

**Longhorsley Parish Council Meeting 10th December, 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

**Present** Cllrs: N Douglas (Chairman)  
K Bell  
P Boyle  
T Potts  
  
Clerk S Doyle

**CO7/1** **Apologies for Absence.**  
S Alcock and J Parker

**CO7/2** **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November, 2025 (which had been previously circulated) were approved for content with an amendment to numbers noted in "Members of the public in attendance" and duly signed.

**CO7/3** **Declaration of Interests for items on the Agenda**  
None tendered.

**CO7/4** **Date of Next Meeting(s)** – It was agreed that the dates of the next Parish Council meetings will be 14th January and 11th February 2026.

**CO7/5** **County Matters** – County Cllr Sanderson was not present at the meeting but sent the following report:

- County wide improvements to recycling, cardboard bin and glass to be placed in blue bin.
- Food waste collection to be rolled out over the county but not in our area just yet.
- Savings to budget ongoing, an online consultation confirmed that residents are as keen on communal green space and environmental issues being dealt with along with potholes and pavements work.
- Parking in Morpeth still a serious concern when busy, discussions around what else can be done.
- Cllr Sanderson has personally been in touch with Advance with regard to the recent traffic management.
- The results from the recent traffic speed monitoring on the East and West Road concluded that the issue was not sufficient for police to be involved.

**CO7/6** **Update on behalf of Northumbria Police** – Members received and noted the Police Report dated 29th November 2025.

**CO7/7** **Finance**

7.1 **Authorisation of Payments** – Members considered and approved the Authorisation of Payments list for December 2025, totalling £4,065.02

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 November 2025.

7.3 **Budget 25/26**  
Members received version 3 of the Budget. The Clerk informed the meeting that the budget had been adjusted for the revised printing and advertising for the Tree newsletter. Members were minded to propose the precept of £32,220 to the January meeting of Council.

## **CO7/8 Routine Items for Review**

### **8.1a) Review of Planning Decisions –**

25/02766/VARYCO, Land South East Of The Shoulder Of Mutton South Road  
Longhorsley Northumberland

Variation of Conditions 12 (contamination of land) and 14 (protective measures) on approved application 14/03839/OUT in order to remove as NCC's approach to gas protection has changed to a risk-based approach and is possible to remove gas conditions if supported by a risk assessment prepared following the CLAIRE Good Practice for Risk Assessment for Coal Mine Gas Emissions (2021)

Variation of Conditions 3 (Highways and Site Management Statement), 6 (Turning Area), 9 (Dust Management), 18 (Lighting), 20 (Boundary Treatment), 21 (Bird and Bat Boxes) and 22 (Landscape Planting and Maintenance) to change wording to compliance conditions. (amended 14/10/2025)

Permitted, Fri 14 Nov 2025

### **8.1b) Review of Planning Applications -**

Construction of porch to front elevation of property  
41 Whitegates Longhorsley Northumberland NE65 8UJ  
Ref. No: 25/03943/FUL | Received: Tue 04 Nov 2025 | Validated: Tue 04 Nov 2025 |  
Status: Registered

1. Discharge of Conditions 8 (Contamination), 9 (Verification Report), 10 (Written Method Statement) and 11 (Landscaping) on approved application  
24/01080/FUL  
Land South West Of Field Head House Longhorsley Northumberland

- 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**
- i. Sheep and Pony count same as before.
  - ii. Gate has been replaced
  - iii. A new post to one of the kissing gates has been replaced
  - iv. New temporary fencing has been installed at Moor Edge.
- 8.3 **The Old Church Wood – Cllr Alcock was not in attendance but sent the following report**
- i. Straughan have been informed of the agreement for Pathway works and a meeting is to be arranged to discuss the timeline and plans for the work.
  - ii. A funding application has been submitted to the Windfarm and Cllr Alcock will contact Cllr Sanderson to establish if there are any funds available that could support the project.
  - iii. Repairs to the damaged picnic bench in Old Church Wood have been carried out.
  - iv. Water damage to the pathway has been reported and Cllr Boyle will raise this with the site manager.
- 8.4 **Play Areas**
- i. Clerk to make contact with Town & County to discuss the tree removal from Archies Pond
  - ii. Boarding has been repaired around the slide at Adamson Park.
- 8.5 **Allotments**
- i. The revised draft tenancy agreement will be brought to the next meeting for Councillors to discuss and adopt.
  - ii. There is a vacant allotment so the clerk will write to the first person on the waiting list offering them the allotment number 3.
  - iii. Legal representatives of the Longhorsley Explorers have made contact with the Parish council regarding Allotment 13. All communications will now be between the Parish Council and the Legal representatives.
- 8.6 **Village Maintenance Issues**
- i. The Muga Lights were found to be out of order recently. A fuse had tripped and it was reset. There will be a need for an upgrade to these lights at some point in the future. There had been a quote some time ago and the price was excessive.
  - ii. Cllr Bell will forward contact details to Cllr Boyle so further quotes can be obtained for the trenchwork to allow cables to be laid for the CCTV extension.

- 8.7 **Website**
  - i. Work to progress on the build of the new website.
- 8.8 **Longhorsley Tree**  
No tree edition until February 2026.
- 8.9 **Donation Requests:** - none received.
- 8.10 **Village Hall Committee**
  - i. Experts will be contacted to come and inspect and quote for repairs to the hall.

**CO7/9 Items Carried Forward**

- 9.1 **Housing Developments and Planning Matters in the Village**
  - I. Flooding at the edge of the site was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Boyle and Cllr Douglas will meet with the site manager within the next week
- 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. Clerk to make contact with Solicitor for an update.
    - ii. Cllr Boyle will prepare a draft MOU for the Fete Committee.
- 9.4 **Welcome Letters** – none issued.

**CO7/10 Other Agenda Items**

- 10.1 **Parishioner Emails**
  - a. Councillors are looking at options available for work to the unadopted road that has raised public concern.
- 10.2 **Public Spaces Protection Orders - Notice of Consultation**  
No objections from Parish Council
- 10.3 **Councillor vacancy**  
Information has been published on noticeboards and published on the Parish Council Website.
- 10.4 **PO Box address**  
Further details to be sought before any decisions made on this.

- 10.5      **Local Community Energy Campaign**  
Information has been placed on the notice board inside the Village Hall.
- 10.6      **Expansion of the Cemetery entrance off the A697**  
The quote has been accepted and the Clerk has requested a start date.
- 10.7      **Flooding at Whitegates**  
Three gardens in Whitegates are affected by flooding. NCC are responsible for this and they will be running the project to alleviate the flooding. They will be sourcing funding.
- CO7/11    Other Items for Information –**  
11.1
- CO7/12    Any Other Business (arising too late for inclusion on the agenda) –**  
12.1

The meeting closed at 9.05pm