



Minutes of the Meeting of Longden Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 1st April 2026 at 7:30pm in Longden Village Hall

Councillors present:

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| Cllr. Paul Carter – Chairman | N Evans | R Evans |
| | N Ingham | K Lovegrove |
| D Morgan | C Roberts | K Roberts |

Also present: Caroline Higgins, Clerk

159/2025 Apologies for Absence – Cllr P Arnold, ill health

160/2025 Declarations of Interest – None

161/2025 Minutes of Previous Meeting – Two amendments were agreed to the draft minutes:

Minute 149.1.2 line 2 amended to read ‘RESOLVED, with one abstention’.

Minute 157.3.2 amended to read ‘Cllr D Morgan reported degradation of ‘Quiet Lane’ sign at bottom of Lyth Bank’.

It was proposed by Cllr P Carter and unanimously RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 4th March 2026, with the amendments listed above be approved as a true record.

162/2025 Public Participation – No public present

163/2025 Planning

163.1 Planning Applications – The Council considered the following planning applications

163.1.1 26/00833/FUL: **13 Old Coppice, Lyth Hill, Lyth Bank:** Erection of rear extension, replacement garage roof, solar PV cells to roof, fenestration replacement and alterations, external wall surface finish alteration, internal layout alterations; The Council RESOLVED to make NO COMMENT.



163.1.2 26/01014/FUL: **Douglas Swire Memorial Hall, Longden,**
Erection of extensions following demolition of existing lavatories and
refurbishment; The Council **RESOLVED** to make **NO COMMENT**.

163.1.3 26/00854/FUL: **Land Including Clove Hitch Cottage And
Cordage Cottage, Lyth Hill, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 0BS:** Erection of
an outbuilding, timber close board fence and introduction of new site access; The
Council **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** on the following grounds; The creation of a new
access would cause damage to the wall of the old Rope Walk, which is a non-
designated heritage asset, the site is adjacent to the Lyth Hill Country Park and
the outbuilding would be in a prominent position, detracting from the visual
amenity of the country park and the proposed access crosses a bridleway, which
is not open to vehicular traffic. The access would also effectively create a new
access directly onto the country park, which is owned by Shropshire Council.

163.1.4 Planning applications validated since publication of the agenda – It
was **RESOLVED** to defer consideration of the following applications to a meeting
of the Planning Committee to be held on Wednesday 8th April at 1:30pm;

26/01037/FUL, Lower Common, proposed self-build dwelling

26/0107/OUT, Land at Welbatch, Hook-a-gate, proposed development of 5
dwellings.

163.2 Planning Decisions – The Council noted the following planning
decisions:

163.2.1 26/00288/FUL: **Bulenda, Plealey Lane, Longden:** Single storey
rear and side extension and replacement porch. Decision, **Grant permission**

163.2.2 26/00245/FUL: **Sunbreak, Annscroft:** Proposal: Erection of 2
dwellings following the demolition of existing dwelling; Decision, **Refuse
permission**

163.2.3 26/00065/OUT: Proposed Dwellings to the **west of Hanley House,
Hook a gate, Shrewsbury:** Proposal: Outline application for the erection of two
dwellings with access : Decision: **Refuse permission**

163.3 Neighbourhood Plan – The Council received a verbal update noting that
the plan would propose a settlement boundary for Longden village.



164/2025 Designation of Village Green – In accordance with the *Inclosure Act 1857 and Commons Act 1876*, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to propose the designation of land in Longden Common as a village green, to protect it for community use in perpetuity. *Declarations by residents that they have enjoyed unfettered access for over 20 years will be collected as evidence to support the application.*

165/2025 Highways

165.1 Convex mirror and post for Longden Shop – The Chairman reported the church wardens had requested confirmation from Shropshire Council that the post and mirror would constitute permitted development. He has arranged a meeting on 15th April to assess a ‘mock up’ which will be supported by the owner of the shop.

165.2 Longden defibrillator – The Chairman reported that the shop owner will provide a quote for the electrical installation of the defibrillator on the wall of the shop and pub.

165.3 National Grid 33kV Cable Works – The Clerk was asked to obtain better quality maps of the planned route so that impacts on the community could be better assessed.

165.4 Hill Ford Rally 19/20th September 2026 – Cllr R Evans reported that the rally had received a license but further details are awaited.

166/2025 Play Areas

166.1 Annscroft play area development – Cllr C Roberts summarized the assessment process to date. Cllr P Carter proposed suppliers 2 and 3 be shortlisted and this was unanimously **RESOLVED**.

166.2 Play area inspections and maintenance – Report noted, no issues

167/2025 Environmental Maintenance –

167.1 Environmental Maintenance Grant - The application window has not yet opened. The Clerk was given delegated authority to prepare a suitable application and submit it should the deadline be set before the next meeting.

167.2 Hook-a-gate Village Signs –Cllr K Roberts has cleaned the village gates.



172.2 Bank reconciliation – The Council approved a bank reconciliation showing a balance of £116,290.80 as of the 31st March 2026.

172.3 Bank transfer – The Council approved the transfer of £3,000 from the CCLA account to the current account to cover payments due in April.

172.4 Reserves Balance – The Council approved the year end reserves transfers recommended by the Clerk.

173/2025 Reports

173.1 Chair's Report – Cllr P Carter reported he had attended the Chair's meeting and had been encouraged by the report by Shrewsbury TC on their pilot street scene scheme.

173.2 Shropshire Councillor's Report – Cllr R Evans reported an improved financial position.

A crisis fund of £3.8M has been received to support residents with the cost of living. The grant will be available to heating oil users but the details of how it will be distributed have yet to be decided.

Unauthorised flags will be removed from lamp posts.

A report is expected in May confirming settlements expecting to contribute land for housing. Currently Shropshire Council can only demonstrate 3.8 years of housing land supply.

Shropshire Council has not yet agreed to combine with other authorities, which could impact on future government grants, which are likely to be more urban focussed.

173.3 Councillors' Reports

173.3.1 Cllr K Roberts reported that the goal posts at Annscroft are loose in the ground and will need to be reset. It was agreed to consult with residents about the desire to keep the goal posts.

He reported the price of crocus bulbs from Shrewsbury TC would be between 10-12p each and daffodils 8p each. Orders for bulbs should be placed in May.



173.3.2 Cllr C Roberts requested the noticeboard replacement programme be added to the May agenda.

173.3.3 Cllr N Ingham reported the dangerous potholes at Exford's Green had still not been repaired.

173.4 Clerk's Report – The written report circulated with the agenda was noted. The Clerk added that the planned Little Lyth road closure dates had changed to early May.

Cllr R Evans advised that the A488 would be closed from the following day periodically through April and May.

The Clerk reported that Longden would receive a CIL Neighbourhood Fund payment of £4,373.12.

174/2025 Date of Next Meetings – The Council approved the following meetings

Planning Committee meeting – Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 1:30pm, Longden Village Hall

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 22nd April 2026, Annscroft Church – Drop in Play area consultation from 3pm, **Parish Meeting, 6pm.**

Annual Council Meeting – Wednesday 6th May 2026 at Longden Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9:15pm