

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026

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 9<sup>th</sup> September 2026** in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Great Longstone DE45 1TB, commencing at **7.00pm**, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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 of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026**
- 4. Public Participation Session:** In accordance with Standing Order 3(e), the Council will allow a period of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included on the agenda or other parish matters.
- 5. Discussion of Confidential Matters:** (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2)) - To determine which items, if any, from the agenda should be taken with the public excluded.
- 6. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee Report – Report from Cllr Douglass**
- 7. Recreation Ground –**
  - 7.1 Playground Weekly Inspections & the “Safer Play” app**
  - 7.2 Birdsnest Swing – Report on options**
  - 7.3 Recreation Ground Buildings - update**
  - 7.4 Proposal to create a Petanque court - update**
  - 7.5 Request for a bench – update**
  - 7.6 Annual review Meeting with LASRA - update**
  - 7.7 Annual Increase in LASRA Maintenance Grant.** The Parish Council's agreement with LASRA includes an annual increase, in the maintenance grant, that is linked to the increase in the UK Consumer Price Index for July of each year. The published increase for July 2026 was 2.9%. Added to the 3.9% of July 2025 means that the full cost for 2027 will be £4,000 x 1.038 (CPI July 2025) x 1.029 (CPI July 2026) = £4,272.41 or £1,068.10

per quarter.

## **8. Village Hall**

**8.1 Clause 13.3 Review Meeting** – Update

**8.2 Decorating of windows** - update

**8.3 Flooding on road** – Update

## **9. Allotments & West Green**

**9.1** Update on tenancies and waiting list.

**9.2** New pump parts approved at July meeting ordered and fitted. Pump was then working until the tank dried up due to a lack of rain.

**9.3** To note that new Tenancy Agreements issued to all allotment holders, plus invoices for 2026/27. Rents now based on plot size and will be index linked in the same way as the recreation ground maintenance agreement (annually based on July CPI inflation figure).

**9.4** Update on issue with Moles on West Green – Cllr Cox

**10. The Willows** – Clerk wrote to PDNPA Ranger (Item 120/26) but nothing further heard yet.

## **11. Highways and Footpaths**

**11.1 The Mires:** New road signs installed by DCC have effectively named the new road/unnamed road from the Mires the Longreave Lane/Longstone Hole Bridge as “The Mires”. This appears to have been as a result of a request from a local resident who was having problems with delivery vehicles having difficulty find their property. There does not appear to have been any consultation with the Parish Council.

**11.2 Obstructions on highways and pavements:** Report that a resident is leaving building materials on the highway at “The Cross” in what appears to be a move to reserve a parking space and hedges causing an obstruction to footpaths and pavements. Cllr Cox to report.

**11.3 Gritting:** Quote of £200 or £150 if done at same time as Little Longstone (+ VAT).

**Proposal:** that Clerk be given delegated power to book, in consultation with Chair, emergency gritting if required.

## **12. Review of Community Assets 2026**

**12.1** To agree a date and time for walk around the village to review community assets.

**13. Longstone Village Week** - Review of 2026 and propose dates for next year (Sat 10th to Sun 18th July 2027.)

## **14. Remembrance Day Service 2026**

**14.1** Parish Council representative to lay a wreath (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November)

**14.2** Clerk to order a wreath

## **15. Christmas**

**15.1** Tree and lights – Clerk to order tree and replacement lights

**15.2** Christmas Eve Carols - plans

## **16. Planning Applications**

**16.1 Recent – Decided/Withdrawn:**

- 16.1.1 [NP/DDD/0526/0510](#) – Old Infant School Building – Change from F1 to E(f) – Granted

**16.2 Recent – No decision made yet by PDNP:**

- 16.2.1 [NP/DDD/0626/0626](#) – Wagers Flat, Amend Restoration Scheme.  
16.2.2 [NP/DDD/0726/0691](#) – White Lion – Minor internal works

**16.3 New, for consideration in meeting:**

- 16.3.1 [NP/DDD/0826/0792](#) – Longstone Hall – Internal alterations.  
16.3.2 [NP/DDD/0826/0829](#) – Longstone Hall – Removal or relaying of tiles on roof.

**16.4 Late Submissions after agenda published:**

**16.5 Planning Appeals**

- 16.5.1 [6013318](#) & [6013321](#) Longstone Hall

**17. Policies** – To note that complaints policy amended as instructed in July and put live. Other policies updated on Parish Council website

**18. Supporting Neighbouring Parish Meetings.** Little Longstone have requested s.101 administrative support from GLPC. Recommended that the Clerk be instructed to bring a full proposal to November meeting.

**19. Finance**

**19.1 Year End** – To note the completion of the External Audit by PKF-Littlejohn. The required notice of closure was placed on the Parish Council website and noticeboard. Nothing to report other than in future years the submissions will be made online.

**19.2 Bank reconciliations – as of 31st August 2026.**

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Unity Current Account =  | £ 2,420.60        |
| Unity Savings Account =  | <u>£39,096.86</u> |
| Total for all accounts = | £41,507.45        |

Balances to be checked by a councillor against bank statements.

**19.3 Update on closing of Royal Bank of Scotland bank accounts**

The two RBS accounts were closed on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2026 and the balances transferred to the Unity Account.

**19.4 Problem with National Tool Hire (t/a Mammoth Tool Hire)** – In April clerk booked a woodchipper for the churchyard project. The company took a £250 deposit plus A charge for protective equipment that was not supplied. Clerk told repeatedly that refund would be paid within next 10 days but still nothing returned. **Proposal:** That Clerk be instructed to investigate and follow-up on options, for instance requesting a “call back” by the credit card company or instigating County Court proceedings against the supplier.

**19.5 To note additional payments made since last meeting:**

| No | Item                                   | Supplier       | Net     | VAT    | Total   | Notes    |
|----|----------------------------------------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| 1. | Equipment Storage Unit by Tennis Court | David Longden  | £600.00 | £0.00  | £600.00 |          |
| 2. | PKF Littlejohn LLP                     | External Audit | £210.00 | £42.00 | £252.00 |          |
| 3. | Closed Churchyard                      | Will Brindley  | £200.00 | £0.00  | £200.00 | July '26 |

### 19.6 To accept and approve new payments:

| No | Item              | Supplier          | Net       | VAT    | Total     | Notes              |
|----|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1. | Salary            | Clerk             | Xxx       | -      | Xxx       | x 2 Sept & Oct     |
| 2. | Payroll Taxes     | HMRC              | Xxx       | -      | Xxx       | x 2 Sept & Oct     |
| 3. | Bank Charges      | Unity Trust Bank  | £7.00     | £0.00  | £7.00     | x 2 Sept & Oct     |
| 4. | Credit Card Fees  | Lloyds Bank       | £3.00     | £0.00  | £3.00     | x 2Sept & Oct      |
| 5. | Finance System    | Starboard Systems | £31.00    | £6.20  | £37.20    | x Oct & Nov        |
| 6. | Closed Churchyard | Will Brindley     | £200.00   | £0.00  | £200.00   | x 2 Aug & Sept '26 |
| 7. | Recreation Ground | LASRA             | £1,038.00 | £0.00  | £1,038.00 | Sept to Dec '26    |
| 8. | Garden Rakes      | Amazon            | £18.30    | £3.66  | £21.98    | Churchyard         |
| 9. | Strimmer          | Amazon            | £80.82    | £16.17 | £96.99    | Churchyard         |

### 20. Items of Correspondence

**20.1 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Notification of Local Government reorganisation in Derbyshire

**20.2 29<sup>th</sup> July** - PKF-Littlejohn – Notice of completion of audit

**20.3 30<sup>th</sup> July** – Community Flooding Officer introduction

**20.4 7<sup>th</sup> August** – DDDC - Councillors to update register of interest forms

**20.5 7<sup>th</sup> August** – SAAA – Requirement to setup a “Small Authority Portal Account (relates to future online submissions of Annual AGAR forms).

**20.6 7<sup>th</sup> August** – Bakewell town Council – Chair invited to Bakewell Mayor’s Civic Service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**20.7 25<sup>th</sup> August** – **Peak Park Parishes Forum** – Newsletter and Parishes Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**20.8 26<sup>th</sup> August** – **Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service** – Consultation.

**20.9 27<sup>th</sup> August** – **Bakewell Safer Neighbourhood Team** – August newsletter

**20.10 28<sup>th</sup> August** – DW Turner – Quote for gritting

### 21. Items of Late Correspondence

**22. Items from Councillors for information:** (Note that anything that requires a decision to be made must go onto the agenda of a future meeting for discussion and agreement)

### 23. To note forthcoming meetings

#### 1. Dates of future Parish Council meetings:

- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> November 2026
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> January 2027
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> March 2027
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> May 2027

#### 2. Date of 2027 Annual Parish Meeting– 28<sup>th</sup> April 2027 @7pm