, not all have supplied quotations so Mr Fish will approach other contractors and ask for quotes..
 - ii. A Working Party took place on 12th October to plant the Bulbs and tidy the Old Church Grounds.
- 8.5 **Allotments**
- i. Cllr Boyle will draft a revised Tenancy Agreement, and present at the next meeting.
 - ii. Further to the multiple complaints regarding the state of allotment 13 a Termination of tenancy letter was sent to the Allotment holder. A request for more time to clear the area was sent to the Parish Council and it was agreed that an extension would be granted to the 31st October.
- 8.6 **Village Maintenance Issues**
- i. A meeting is being arranged with a Solicitor with regards to various Village Green issues including parking on the common.
 - ii. The Clerk will make contact with County Councillor Sanderson to bring him up to speed with the development issues and the lack of footpath at the East Road development.
 - iii. The Parish Council do look at CCTV footage when reports of dog fouling are made in the vicinity of the camera. The person who has allowed a dog to foul must be easily identifiable and details of the person must be sent to the Local Authority with the camera evidence. Without this the Authority cannot prosecute.
- 8.7 **Website**
- i. No new items to be added.
 - ii. Members agreed to move the Website hosting to the preferred supplier of NALC. Cllr. Parker and the Clerk will rebuild the website on the new platform.
- 8.8 **Longhorsley Tree**
- The Clerk was asked to write articles covering South Road development running to schedule, thanking residents for cutting overhanging trees and bushes and reporting on the recent Working Party that will have taken place in Old Church Yard at time of print of the Tree.
- 8.9 **Donation Requests:** - none received.
- 8.10 **Village Hall Committee** – The Village Hall Committee AGM is being held on Wednesday 15th October.

CO5/9 Items Carried Forward

9.1 Housing Developments and Planning Matters in the Village

The Development is proceeding to schedule. Regular visits are undertaken by Parish Councillors.

9.2 Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. Parker is making good progress with work on-going and hopes to share with the Council in due course.

9.3 Village Green

a) NCC Scheme & Management

i. On-Going

b) Common Land

i. Parking - A meeting is being arranged between the Parish Council and a Solicitor to discuss all Village Green Issues raised in the September meeting.

ii. Fete - The Fete Committee have requested to use the Common as a location for next year's event due to allow everything to be in 1 location. The Parish Council have confirmed they are happy to allow this option for the purpose of Community enjoyment.

iii. CCTV Upgrade - Cllr Boyle has received quotes in the region of £4000 to dig the trench to install the CCTV cable. It was agreed that this was expensive and that Cllr Boyle would speak to Kevin Woods to see if he would like the opportunity to quote.

9.4 Welcome Letters – none issued.

CO5/10 Other Agenda Items

10.1 Parishioner Emails

a) A comprehensive response was sent to the Parishioner regarding issues faced by those in the vicinity of the South Road development, the issues discussed appertain to Highways and Planning.

b) The overhanging trees into a Parishioners garden are the responsibility of the landowner adjoining the property and that of NCC, reportable under the portal "Fixmystreet".

CO5/11 Other Items for Information –

11.1

CO5/12 Any Other Business (arising too late for inclusion on the agenda) –

12.1

The meeting closed at 10.10pm