

15th May 2025

LONGSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr Mrs Bobbie Coe (Chairperson)
Cllr Will Bevan
Cllr Barbara Cooper
Cllr Ben Holland
Sharon Brown (Clerk)

Also present: No members of the public were present.

- 1 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON & SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE
Cllr Bobbie Coe was proposed as Chairperson for the forthcoming year; proposed by Cllr Bevan, seconded by Cllr Cooper and unanimously agreed. Cllr Coe was duly elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr Barbara Cooper was thanked for her input to the Parish Council during her time as chairperson.
- 2 OPEN FORUM
The meeting was closed during the Open Forum to enable contributions from the public.
Use of Reading Room Trust Funds: Cllr Coe has been approached as to the possible use of the Reading Room Trust Funds held by the Parish Council. It was felt by the resident that the Fund could have paid for the VE Day celebration. **Agreed**, the previous definitive use of the Trust fund would be considered and also the use of grants from for instance the SCDC Community Chest to fund such events and activities.
- 3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
County Councillor Lucy Nethsingha, District Councillor Tumi Hawkins, Councillor Peter White and Christine Morton, Skylark editor.
- 4 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
None.
- 5 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
The Minutes of the Open Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting, both of 17th April were agreed and signed; proposed by Cllr Bevan, seconded by Cllr Holland and unanimously approved.
- 6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS
Noted, the District Councillors Annual Report for 2024-25.
- 7 MATTERS ARISING/TO REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) – COUNCIL TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING
Milestones – update.
 - Contact has been made with Mike Hallett, Member of the Executive Committee of The Milestone Society, who has provided all his survey data on the Longstowe milestones and offered assistance with reinstatement and historic monument listing.
 - **Agreed** contact be made with Dick Murden concerning a previous reinstatement of the northern milestone when knocked down in the past, and to obtain copies of the paperwork.
- 8 FINANCE
 - a) Accounts update - mid-Apr - mid-May 2025: **Noted**.
 - b) Precept remittance 24/25A DC £9,500: **Noted**.
 - c) NALC / CAPALC membership & Data Protection Officer membership £234.55: **Agreed**.
 - d) CAS Insurance 1/6/25 – 31/5/26 £449.86: Other insurance quotes will be obtained as the price rise of approximately 13% from CAS is considered too high. **Cllr Cooper agreed to action**.
 - e) Clerk's Pay and Expenses mid-April – mid-May 2024 £202.44, HMRC £50.30: **Agreed**.

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- 9 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
a) REF: 24/04096/OUT Further Consultation on application for Outline Planning Permission Reference Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 1 No. self build detached dwelling and new vehicular access with some matters reserved except for access. Site address: Land Between Acorns And Fox Cottage Fox Road Bourn Cambridgeshire: **Agreed no comment** as Bourn PC likely to respond to the consultation.
- 10 TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS
a) Village Teas – post holes for notice on the village green.
- 11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
A list of correspondence for discussion at the Parish Council meeting is printed in the Agenda; details are available from the Clerk.
a) Draft Minutes Little Gransden Aerodrome Local Consultative Committee Meeting 9th April 2025. Noted.
- 12 SYKLARK – TO CONSIDER ANY EDITORIAL ISSUES
Agreed, Cllr Coe will contact the Skylark editor concerning the available content and the first draft of the June edition.
- 13 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: THURSDAY **19TH JUNE**, AT 7.15PM, AT LONGSTOWE VILLAGE HALL.

Signed by
Chair

Date

June 2024