



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Longden Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 7:30pm in Longden Village Hall

Councillors present:

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

Also present: Caroline Higgins, Clerk

80/2026 Apologies for Absence -- N Evans, Noted

81/2026 Declarations of Interest – No pecuniary interests were declared.

82/2026 Public Participation – There were no members of the public present.

83/2026 Minutes – Following a grammatical correction to minute 67/2026, the minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2026 were approved as a true record by unanimous resolution.

84/2026 Planning

84.1/2026 Planning applications – The Council considered the following applications;

84.1.1 Reference: 26/03599/PIP (validated: 24/09/2026)

Land at Rope Walk, Lyth Hill, Shrewsbury; Application for permission in principle for a single dwelling; The Council resolved to **STRONGLY OBJECT** to the proposal on the grounds that the site is in an unsustainable open countryside location having no local services and minimal public transport provision; the site access crosses a bridleway with no permissible vehicular access and would therefore be difficult to sell; the contribution to Shropshire's housing land supply shortfall is negligible and does not outweigh the harm of extending the settlement into the open countryside. The Council further resolved to recommend that should permission be granted, all existing natural screening (trees and hedges) be retained and any development be required to be of sympathetic design

84.1.2 Reference: 26/03538/FUL (validated: 21/09/2026)

Address: Welbatch Farm, Hook-a-gate, Shrewsbury, SY5 8BA;



Proposal: Construction of a replacement dairy parlour and related ancillary works. The Council resolved to make no comments.

84.2/2026 Planning decisions – The Council noted the following planning decisions,

84.2.1 Reference: 26/01017/OUT: Address: Proposed Residential Development Land East Of Welbatch Farm, Hookagate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: Proposal: Outline planning application for the erection for up to 5 houses (all matters reserved except for access) : Decision: Grant Permission:

84.2.2 Reference: 26/02895/VAR : Address: 13 Old Coppice, Lyth Hill, Lyth Bank, Shrewsbury, SY3 0BP: Proposal: Variation of Condition No. 2 attached to permission 26/00833/FUL dated 13 April 2026: Decision: Grant Permission

84.2.3 Reference: 26/03060/HHE : Address: Harlows, Cobham Villas, Shrewsbury Road, Longden, Shrewsbury, Proposal: Kitchen extension to rear of property 6m x 6m : Decision: Prior approval granted

84.2.4 Reference: 26/02283/FUL : Address: Proposed Dog Walking Facility East Of, Lyth Bank, Shrewsbury, Proposal: Change of use of agricultural managed grassland to a secure dog walking field. Erection of fencing, shelter and the creation of a hardstanding area for visitor parking and turning
Decision: Grant Permission

84.2.5 Reference: 26/02800/PIP : Address: Proposed Dwellings West Of New Inn, Hookagate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire : Proposal: Application for the erection of up to 8 dwellings and all associated works (with all matters reserved)
Decision: Grant Permission

84.2.6 Reference: 26/03068/FUL: Location: Proposed Dwelling To The West Of, Lower Common, Longden, Shropshire : Proposal - Proposed self-build dwelling:
Decision: Grant permission

84.3 Planning Appeals – No new appeals registered

84.4 Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr P Arnold reported on a meeting with the planning consultant and follow up meeting of the steering group at which settlement boundaries had been suggested for some larger villages in the parish and some sites identified as having potential for housing allocation. The steering



group recommended that the Council pays the cost of room hire and refunds the cost for light refreshments. This was RESOLVED. The committee further recommended that the council accept a proposal from the planning consultant to prepare a template design code. The next meeting of the steering group will be held on 2nd November 2026.

85/2026 Asset transfers and devolution of services - The working party agreed to meet remotely on Thursday 15th October.

86/2026 Highways

86.1/2026 Local Transport Plan – D Morgan reported on follow-up meeting.

86.2 20mph Longden School Zone – No progress

86.3/2026 Longden VAS Relocation – Reliant on completion of 20mph scheme.

86.4/2026 National Grid – Cable reinforcement scheme – R Evans reported the requirement for road closures in Annscroft in February half-term and Easter holidays to facilitate stream crossings using directional drilling. The rest of the cable laying between Hook-a-gate and Annscroft cross roads will be completed under traffic lights during January and February.

86.5/2026 Convex mirror – Awaiting response from planners

86.6/2026 A5 Overbridge Road Closures – Signage states closures end daily at 4pm but agreement is for reopening by 3pm for school run. R Evans to contact Highways.

87/2026 Play Areas

87.1.1 Play area maintenance – Clerk to obtain alternative quotes for repairs of worn fixings and cradle swing.

87.1.2 Annscroft fencing – Specification to be prepared and quotes obtained for repairs to sheep proof fencing and post and rail fencing. *C Roberts to measure*

87.1.3 Annscroft ditch – It was also reported that the stream is silting up and needs clearing to prevent flooding of gardens downstream. *Cllrs Lovegrove & Carter to meet with neighbouring landowner to arrange access.*



87.2 Annscroft Play Area – Bulb planting and official opening – It was RESOLVED to hold a formal opening ceremony on Tuesday 27th October, from 10:30 – 12pm and invite local children to dress in Halloween costumes and plant crocus bulbs which will be collected by Cllr K Roberts. Cllr Ingham offered some native bluebell bulbs. It was resolved to authorise the purchase of some inexpensive sweets for participation in the event and a small prize for the best costume. Cllr C Roberts is First Aid trained and will be available throughout the event. Clerk to prepare a risk assessment and a press report. Cllr C Roberts to design a poster to advertise the event on social media and for Longden school to share with parents.

88/2026 SALC AGM – It was RESOLVED to nominate Cllrs C Roberts and N Evans to attend and vote at the AGM and that the Clerk may attend in her capacity as SLCC representative to the SALC Executive.

89/2026 Nature Recovery – The Council approved attendance by Cllr D Morgan at the nature recovery conference on 20th November and to pay the suggested £10 donation

90/2026 Street Furniture – Provision of Planters Cllr N Ingham spoke on behalf of a resident who had volunteered to water and maintain a planter and offered to cover any holiday periods. It was RESOLVED to purchase a half-barrel, self-watering planter and compost for installation in spring 2027. A budget of £130 was agreed for the project.

91/2026 Review of Privacy and Complaints Procedure – The updated privacy notice prepared by the Clerk was approved and adopted.

92/2026 Finance

92.1/2026 Payments – The following payments were approved by the Council

Staff costs	(Confidential)	£1,227.11
Bank Charges	Lloyds Bank	£4.25
IT support & licenses	Cloudy Group Ltd	£123.54
Play area inspection	Ray Parry Playgrounds	£60.00
Clerk's expenses	Employee	£32.05
Work from home allowance	Employee	£26.00
Streetlight column replacement	EON Energy Solutions	£4,556.83
Grass cutting	Boyd's Groundcare	£126.00



Room hire & coffees	The Tankerville	£50.00
Expenses reimbursement	P Arnold	£45.25

92.2/2026 Q2 Budget report – The Clerk presented the financial position as of 30th September. There were no questions.

93.6 Bank Reconciliation – The Council approved a bank reconciliation totaling £127,329.89.

94/2026 Reports

94.1 Chair's report - Cllr Carter reported attendance at the Chair's network meeting

94.2 Shropshire Councillor's report – Cllr R Evans reported the following:

- Car parking charges review
- Meole Brace Park & Ride to continue until Christmas at least
- Local Government reorganization expected to be completed by April 2028. Shropshire Council does not yet have agreements in place
- Highways maintenance contract with Keir has been extended to March 2028. Street scene services will be taken in house and will work in partnership with town and parish councils
- Government has requested repayment of £20M loan for NWRR consultancy which will need to be borrowed by Shropshire Council

94.3 Councillors' Reports

94.3.1 Cllr Ingham requested the dead street trees removed from Longden be replaced.

He also reported the historical mile marker at Three Mile Cottage has fallen off the stone and suggested the parish council repair it. Cllr K Roberts offered to speak to the householder to ask them to repair it initially.

Cllr Ingham stated he would follow up with Homes Plus to get abandoned cars removed from area behind the flats.

94.3.2 Cllr Arnold reported he had cut back the overgrown shrubs on Annscroft bank.



94.3.3 Cllr D Morgan proposed that Longden arranges its own showing of the People's Emergency Briefing, to be followed by a discussion. K Lovegrove offered to investigate a screening at the village hall.

He has arranged a visit to Oaks Wood in November

94.4 Clerk's Report – Written report noted

95/2026 Date of Next Meeting –

Wednesday 4th November 2026, 7:30pm – Full council

HR Committee – 21st October 2026, 10:30am

96/2026 Exclusion of the press and public – In accordance with the Public Bodies, Admissions to meeting Act 1960, it was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public on the grounds the following discussion might reveal confidential personal information.

At 9:25 the council resolved to suspend standing orders to enable the remaining business on the agenda to be completed.

97/2026 Confidential Quotations

97.1 Redhill Noticeboard – Quotation from GE Views - £431.72 & VAT and installation by A Roberts - £85.00 approved

97.2 Play Area Replacement parts – Clerk to obtain further quotations and was given delegated authority to proceed based on the best value quote.

97.3 Annscroft Goals – Quotes to remove goals to be obtained

97.4 Design Guidance for Neighbourhood Plan – Quotation of £1,168 & VAT from UVE Ltd accepted.

The meeting closed at 9:40pm