

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LONG SUTTON & WELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 22nd JANUARY 2026

Members: Cllrs Jim Goodbourn (Chair)(JG), Roger Bright(RB), Frazer Hamilton(FH) & Karen Thornton(KT)

In Attendance: Susan Richardson, Clerk & RFO, HCC Jonathan Glen (Part), 4 Members of the Public

58/25	APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Mark Bartlett, HDC Cllrs Dorn & Highley.									
59/24	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS UNDER s33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 - No declarations declared.									
60/25	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p><u>HCC Cllr Jonathan Glen</u> - LGR (Local Government Reorganisation) response from Central Government expected end of March. HCC considered their response to government's 'invitation' to delay the County Council elections. The Leader, Nick Adams-King and Cllrs from across the political groups confirmed that there is no wish to defer elections. It is thought that with work being undertaken on LGR there may be no time for elections. Central Government's decision is still awaited.</p> <p><u>HDC Cllrs Dorn</u> - Cllr Dorn has been selected as the Conservative HCC candidate as Cllr Glen is retiring. HDC Local Plan - No update, work continues.</p>									
61/25	<p>ROUTINE BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>(a) <u>Ratification of Minutes</u> - Minutes from the Parish Meeting held on 27th November 2025 (45/25-57/25) were unanimously APPROVED.</p> <p>(b) <u>Dimanche Tour 2027</u> - The PC remain concerned at the suitability of the proposed roads throughout the parish as well as the disruption expected by the recent approved planning application for solar farm underground grid connection. The rally organisers have recently confirmed that LWC have offered to act as the rally's headquarters during the event. It was AGREED the Clerk write to Jo Holmes at HCC and the Police Commissioner to understand if residents have any 'say' in the approval process.</p> <p>(c) <u>20mph Assessment Report</u> - It was AGREED to accept the additional charge of £175 to review and include the additional data capture provided by FH.</p>									
62/25	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>To Review & Approve</p> <p>(a) <u>Bank Reconciliation to 31st December 2025</u> was approved and corresponding bank statements reviewed.</p> <p>(b) <u>2026/27 Budget & Precept</u> - The draft budget was reviewed and following discussion was APPROVED (Appendix One). The Precept was set at £28,045.00 for 2026/27.</p> <p>(c) <u>Payment & Receipts were unanimously APPROVED;</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Sign Box Limited</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Installation of new noticeboard</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: right;">384.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JWF Consultants</td> <td>20mph Feasibility Assessment Report</td> <td style="text-align: right;">425.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hook Parish Council</td> <td>Additional Poppies</td> <td style="text-align: right;">40.00</td> </tr> </table>	Sign Box Limited	Installation of new noticeboard	384.00	JWF Consultants	20mph Feasibility Assessment Report	425.00	Hook Parish Council	Additional Poppies	40.00
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63/25	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>To Review and/or Note, Comment;</p> <p>(i) 26/00068/HOU 9 Chaffers Close for erection of single storey side and rear extension. It was AGREED to offer no objection to this planning application.</p> <p>(ii) 25/0232/HOU Walnut Tree Cottage, Sutton Common for erection of a single storey side extension. The PC AGREED to offer no comment on this planning application.</p> <p>(iii) 25/02380/LBC Ridgers Cottage, Wingate Lane for replacement roof covering existing extension. The PC AGREED to offer no comment on this planning application.</p> <p>(b) Any Other Planning Matters;</p> <p>(i) Wingate /Big Meadow - JG confirmed that he had sought an update prior to the meeting. HDC remain engaged with Allsops.</p>									

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64/25	RECREATION GROUND, PLAYGROUND & PAVILION Nothing to report.
65/25 (a)	HIGHWAYS, SID, POND & PARISH LENGTHSMAN <u>Highways</u> - The condition of the roads remains a concern for many residents and the PC. Potholes and highway edges are becoming more pronounced. Where potholes have been repaired these are temporary repairs which, after a few days show signs of breakdown. Residents should continue to report all concerns via Fix My Street. <u>SID</u> – Data reports from Hyde Gate and Saul House have been provided to the company collating the 20mph Assessment. <u>Pond</u> – The pond continues to look great following the recent volunteer activity. <u>Parish Lengthsman</u> - The Clerk advised that the lengthsman is currently unavailable due to illness. She has reached out the 'Lengthsman Cluster Administrator' to seek guidance and updates on required works.
66/25	FOOTPATH WARDEN REPORT - FH reported only one outstanding report regarding the prairie. The landowner does not cut a way through for the FP leaving a narrow passage. The landowner has been approached but no change to date. The fencing at Woodhill has now been repaired and the path is clear. The fallen trunk near to FP as it drops down to South Warnborough has been removed. Hants RoW have provided some hardware for replacements to posts and fingers. Review and locations will be identified in the Spring. FH reported that he has two village volunteers helping with footpath inspections.
67/25	LWC & OGCC UPDATES <u>LWC</u> - JG advised that LWV may be interested in Horseshoes Public House. It was AGREED that RB and KT would reach out to LWC to set up a meeting to understand further its thinking. <u>OGCC</u> - JG and the Clerk met with the Chairman of OGCC to review Season 2025 and discuss requirements for Season 2026. It was AGREED to offer OGCC a 3 years Hire Agreement with an initial charge of £2,150.00. Usage will exclude Fridays and one weekend day as previously. OGCC must be responsible for any costs incurred solely for their use such as legionella risk assessment and associated works. It was further AGREED that the Clerk would see advice from the energy supplier SSE as the 'standing charges' are excessively high during the out of hire season. OGCC will consider what contribution it can make towards the village; i.e. Fete Event.
68/25	LSPS LIAISON REPORT - No updates.
69/25	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
70/25	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS - Thursday 27 th March 2026 in The Long Sutton Village Hall from 7.30 p.m.

Meeting Closed at 20.45

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APPENDIX ONE - Agenda Item 62-25(b)

LONG SUTTON & WELL PARISH COUNCIL

Precept	28,045.00
Bank Interest	
VAT Reclaim & Other	
Grants	
OGCC Cricket Club	2,150.00
Total Receipts	30,195.00
Net Salaries & Home Working Allowance	7,453.00
Clerk's Expenses	250.00
Chairman's Allowance	150.00
Hall Hire	200.00
Audit Expenses (Internal & External)	550.00
Administration Costs	600.00
Insurance	1,900.00
Subscriptions (SLCC, HALC)	400.00
Website	220.00
Grants & Donations	500.00
Section 137 Payments	50.00
Training Course	250.00
Repairs & Maintenance	3,500.00
Playing Fields & Pavilion (Maintenance)	2,500.00
Playground	800.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
VAT on Payments	
	£20,323.00