

Longhorsley Parish Council Meeting 9th July, 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present Cllrs: P Boyle
N Douglas (Chairman)
A Peat
K Bell
T Potts
J Parker

Clerk S Doyle

5 members of the public in attendance (4)19.30 to 20.20 (1) 19.15 to 21.00
2 Police representatives in attendance 19.00-19.25

CO3/1 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr S Alcock and K Woods.

CO3/2 **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th June, 2025 (which had been previously circulated) were approved, and duly signed.

CO3/3 **Declaration of Interests for items on the Agenda**
None tendered.

CO3/4 **Date of Next Meeting(s)** – It was agreed that the dates of the next Parish Council meetings will be 10th September and 8th October.

CO3/5 **County Matters** – County Cllr Sanderson was not present but sent the following updates:

- i. The Camera Van was recently in the village along with the handheld TruCam, multiple detections were logged.
- ii. The end of year financial position for Northumberland County Council is complete and shows a small underspend even with extra funding placed to Children's Services.
- iii. The new Northumberland Line railway has now carried 400,000 since it opened 7 months ago.

CO3/6 **Update on behalf of Northumbria Police** – Members received and noted the Police Report dated 2nd July 2025. Lauren and David were also present at the meeting and discussed the report. It was highlighted that the report does not cover all incidents reported due to the system used and the cut off date for information to prepare the report the Parish Council receives. The police representatives reiterated the importance reporting incidents as soon as anyone becomes aware. Traffic calming and speeding were discussed in detail and suggestions offered to the Parish Council to discuss at the next meeting. It is hoped that the team could attend the Warm Space sessions periodically.

CO3/7 Finance

- 7.1 **Authorisation of Payments** – Members considered and approved the Authorisation of Payments list for July 2025, totalling £2,607.68.
- 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 30th June 2025.
- 7.3 **Signatory**
Members agreed that the current clerk, Samantha Doyle should be added as a named person to all Parish Council bank accounts as a signatory along with the current signatories.

CO3/8 Routine Items for Review

- 8.1a) **Review of Planning Decisions –**
- Non-material amendment (to allow minor design revisions) on approved application 20/01490/VARYCO
Eastgate And Westgate East Road Longhorsley Northumberland NE65 8SY
Ref. No: 25/01641/NONMAT | Received: Fri 09 May 2025 | Validated: Fri 23 May 2025 | Status: **Refused**
 - Construction of new substation to serve approved development of 55no. units, approved under applications 14/03839/OUT and 19/00790/REM
Land South East Of The Shoulder Of Mutton South Road Longhorsley Northumberland
Ref. No: 25/01538/FUL | Received: Tue 29 Apr 2025 | Validated: Tue 29 Apr 2025 | Status: **Permitted**
 - Discharge of Conditions 3 (Material Samples), 8 (Electric Vehicle Charging), 11 (Package Treatment Plant) & 13 (Swallow Nest Site Mitigation) of approved application 21/01561/FUL
Land East Of Westridges Longhorsley Northumberland
Ref. No: 25/01462/DISCON | Received: Tue 22 Apr 2025 | Validated: Tue 22 Apr 2025 | Status: **Refused**
- 8.1b) **Review of Planning Applications –**
- 25/01944/TREECA|Trees in a Conservation Area T5, T9, T12 & T13 Common Lime remove epicormic growth by pruning all within 2m of ground level right back to main stem, T10 Fagus sylvatica 'Purpurea' (Copper Beech) selectively prune, trim fine branching to lower south side of crown to give 1m clearance, T11 Common Lime remove epicormic growth by pruning all within 2m of ground level right back to main stem, remove deadwood >30mm diameter in crown.|
St Thomas Martyrs Presbytery West Road Longhorsley Northumberland NE65 8UY – LPC has no objections

- 25/02322/VARYCO Variation of Condition 1 (approved plans) on planning permission 20/01490/VARYCO to allow for revisions to the design and reduction in scale of 2no dwellings
Eastgate And Westgate East Road Longhorsley Northumberland NE65 8SY
LPC had no 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.**

8.2 **Moor Management Committee**

- The Moor Management Committee are sourcing quotations for the supply and install of fencing for test areas. In the absence of guidance Post and rail fencing will be installed.
- A letter has been sent requesting information on fly tipping seen on the Moor Edge.
- Temporary fencing to be installed to eliminate the ease to fly tip.
- On 7th July 29 sheep and 5 ponies were visible and healthy
- On a recent visit to the Moor small areas of Heather and Birch were seen.
- A new contractor needs to be sourced for future works on the Moor.
- The next Management Meeting is 6th August and Natural England will be invited to attend.

8pm - 8.20pm Adjournment for Parishioners

8.3 **The Old Church Wood – report by Cllr Alcock**

- Quotations for the footpath will be re sought, the previous quotes will have expired. Consultation with mowing contractor to take place to ensure that grass can still be mown once a footpath is installed. Possible funding streams could be from the NCC budget or grant applications.
- A small working group took place at the end of June to carry out some works including planting.
- A Lonnen Working group to be arranged to carry out some works although there is an area of the land that is not registered so owner is not known.
- Cemetery gate has dropped and need attention to allow it open with ease. Cllr Boyle will source quotes to have this fixed.

8.4 **Play Areas**

- One of the swings in Church View play park has a loose nut. Cllr Boyle will check and fix or arrange it to be fixed.
- A list of works to be given to Mr Woods for items requiring attention in the Village play areas.

8.5 Allotments

- i. A contractor will need to be sourced to dig the trench for the installation of the 3rd tap. Suggestions were made and Cllr Boyle will approach the potential contractors.
- ii. Rental increase discussion ongoing, Cllr Boyle will draft a revised Tenancy Agreement, and present at the September meeting.

8.6 Village Maintenance Issues

- i. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity for thanking Mr Paterson for all his hard work with the maintenance in the Village. Mr Paterson has retired we wish him well.
- ii. The successful contractor has been booked to carry out the matting work to the Common entrance.
- iii. Parish Council member and the tenant of the Shoulder of Mutton met to discuss ownership and management of the land outside the pub. The tenant is contacting the brewery with regards to the potholes. A gate has been requested from the Pub Car park to the new development once the development is complete.
- iv. The Vehicle activated speed sign on the North End of the Village on the A697 is too old for repair. A new device is to be sought and discussions around installation to take place with the highways team.
- v. A trench to house the cabling for the extended CCTV needs to be dug.
- vi. Following feedback from a Parishioner the Parish Council will continue to maintain all Parish council owned land within the village. Any other work outstanding that is not on Parish Council land will need to be maintained by the Landowner.
- vii. The Parish Council have been made aware of the footpath issues along the front of Normandy Terrace. The PC have no jurisdiction over this and any complaints need to be referred to the planning department, Planning Enforcement team at Northumberland County Council

8.7 Website

- i. The Clerk is in discussion with NALC regarding training on updating the website, Cllr Parker will also be involved with this. Clerk to arrange the training.

8.8 Longhorsley Tree

The Clerk was asked to write articles covering, the South Road development and to the site and who to directing queries too (the developer), thanking Mr Paterson for all his hard work in the Village during his tenure as maintenance contractor and a reminder that Fixmystreet is there to be used to report, dog fouling, overhanging trees on NCC land, fly tipping and such like.

8.9 Donation Requests: - none received.

8.10 Village Hall Committee – Nothing to report at this time

CO3/9 Items Carried Forward

9.1 Housing Developments and Planning Matters in the Village

A consultation on street names was sent to the Parish Council, the members agreed they would like to add the following names to the options –
Bigges Close – named after the piece of family-owned land that is being developed
Elliott Place – Recognition of the 14 years of work that a previous PC Chairman did for the village, including working with the planning team for the site.

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 – on-going.

9.4 Welcome Letters – 46a Whitegates and Old School Cottage, West Road.

CO3/10 Other Agenda Items

10.1 The Common – Longhorsley Football Club, nothing to report at this time.

CO3/11 Other Items for Information –

11.1 The Trustees came to the Parish Council meeting to discuss ownership of the land, the land is currently not registered but a registration process is underway. It was agreed by all to meet again once the land is registered. Repairs to the slide in the play park have been identified and the trustees agreed to pay for this.

CO3/12 Any Other Business (arising too late for inclusion on the agenda) –

12.1 Question was raised by a Parishioner regarding the Land at the front of Rest Harrow and the sales particulars that are currently live with the agent. The Land is registered as Village Village Green and must adhere to the rules and regulations of VG law, but ownership of the land is the owner of Rest Harrow. Any queries regarding the land must be directed to the land owner

The meeting closed at 11pm