

LONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 20th November 2023 in the Village Hall.

**Longham Parish Council welcomes the public and press to its meetings.
You may address the Council during the public participation session
but standing orders do not allow participation in the debates.**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.
2. To receive any declarations of interest.
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2023.
4. To consider the co-option of a new member to fill the one Council vacancy.
5. Meeting open for public participation.
6. To receive County and District Councillors reports.
7. Planning Matters.
 - a) Applications for consideration.
 - Any applications received after the agenda has been published (<http://planning.breckland.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>)
 - b) Decisions to note.
 - 3PL/2021/1460/F – Meadow, Hoe Road - change of use of land from Agricultural to residential & the erection of 1No. self-build home and provision of 1 No. Self Build Plot with associated car parking and landscaping – UNDECIDED.
8. Highway Matters.
 - a) To receive updates on matters previously reported and to consider any new highway issues.
 - Request for SLOW signs on Litcham Road near two Hoe Road junctions – works programmed.
 - Proposed 50mph speed limit on Litcham Road – C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris taking this forward.
 - Meadow, Hoe Road – Overgrown hedge – property owners contacted and hedge will be cut back.
 - Obscured fingerposts – junction with Honeygot Lane & Chapel Lane & Village Crossroads – reported to Highways who advised that we contact landowners.
 - Broken/Dirty street signs reported to Breckland:
 - Chapel Road – will be replaced.
 - New Road
 - Hoe Road (faded)
 - Hoe Road (dirty)
 - Damaged speed limit signs – Dereham Low Road – reported to Highways with signs now cleaned and repositioned.

- Damaged warning signs - nr RB Watts and west end of Hoe Road – reported to Highways and will be resolved.
 - Damaged speed sign – Nr Cats Protection, Hoe Road – reported to Highways and will be monitored; no action at present time.
 - Faded fingerposts – Junction New Road & Honeypot Lane – reported to Highways and will be monitored; no action at present time.
 - Flooding on Reed Lane nr to the Rectory – reported to Highways and will be resolved.
- b) To consider any application to the Parish Partnership Scheme.
9. To receive a report in respect of the Playing Field and Play Area and:
- To consider a tree surgeon report on the trees overhanging the benches.
 - To consider quotes to paint the play area fence, benches and bus shelter.
10. To receive an update regarding the Clay Pits (a county wildlife site).
11. To consider the church grass cutting contract for 2024.
12. To receive an update regarding the proposed Village Appraisal.
13. To consider a policy to conserve and enhance biodiversity in Longham, in accordance with the Environment Act 2021.
14. Finance and Governance
- a) To receive a financial report for the year ending 31st March 2024.
- b) To consider the draft budget and set the precept for the year ending 31st March 2025.
- c) To authorise financial payments as set out below and note any receipts.
- PAYMENTS
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| P23 | Clerk – Salary/Allowance (October) | £tbc (SO) |
| P23 | HMRC – PAYE | £tbc |
| P26 | Clerk – Salary/Allowance (November) | £tbc (SO) |
| P26 | HMRC PAYE | £tbc |
| P25 | Play Equipment Repairs | £197.40* |
| P | Breckland – Elections Fees | £75.00 |
| P | Grass Cutting at Church | £543.50 |
- *, (SO) or (DD) indicates payment has been made.*
- RECEIPTS
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| | Breckland Precept (2 of 2) | £3,750.00 |
| | Bank Interest | £49.38 |
15. Correspondence for circulation
(anything received after the agenda has been published will be circulated at the meeting)
- Zero Hour – support for climate and ecology bill.
16. To receive any new items for the next agenda.
17. To note the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 15th January 2024 in the Village Hall.