



LONG SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 7.45pm immediately following the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity AGM

Present: Councillors Rousell (Vice-Chair), Furse-Roberts, Greenfield, Fell and Tulk.

Members of the Public: 0

Somerset Councillors: Cllrs Page sent apologies.

In Cllr Cox's absence, Cllr Rousell acted as Chair.

Meeting closed at 7.31pm

Public Questions and Observations

There were no members of the public present.

Somerset Councillors Report

Cllr Kerley provided the latest highlights from Somerset Council: there is an urgent need for more foster carers (650 children are currently in care); the strategy to deliver additional council housing across the county include 560 houses for the eastern half; the Equality and Inclusion Strategy will focus on improving access for digitally excluded residents, tackling discrimination in schools, and addressing barriers to employment, including transport. Members also noted Somerset Council's nomination for a national award in relation to its response to potholes.

In other news there will be a rolling programme to replace certain traffic signals, there has been quite a lot of filming activity including at Wells Cathedral which generates revenue and an increased number of fires at recycling centres associated with lithium batteries. Finally, the first three council houses in Charlton Adam have been acquired.

Cllr Rousell mentioned that the new white lines outside the Quaker Meeting House on Langport Road, had recently melted away in the hot weather and need to be reinstated. The clerk was asked to report this online. It was also noted that works had begun at Bineham Triangle, although it remained unclear whether the triangle would be reinstated as per correspondence received from a resident earlier in the day.

Meeting re-opened 7.39pm

MINUTES

26/035: Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cox, Coombes, Pritchard and Wielgus.

26/036: Declarations of Interest.

None were made.



26/037: Minutes of the last meeting held on 5th May 2026 (LGA 1972sch12 para 41(1)).

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th May had been circulated previously. The Clerk noted that Cllr Fell had been missed off the list of attendees.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the [minutes of the meeting](#) held on 5th May 2026 as a true & correct record of that meeting, with the addition of Cllr Fell's presence. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

26/038: Planning Matters

- a. Members were notified of the new planning application detailed below, but no comments were required.
 - i. 26/01051/NMA – Land south of Long Sutton House, Crouds Lane, Long Sutton
Non-material amendment to approved application 25/00812/FUL to replace windows and external doors, external cladding to match existing (Jubilee Unit only) and requirement of external level access.
- b. No decision notices had been received since the last meeting.

26/039: Finance

- a. Members **APPROVED** the [accounts for payment](#) in June 2026.
- b. Members **APPROVED** the bank reconciliation to 31st May 2026.
- c. Members **NOTED** the CIL payment of £2,685.80 received on 30th April, as well as the latest FiTS payment of £386.72 received on 28th May.

26/040: Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the Year Ending 31st March 2026

- a. Members **REVIEWED** the Internal Audit report, conducted on 10th April 2026, previously circulated and **NOTED** the recommendations within and any associated actions. The clerk's pay was corrected and backdated in the May salary payment.
- b. The clerk read from the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Section 1, Annual Governance Statement. Members **AGREED** and **APPROVED** the statements, and the Chairman and clerk duly signed.
- c. Members **REVIEWED** and **APPROVED** the AGAR Accounting Statement for the year 2025/'26, Section 2, noting the re-stated figures from last year. The Chairman signed the statement.
- d. Members **REVIEWED** and **AGREED** the explanation of variances of more than 15% from last year's AGAR figures.



- e. Members **AGREED** the dates for the Notice of Public Rights for electors to view the parish council accounts as Thursday 4th June to Wednesday 15th July 2026.
The clerk will arrange for the necessary paperwork to be sent to the external auditor and published in accordance with the guidance.

26/041: Environment Group

Cllr Greenfield reported that the last planting day had been organised and about 300 plants including a mix of bluebells in the hedge and scattered patches of wildflowers are in the ground and today's rain should help to settle them in. They hope to get the grass cut in July/August and they are planning a picnic event in August. They also plan walking tours and wildlife surveys.

Cllrs Tulk and Fell queried the cost of grass-cutting paid for by the Parish Council, and the clerk reminded them of the budget allowance for the Environment Group which has not been entirely spent in the previous two years due to successful grant awards. They are in the process of liaising with contractors to cut the grass, but it does have to be done carefully to avoid the wildflower patches. They will report further at the next meeting.

26/042: Annual Parish Meeting

There had been a smaller attendance than at the previous year's meeting, although contributions from the various groups and Cllr Bill Revans had been informative. Members felt that as there were currently no contentious issues, residents had not felt compelled to attend. It was suggested that it could be made a bigger event every other year in order to maintain interest.

26/043: Welcome Letter

The draft welcome letter had been seen by all members and Cllr Furse-Roberts asked for the Somerton Beekeepers Association details to be included as they are based in Upton. It was felt that the photographs needed to be updated and of better quality.

For distribution it was agreed that word of mouth would suffice and hand-delivery to newcomers, and any recent arrivals could be carried out by parish councillors. A few copies of the printed letter could be left in the Village Shop and on the noticeboard at the Upton Bridge Farm Café.

The clerk will work with Cllr Wielgus to finalise the design and arrange for 100 copies to be printed.

26/044: Representative reports from councillors.

- a. Community Safety (including the monthly crime statistics from Police.uk and the SID - Speed Indicator Device).

There had been one reported crime in March. The SID was on the second post in on the Langport Road. Overall, the 85th percentile speed was 28.1mph, with an average speed of 33mph. 94,100 vehicles passed it. The Clerk will update the website with the recent SID data over the summer. Cllr Rousell confirmed that the regular pattern throughout the village is pretty good and that the SID will be back in the village in August.



- b. Parish Warden – Cllr Tulk reported that there had been a few complaints about places that haven't been cut, but the new contractor is doing a good job and on the whole they are areas that had not been include in the works specification. The aim is to have him in the village for a whole day at a time to carry out the various tasks. The verges have been cut and Somerset Council has been out too. Cllr Fell asked about some areas that require weedkiller. Cllr Tulk will investigate and make arrangements.
- c. Highways and Footpaths – Cllr Fell reported that the volunteers had not been very active – some grass cutting for paths and signs in the Nature Reserve, but they are awaiting a delivery of wood.

26/045: Communication: website and e-newsletter

Members agreed that the next newsletter should include the following matters:

New Parish Warden introduction – transport (slinky bus) – Friendly Society walk – pop-up cake shop in the Goat on the Green – sports injury clinic (local business) – Headmistress leaving -

26/046: Correspondence including any not previously distributed & Councillors' Comments

Nothing to add.

26/047: Date of next meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 7th July 2026, at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

26/048: Agenda items for the next meeting.

No items were suggested.

Meeting closed at 8.33pm

END OF MINUTES