



*Longwick-cum-Ilmer  
Parish Council*

**LONGWICK-CUM-ILMER PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 AT 7.30PM AT LONGWICK VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr McPherson BEM (Chairman), Cllr Myers (Vice Chairman), Brian Richards, Alex Barter, Mark Molson, and Jane Rogers.

Tracey Martin (Clerk)

Buckinghamshire Councillor: Alan Turner

Representatives for Longwick Preschool and JR Sports

JR Sports have recently set up a not-for-profit Community Interest Company (CIC) called Brighter Futures, Active Lives which will be helping local income families in two ways and to support this are asking for a grant from the Parish Council of £203. An application has also been made to the North West Chiltern Community Board.

Part 1: Free sports sessions once a week for a 10-week blocks targeted at children from aged 5-14 from low-income families.

Part 2: Supporting families in the Half Term's where there is not the HAF funding (Holiday Activities and Food programme for 100 children for the week for these same children aged 4-13 so they get free (healthy food) and a free place at a sports / activity camp. Grant applications will be completed and considered at the February 2025 meeting.

Longwick Preschool will be applying for two grants, the first is for a forest school area for the preschool. The second grant application will be for a parent and toddler group which will run once a week for two hours.

Both representatives left the meeting and the Parish Council meeting started at 7.58pm.

**130. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Councillors: Gary Hall and Matthew Walsh.

**131. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None declared

**132. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024:** It was **resolved** by all those present to approve the minutes and the minutes were signed.

**133. UPDATE FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLOR:**

- a. Footpath opposite the Sportsmans Roundabout: The work to deal with the churned-up verge is still to be carried out.
- b. The caravan which had been reported to Buckinghamshire Councillors is actually a static home, the person is using it whilst they are developing a local property. Enforcement is aware but at this time there are no issues or concerns.
- c. NPPF: The mandatory numbers that Buckinghamshire Council have to build is 90,000 homes plus a 5% buffer which equates to around 3,000 houses a year. On top of this there is the potential of one new town which would be a minimum addition of 10,000 houses. At this stage there is no confirmed locations for these potential towns. The consultation for developers will close at the end of January 2025 and a decision is expected in May 2025.  
Previously an allowance of 25% of affordable housing had to be allocated to affordable homes but this has been removed from the planning process.  
Buckinghamshire Council have until December 2026 to submit their Local Plan.
- d. Cllr McPherson asked Cllr Turner for the follow up notes from the drive around where the Transport Plan was discussed.  
**Action: Cllr Turner**  
Cllr Turner left the meeting at 8.30pm

**134. TO CONSIDER OUTSTANDING AND COMPLETED ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

- a. Issue with bin collections: This has been resolved.
- b. Additional Playground Equipment: The Clerk has met with three Playground Designers and expects to receive the quotes prior to the February meeting.
- c. Obtain quotes for grass cutting: The Clerk has received two quotes and these will be considered later in the meeting.

**135. PLANNING - TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE COMMENTS:**

APP/K0425/W/24/3354530 (24/06482/FUL): Ivy Farm Lower Icknield Way Longwick: Stand by original objection submitted,  
 24/08080/TPO: 42 Bell Crescent Longwick: No comment  
 24/07905/FUL: Rest Awhile Owlswick: No comment, however would ask that any outside lighting is kept to a minimum, low level and downward pointing, this is to reduce the impact on bats known to be roosting in neighbouring buildings and also annoyance to neighbouring properties.  
 24/07906/LBC: Rest Awhile Owlswick: No comment, as above  
 24/07969/FUL: Maccabee Kennels Bar Lane Owlswick: No comment  
 24/08069/LBC: Orchard Farm Meadle Village Road Meadle: No comment  
 25/05066/CTREE: St Michaels Church Horsenden Lane: No comment

The following applications status has changed:

24/07205/FUL: Quercus Owlswick Buckinghamshire: Application permitted  
 24/05616/FUL: Maccabee Kennels Bar Lane Owlswick: Application withdrawn  
 23/08082/ADRC: Bumpers Farm Ilmer Lane Ilmer: Permit - detail reserved by condition  
 24/07698/HPDN: Tall Trees Lower Icknield Way Longwick: Application refused  
 24/07701/FUL: 6 Sawmill Road Longwick: Application refused

**136. TO NOTE PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET:**

Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Comment
Tracey Martin	£739.57		£739.57	Clerk Salary
HMRC	£105.60		£105.60	PAYE
Shield Maintenance	£169.22	£33.84	£203.06	Bin Emptying
Playground Inspection Co	£237.00	£47.40	£284.40	Annual RoSPA
The Chiltern Society	£653.80		£653.80	Footpaths (D/S)
Zempler Bank	£392.39		£392.39	Reinstate balance
Longwick Evening WI	£45.50		£45.50	Grant - Carol Concert
Valerie McPherson	£15.00		£15.00	Expenses
<b>Zempler Card Payments</b>				
GiffGaff	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00	Mobile Top Up
Royal Mail	£294.50	£58.90	£353.40	PO Box Renewal
<b>Directs Debits / Standing orders</b>				
EDF	£45.53	£2.47	£48.00	Electricity
Nest	£46.77		£46.77	Pension Contribution

**137. TO NOTE QUARTER 3 ACCOUNTS:** Noted

**138. TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR GRASS CUTTING IN THE PARISH INCLUDING DEVOLVED SERVICES CUTTING:** It was **resolved** to proceed with quote 1 from Gardens by Gatherole at an annual cost of £5,250 plus VAT paid over 12 months. This contract is subject to the Devolved Services agreement being signed. It was further **resolved** that the contract will be awarded, subject to a review at the end of May.

**139. TO CONSIDER VE DAY CELEBRATIONS AND ALLOCATE A BUDGET:** It was agreed that further discussions are required, this will be deferred to the February meeting. Cllr Myers will prepare a proposal for councillors to consider.  
**Action: Cllr Myers**

**140. TO CONSIDER AND SET PRECEPT FOR 2025-2026:** Following discussions it was **resolved** that the precept will be set at £37,293.31 which is a band d rate of £39.04 and a 4.97% increase.

**141. TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON ANY RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND / OR ISSUED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL:** None received

**142. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS THAT THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:**

- Cllr Richards had attended a Communicating with your Community event and felt it was very useful and will be attending the second session. Clerk to book. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllr Barter had attended a training session on AI Community Engagement

**143. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting will be Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.30pm at Longwick Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting 9.09pm.

Chair..... Date.....

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