Longden Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting 37 – 15th July 2026, The Tankerville, Longden, 6:00pm

Minutes

1. **Present –** P Arnold, (Chair), P Carter, R Evans, N Ingham, D Morgan, K Lovegrove, C Higgins; Jos Lovegrove from 6:45, J Lovegrove from 7:30
   Apologies – A Stack, J Ingham, A & L Brayne, P McDonald

2. **Notes of meeting** held 17th June 2026 – Agreed as a true record
3. **To record any pecuniary interests –** None declared
4. **Working draft Version 2.1 –** To review and comment on latest draft document – It was noted that p2.4.3 refers to Longden being identified as a Community Hub in the emerging local plan. As that plan has since been withdrawn, this is no longer relevant. **Action –** CH to review document for obsolete references and liaise with D Chetwyn to update.

   All references to community hubs and the proposed village development boundary around Longden are now obsolete. **Action** – Consider need for settlement boundaries in Neighbourhood Plan – add to next agenda

   Housing Needs Survey – The committee considered the method used by AECOM to assess housing needs may be out of date. It was noted that Shropshire Council is now using a government approved method for calculating housing needs which does not relate to local housing requirements. **Action CH** - request an update of affordable housing need from Shropshire Council's housing officer.

   Jos Lovegrove arrived at 6:45pm

5. **Shropshire Council Local Plan Scoping Consultation** – closing date 15th July
   a. **Draft Shropshire Community Hierarchy –** To consider a suitable response to the first stage of the consultation, with particular regard to the community hierarchy and growth strategy. (Draft response attached). - The new Local Plan will define a new Community Hierarchy in which three villages within the parish have been provisionally identified as Tertiary Connected Communities, including Longden, Annscroft and Lyth Hill/Lyth Bank. The draft response was generally supported by those present and with minor amendments relating to net zero, was submitted online to Shropshire Council on behalf of Longden Parish Council and Longden Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Individual members of the group had submitted their own personal responses.

   b. The approach to identifying and assessing potential site allocations. – The two-stage site assessment process proposed by Shropshire Council was noted and considered a suitable adaptation for the Neighbourhood Plan, with a high-level assessment to consider availability, scale and proximity to communities as a first

stage, followed by consideration of the other assessment criteria for those sites progressing to the second stage. The change in Community Hierarchy approach proposed by Shropshire Council will require all site assessments to be reviewed by the working group.

NI has cross-referenced the assessment criteria proposed by Shropshire Council with those identified by the Neighbourhood Plan group and found them to be comparable but with much greater detail. Action NI to circulate his assessment to the steering group, via CH.

All sites require accurate plotting on a map and distances from environmentally sensitive sites confirmed.

6. **Liaison meeting with Shropshire Council –** No meeting arranged – awaiting screening response

7. Non-designated heritage assets – to identify assets that may require protection or enhancement (in addition to listed assets) – J Ingham had sent apologies so item deferred. The Tankerville and other former public houses were identified as being appropriate candidates for inclusion on the list **– Action KL** – to mark all identified heritage assets on a map for transfer to a digital map in due course

8. Date and location of next meeting – Monday 24th August, at 7:30pm - The Tankerville

Agenda items to include	Design Guidance – NI
	Non-designated heritage assets – JI (for finalisation)
	Whether to allocate sites
	Whether to propose development boundaries