



LONG SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Cox, (Chairman), Rousell (Vice-Chair), Furse-Roberts, Greenfield, Pritchard, Coombes, Fell, Tulk and Wielgus.

Members of the Public: 3

Somerset Councillors: Cllr Page sent apologies.

Meeting closed at 7.31pm

Public Questions and Observations

A member of the public had contacted BT about a telegraph pole in Shute Lane that had been hit by a lorry and also the overhanging branches that need to be dealt with by Highways. He also mentioned overgrown on a footpath hedges, and Cllr Tulk said that he would look into those. The Clerk will report the overhanging branches online and make enquiries about the telegraph pole.

Meeting re-opened 7.32pm

MINUTES

26/049: Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85(1)).

No apologies were received.

26/050: Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Cox declared a personal interest in 25/054.

26/051: Minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd June 2026 (LGA 1972sch12 para 41(1)).

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June had been circulated previously.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the [minutes of the meeting](#) held on 2nd June 2026 as a true & correct record of that meeting. The Vice-Chairman duly signed the minutes.

Matters Arising

Cllr Wielgus will liaise with Cllr Pritchard and the designer about the welcome letter over the summer months.



26/052: Planning Matters

a. To consider any new planning applications in the parish:

i. 26/01143/HOU – Northend Cottage, Martock Road, Long Sutton TA10

Proposal: Proposed extension, internal alterations, new roof lights to roof space and replacement garage and landscaping to rear garden.

Cllr Rousell summarised the proposal. After a brief discussion, members had no objections to the proposed works, noting the extension was large but not very visible from the road and in keeping with nearby properties.

ii. 26/01252/FUL – Mundays Court Barn, Mundays Court Lane, Long Sutton TA10 9NG

Proposal: Proposed demolition of barn and erection of replacement dwelling and erection of carport and store building.

The Chair asked Cllr Rousell to provide some background to the proposal and the Planning Agent also provided a summary. Previous permission had been granted in principle, and the replacement dwelling would use high-quality, sympathetic materials, have a smaller footprint, and meet access, parking, biodiversity and Natural England requirements. Members unanimously had no objections.

iii. 26/01309/HOU – Withymoor Cottage, New Street, Long Sutton TA10 9JW

Proposal: Proposed 2 story side extension 2 storey and single storey rear extension

Cllr Rousell summarised the proposal, noting that the extension was substantial but would use sympathetic materials, was not overlooked, and had attracted no public comments online.

Members unanimously had no objections.

The clerk was asked to submit responses online for all three applications.

b. No decision notices have been received since the last meeting.

26/053: Finance

a. Members **APPROVED** the accounts for payment in July 2026 to include expenses of £80 for Cllr Tulk for the Annual Parish Meeting cakes and “Dogs on Leads” signage.

b. Members **APPROVED** the bank reconciliation to 30th June 2026.

c. Members **NOTED** the details of the Q1 summary report. The Chair thanked the Clerk for this summary which provided clear and concise information.

d. In the absence of an August meeting, members **AGREED** to delegate authority to the Clerk, Chair and Vice-Chair to process any payments during July and August and **NOTED** that any payments made will be reported at the September meeting.



26/054: Local Plan

- a. Members **NOTED** the details of the proposed sites set out in the technical map circulated previously.
- b. Members discussed the proposed Local Plan sites and agreed that a robust formal response should be prepared, recognising both local concerns and the wider housing need. A small group of members to include Cllrs Rousell, Wielgus, Tulk and Furse-Roberts will identify key concerns and coordinate the Parish Council's response. They will then liaise with the Clerk to respond formally before the deadline of 24th July, and councillors were invited to email any further thoughts.

26/055: Village Hall and Recreation Ground

Cllr Cox reported following a recent Management Committee meeting: the hall is doing well and nets £950 per month, but they are reviewing charges and also looking at the Hallmaster online system for taking payment; Cllr Fell is looking into adapting the current safeguarding policy for hirers; they are considering outdoor gym equipment and will report further on this after the next meeting; 'Dogs on Leads' signs have been put up and a hole in the tennis court fence needs attention.

Thanks were given to Cllr Furse-Roberts for organising the pétanque team and regular playing sessions. Cllr Wielgus asked for permission to spend £300 - £400 to boost the Wifi in the Village Hall and this was granted.

26/056: Environment Group

Cllr Wielgus reported that a summer gathering is being planned in August, with activities and volunteer involvement still being arranged. The pond remains unable to hold water, but the area as a whole is looking good. Grass cutting is underway, hedge cutting is planned for early September, and a Wilder Community Award application is being considered for Knole, with Long Sutton potentially included.

26/057: Representative reports from councillors.

- a. Community Safety (including the monthly crime statistics from Police.uk and the SID - Speed Indicator Device).
The SID is not currently in the village, and the only crime reported in April was theft from a farm building in Knightlands Lane.
- b. Parish Warden – Cllr Tulk reported that the Parish Warden is due to cut the grass, weed kill footpaths and will tidy around the play area trees in autumn/winter. Some hedge and sign clearance is needed for highway safety, including overgrown village and speeding signs. Cllr Cox mentioned the road signs coming into the village which need tight strimming and then cleaning and the triangle at the end of Shute Lane. The new contractor is still familiarising himself with the parish, but his work continues to be of a high standard.
- c. Highways and Footpaths –
During June, the Stile Council have been working at the Nature Reserve, cutting the grass paths and erecting posts - one three-way trail post, one for the Orchard, one for the Willow Walk and one for the Reptiles. The footpaths by Long Load bridge and Peace Lane (the School hedge) have been reported as overgrown and the vegetation has been cut back.
On Highways, it was reported that they are returning to paint the white lines at Bineham triangle.



26/058: Communication: website and e-newsletter

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

New Parish Warden introduction (get photo from Jacob) – transport (slinky bus) – charity cricket match – Quaker Heritage Open Day (Sept) – Tesco Community Grant

26/059: Correspondence including any not previously distributed & Councillors' Comments

Nothing to add.

26/060: Date of next meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 8th September 2026, at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

Apologies from Cllrs Fell and Wielgus were given for the next meeting.

It was also agreed to delegate authority to the same members who are responding to the Local Plan consultation to respond to any time-sensitive planning applications.

26/061: Agenda items for the next meeting.

Formal approval to appoint a new internal auditor.

Meeting closed at 8.21pm

END OF MINUTES