

Thursday 7th November 2024

To All Members of the Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Great Longstone Parish Council which will be held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Great Longstone DE45 1TB, commencing at 7.00pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Yours faithfully

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Agenda

1. **Apologies for absence from members.**
2. **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda.**
3. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2024.- See Appendix A**
4. **Suspension of Standing Orders for no more than 15 minutes to allow for public comments**
5. **Report from County Councillor:** To receive County Councillor's report (if available) and questions to County Councillor arising from report.
6. **Resume Standing Orders**
7. **Parish Council Annual Inspection of Assets on 29th September 2024**
Proposal: To accept the report and recommendations following the annual inspection of Parish Council Assets on 29th September 2024 – **See Appendix B**
8. **Village/Neighbourhood plan and proposed changes to dates of upcoming meetings:**
The Community meeting held on Monday 4th November (see Item X below) was a great success and as a result there is a strong case for moving forward with plans for either a Neighbourhood or Village Plan. To keep this momentum going it is proposed that:
 - 8.1 **Proposal:** That an additional meeting of the Council be scheduled for Wednesday 11th December 2024 and that the meeting scheduled for Wed 8th January 2024 be moved back to Wed 29th January 2025
9. **Recreation Ground.**
 - 9.1 **Playground: Birds Nest Wing Seat:** This popular item in the playground is showing signs of wear, in particular the steel wire that gives it strength is starting to come through the rope out-covering. A replacement seat will be delivered on a Pallet and the Council will need to arrange separate disposal of the old seat and chains. A local resident has made a donation of £50 towards the costs.
Proposal: That the Clerk be instructed to purchase a replacement "Birds Nest Swing" seat (1.2m diameter) from "Online Playgrounds" at a cost of £737 + VAT (includes £72 for delivery).
 - 9.2 **Tennis Court / MUGA:** The current surface of the tennis court was laid in around 2006 with an expected design life of 15 to 20 years. The surface is now breaking up and around 20 bags of gravel were removed from the surface during a recent clean. The surface is now in need of replacement, if it is to continue to be available for safe use by parishioners.
Proposed that recommendations made by Cllr Douglass in his report to the Council, dated 7th November 2024 (**See Appendix C**), be accepted, specifically:

(1) That the Clerk be instructed to obtain quotes for resurfacing the court, using the tender specifications in Annex A of the above report.

(2) That the Council allocate a maximum of £6,000 from its reserves, towards the cost of this project, plus any recoverable VAT.

(3) That funding applications be submitted for the balance of the funds required.

9.3 Tea Hut and Pavilion: To Note - Negotiations regarding the transfer of ownership of Tea Hut and Pavilion from Cricket Club to Parish Council and on granting a 1972 LGA Section 127 compliant lease to Longstone Sports and Recreation Association (LASRA) are ongoing, and papers are currently with the Solicitors. It is hoped that this document will be available in advance of the meeting. If it is it will be referred to as **Appendix D**.

Proposed that The Council approve the signing of the granting of 1972 LGA Section 127 compliant lease to Longstone Sports and Recreation Association (LASRA), once the Clerk has completed required actions such as advertising the proposed lease in local newspapers.

9.4 Recreation Ground Maintenance Agreement: Negotiations are ongoing between GLPC and LASRA regarding a possible Maintenance Agreement. If the draft document is available, in advance of the meeting it, will be referred to as **Appendix E**:

Proposed that The Council approve the signing of the maintenance agreement with the Longstone Area Sports Association (LASRA).

10. Village Greens and Other Areas Tender 2025-27: Changes to the previous tender specifications are detailed in Appendix D. These are to be discussed and modified if required then:

Proposal: To approve the Specifications for Tender of the “Village Greens and other areas” for the period 2025-2027 (**See Appendix F**), subject to changes made in this meeting.

11. Closed Churchyard Tender 2025-27: To review and discuss the draft tender specifications for the Closed Churchyard detailed in Appendix G.

Proposal: To approve the Specifications for Tender of the “Closed Churchyard” for the period 2025-2027 (**See Appendix G**), subject to changes made in this meeting.

12. Allotments

12.1 Rents for 2024/25: To note that the rental invoices have started to be sent for the current financial year.

12.2 Testing for the possibility of lead contamination: The Great Longstone area has a long history of Lead Mining and anecdotal information suggests that ground contamination may exist in parts of the Parish. Appendix H provides background information and makes recommendations for further action.

Proposal: That accept the recommendations in the Report to the Council in **Appendix H**, and to instruct the clerk to arrange for an agreed number of soil samples to be laboratory tested, at a cost of approximately £100 per test.

13. Section 137 Projects

13.1 Village Week 2025. (Sat 12th to Sun 20th July 2025) – The next meeting of the Village Week Co-ordinating Committee is in the Village Hall on the evening of Monday 20th January 2025.

13.2 Remembrance Day Service Sun 10th Nov 2024: Update from Cllr J Cox, who is due to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

13.3 Christmas 2025

13.3.1 Christmas Tree & Lights: Update from Clerk

13.3.2 Christmas Eve Carol Concert: To discuss options and formulate a plan

13.4 Dog Poop Bag Dispensers: Update from Cllr Barrett.

14. PDNPA Local Plan Options Consultation – Village Meeting on 4th November: A display and meeting were organised in the Village Hall on 4th November. Around 15 to 20 people came between 5 and 7 to look at the displays. Some then left, others left and returned, and some stayed. Around 50 people were in the Hall for

the main part of the meeting, which ran from 7pm until 9pm and which generated some lively discussions. The sign-in sheets showed that there were at least 49 people from Great Longstone, 4 each from Little Longstone and Rowland 2 people from Hassop. Details of the events are in **Appendix I** attached, with a summary of answers to the Options Consultation questions in **Annex A to Appendix I**.

Proposal: That the summary contained in **Annex A to Appendix I**, to this agenda, be submitted as the response of Great Longstone Parish Council.

15. Planning Applications

15.1 Recent – for information

- 15.1.1 NP/DIS/0924/0912 –Church Lane Farm, - Condition’s Partly Discharged
- 15.1.2 NP/DDD/0924/1027 - Cluden Bank, Main Street. GLPC Response, following procedure in Standing Orders (Item 31 - Consideration of Planning Applications received between meetings of the Council – March 2024 version) was No Comment.
- 15.1.3 NP/TCA/1024/1121 – Longstone Hall – Conservation Area Tree Work – Approved.

15.2 New, for consideration in meeting

- 15.2.1 NP/DDD/1024/1063 – Thornbridge Hall - Siting of a framework made from metal tubes alongside existing cafe. The new structure has been designed to hold the approximate 40,000 padlocks recently removed from the Bakewell Weir Bridge. Although this part of the Grade II listed grounds are within the Parish of Great Longstone a request for comments has only been made to Ashford in the Water Parish Council.

15.3 Notification of Appeals

- 15.3.1 NP/DDD/0524/0534 - Change of use of The Old School to dwelling. The owner of the property has submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate (their ref: APP/M9496/W/24/3352304) against the decision by PDNPA to refuse their planning application of May 2024. Any comments made on the original application will automatically be sent to the Planning Inspector. Additional comments, changes to comments or request to withdraw previous comments must be made to the Planning Inspectorate by 10th December 2024.

16. Parish Council Postal Address

To note: That a new letter box, for shared use of GLPC, The Village Hall Committee (VHMC) and the Sports Association (LASRA) has been installed on the outside of the Village Hall. The correspondence address for the Parish Council is now: Great Longstone Parish Council, Longstone Village Hall, Church Lane, Great Longstone, Bakewell DE45 1TB.

17. Council Administration.

17.1 Ongoing Land Registration project

- 17.1.1 Fields, track and quarries. No update
- 17.1.2 Recreation Ground: The Council’s solicitor has submitted a request to correct the ownership details.
- 17.1.3 Updating Parish Council address on all Land Registrations: The Council’s solicitor has submitted requests to update entries to use the new (Village Hall) address for the Council.

17.2 Vacancies for Parish Councillors.

- 17.2.1 To discuss applications

17.3 Proposed changes to Councils Systems (**See Appendix J**)

- 17.3.1 **Proposal J-1.** Move to DALC Internal Audit Service
- 17.3.2 **Proposal J-2.** DALC Membership – Move to Enhanced Membership option
- 17.3.3 **Proposal J-3.** Switch to Scribe Accounts Online Finance System
- 17.3.4 **Proposal J-4.** Switch to "Parish Online" web-sites services and set up a new web-site, start using a .gov.uk domain name, start using .gov.uk email address for councillors and staff and opt into the Parish Online mapping service.

17.3.5 Proposal J-5. Obtain a Sim Card and a permanent telephone number for the Parish Council

17.3.6 Proposal J-6. Consider computer and data storage requirements for clerks in the future

17.3.7 Proposal J-7. Establish a Staffing Committee

17.4 Training for Councillor and Staff: DALC Course - An Introduction to Neighbourhood Planning and Design Codes (Tuesday 19th November 2024 18:00-19:30) at a cost of £50.

Proposed that the Clerk be instructed to book a place on the course for Cllr Douglass.

18. Financial Matters

18.1 Bank reconciliations – as at 31st October 2024.

Total cash available £22,998.76 + bank interest for October 2024. **See Appendix K.** Balances to be checked by a councillor against bank statements

Proposal: To approve Bank reconciliations as at 31st October 2024, contained in **Appendix K** (once updated with Bank interest for October)

18.2 Budget review / Two monthly Report

See Appendix L

18.3 Review budget for 2025/26 and agree precept

To discuss

18.4 To accept and approve payments since last meeting.

18.4.1	J Skelly	Sports Day Referee fee (KF22169)	£ 45.00
18.4.2	Universal Textiles	Sports Equipment (KF22183)	£ 29.08 (Credit Card)
18.4.3	CHT	De-fib annual fee (KF22180)	£135.00 + VAT
18.4.4	Amazon	Ref book (Arnold-Baker) (KF22181)	£162.88 (Credit Card)
18.4.5	Amazon	Printer paper (KF22182)	£9.14 (Credit Card)
18.4.6	Clerk's Expenses	Various stationery items (KF22142)	£21.13
18.4.7	TW Cox	Repairs to pavilion roof (KF22184)	£150.00 + VAT
18.4.8	J Cox Pest Control	Catching Moles on West Green	£60.00
18.4.9	Royal British Legion	Type B Wreath	£17.67 + VAT (Credit Card)
18.4.10	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges July to September	£18.00
18.4.11	DALC	DALC Day & AGM	£60.00
18.4.12	W Brindley	Churchyard and Recreation Maintenance	£739.30
18.4.13	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges October	£ 6.00

18.5 To accept and approve new payments:

18.5.1	B Cardona	Village Greens and Various Sites	£2,150.00
18.5.2	W Brindley	Churchyard and Recreation Maintenance	£739.30

19. Correspondence

Various

20. Items of Late Correspondence

21. Dates of next Parish Council meetings:

21.1 12th December 2024 (Additional meeting)

21.2 29th January 2025 (instead of meeting scheduled for 8th January 2025)

21.3 12th March 2025

21.4 14th May 2025

21.5 9th July 2025

21.6 10th September 2025

21.7 12th November 2025

22. Date of next Annual Parish Meeting

22.1 30th April 2025

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