

LONGSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7.15pm

Present:	Cllr Barbara Cooper (chairperson)	Cllr Will Bevan
	Cllr Mrs Bobbie Coe	Cllr Elly Hemmins
	Cllr Ben Holland	Cllr Peter White

Also present: Mrs Chris Morton, Skylark editor.

- 109 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr Tumi Hawkins, SCDC and Cllr Mark Howell, CCC.
- 110 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None.
- 111 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 15th February 2024 were proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Holland and unanimously approved.
- 112 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS
District Councillor Tumi Hawkins provided a written Report for March.
- 113 MATTERS ARISING/TO REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)
– COUNCIL TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING
- a) Speed monitoring: Further information on LHI (Local Highways Initiative) bid for speed monitoring equipment will be obtained.
 - b) Councillor email addresses / website: Agreed not to go forward with gov.uk email addresses at the present time. Agreed that further options would be looked into for the updating of the website and Cllr Hemmins agreed to look into the matter.
 - c) Village sign. Grant application update: The documentation to accompany the grant application is being put together.
- 114 FINANCE
- a) Accounts update - to mid-February 2024: Noted. Agreed to accept the offer from Utility Aid, of £1360.87 in error repayment.
 - b) Clerk's Pay and Expenses mid-Feb – mid-Mar 2024, £202.20. HMRC £50.40: Agreed.
- 115 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS
None.
- 116 TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS
- a) Portrait of His Majesty The King: Agreed not to proceed with an order at the present time.
 - b) Gamlingay PC project proposal – A428 legacy funding pot - biodiversity audit and action plan, request to surrounding Parish Councils for expressions of interest to join in the project proposal: Agreed that more information would be needed. However, with nearly 100% of land being in private ownership in the parish, either agricultural or homes, this type of project was not thought particularly suitable.
- 117 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
A list of correspondence for discussion at the Parish Council meeting is printed in the Agenda; details are available from the Clerk.
CCC: Review of the Highways Operational Standards in Relation to Weed Management (circ): Agreed that resumption of spraying for gullies and pavement edges was in most

situations appropriate and cost effective. A question was posed as to which chemicals were used. Agreed an article to go into Skylark.

- 118 SYKLARK – TO CONSIDER ANY EDITORIAL ISSUES
Agreed to produce a Skylark Supplement to go out approximately a week before the Annual Parish Meeting.
Articles to be included in the Supplement: Annual Parish Meeting / May Parish Council AGM / village sign fund-raising barometer / CCC Weeds Control Policy / Fete / Friday Teas / History Society meetings.
- 119 ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION AT THE OPEN PARISH MEETING
Agreed to invite representatives from the Town Lands Trust / Village Hall Committee / Sports – Cricket Club / Local History Society / Footpath Warden / Speedwatch Group and Neighbourhood Plan Group to make presentations at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.
- 120 DATE OF NEXT **Parish Council Meeting** following on from the **Annual Parish Meeting** Thursday 25th April 2024, at 7.15 pm, at Longstowe Village Hall. Agreed, date of the May Parish Council Meeting Thursday 23rd May.

Signed by
Chairperson

Date

March 2024