

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LONG SUTTON & WELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2025

Members: Cllrs Jim Goodbourn (Chair)(JG), Mark Bartlett (MB), Roger Bright(RB), Frazer Hamilton(FH) and Karen Thornton(KT)

In Attendance: Susan Richardson, Clerk & RFO, HCC Cllr Jonthan Glen(Part), 2 MOP(Part).

31/25	ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR the PC received three excellent applications for the Councillor Co-Option vacancy. The PC were overwhelmed by the response received from the community. Following careful consideration JG PROPOSED Karen Thornton be elected as Councillor of Long Sutton & Well Parish Council. RG SECONDED the proposal. Karen received full support from everyone during the election and duly signed her Acceptance of Office following which members warmly welcomed her to the PC.
32/25	APOLOGIES were received from HDC Cllrs Dorn & Highley.
33/24	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS UNDER s33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 - No declarations declared.
34/25	PUBLIC SESSION - LWC - two LWC representatives attended the meeting to share the college's proposal for a Golf Facility and Overspill Car Park on the site. They stated that over 200 students currently play golf at LWC or beyond identifying it as one of the fastest growing sports. The proposal is for a 13-bay facility creating a pathway from beginners to elite players, with PGA supported coaching. They identify 'community benefit' with shared use for staff, parents, alumni and local residents during off-peak times. Reassurance were made with regards to Traffic; will be managed within existing school access and parking capacity. Lighting; low impact, down directed fittings in the building to minimise pollution. Biodiversity; landscaping to enhance green space and protect local habitats. There will also be a separate planning application going in for an overflow carpark which is unrelated to the proposed golf facility. HCC Cllr Jonathan Glen provided an update on HCC's proposed forthcoming local government reorganisation in Hampshire (due to be implemented in 2028), in which the current two-tier system will be replaced by a strategic authority for the whole county, including the Isle of Wight, headed by an elected mayor, and the current 11 district councils will be merged into a smaller number (3 or 4) larger unitary authorities responsible for providing almost all local services. JG also advised that he would be fully supportive of RAF Odiham's request for the extension of the 30mph limit from the Odiham roundabout to the RAF Odiham turn off. HDC Update Hart DC has with other district councils in Hampshire, put forward to Government a proposal which would merge Hart with Rushmoor and Basingstoke creating a single northeast Hampshire authority. The County Council has put forward a slightly different proposal which would involve creating a still-larger authority for our area, to include Winchester. The Government now must decide which model to adopt, and its response is expected early 2026. It seems likely that parish councils will need to work even harder to ensure that local issues and concerns are heard at the new unitary authority level. The Government now must decide what the model to adopt will look like, and their response is expected in early 2026. Although PC's have not been consulted it seems likely that parish councils will need to work even harder to ensure that local issues and concerns are heard at the new unitary authority level.
35/25	ROUTINE BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION
(a)	<u>Ratification of Minutes</u> - Minutes from the Parish Meeting held on 31 st July 2025 (17/25-30/25) were unanimously APPROVED.
(b)	<u>Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony</u> was AGREED as Saturday 28 th November 2025. Format as previous years, KT & Clerk will reach out to LSPS inviting the children to lead in carols. The Lengthsman will be invited to clear around the pond before the event.

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(c)	<p>Clerk to purchase battery operated tea-lights for around the pond and ask our PCSO for traffic calming cones. MB to liaise with Father Christmas and circulate previous year's job list.</p> <p><u>Farnborough District Motor Club Proposed Rally</u> - It was AGREED that MB and FH will reach out to the representative of the proposed rally to better understand the requests and implications on the parish road network.</p>																											
36/25	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>To Review & Approve</p> <p>(a) <u>External Auditor's Report & Notice of Conclusion of Audit YE 2025</u> - BDO LLP have issued their External Auditor's Report Section having raised no questions or queries. Members thanked the Clerk/RFO for her continued commitment to governance compliance on behalf of the PC. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been displayed on the PC website accordingly.</p> <p>(b) <u>Bank Reconciliation to 31st August 2025</u> was reviewed with the corresponding bank statements being reviewed;</p> <table><tr><td>Community Account</td><td>£20,790.77</td></tr><tr><td>Commercial Instant Saver Account (SINK)</td><td>£ 8,617.42</td></tr><tr><td>Commercial Instant Saver Account</td><td>£ 9,354.29</td></tr></table> <p>(c) <u>Payments & Receipts</u></p> <table><tr><td>Long Village Hall</td><td>Hall Hire (April to July)</td><td>100.00</td></tr><tr><td>SSE</td><td>Electricity Pavilion 06/05/25-06/08/25</td><td>467.34</td></tr><tr><td>DIY Aggregates</td><td>2 x Full Muck Aways (Village Pond)</td><td>720.00</td></tr><tr><td>Frazer Hamilton</td><td>Stihl Heavy Duty Gear Lubricant</td><td>12.45</td></tr><tr><td>Gallagher Insurance</td><td>Annual Premium</td><td>1,796.07</td></tr><tr><td>R J Nicholls</td><td>Pond Clearance Materials</td><td>220.22</td></tr><tr><td>BDO LLP</td><td>External Audit YE 2025</td><td>252.00</td></tr></table>	Community Account	£20,790.77	Commercial Instant Saver Account (SINK)	£ 8,617.42	Commercial Instant Saver Account	£ 9,354.29	Long Village Hall	Hall Hire (April to July)	100.00	SSE	Electricity Pavilion 06/05/25-06/08/25	467.34	DIY Aggregates	2 x Full Muck Aways (Village Pond)	720.00	Frazer Hamilton	Stihl Heavy Duty Gear Lubricant	12.45	Gallagher Insurance	Annual Premium	1,796.07	R J Nicholls	Pond Clearance Materials	220.22	BDO LLP	External Audit YE 2025	252.00
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37/25	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>To Review Updates on planning matters;</p> <p>(i) <u>Big Meadow & Solar Farm Updates</u> - Hart District Council continue to assure us that they remain committed to trying to resolve all the issues concerning the Wingate/Big Meadow site and are actively engaged in negotiation with the receivers for the development to that end. The PC remains in regular contact with Hart. Linked to this and also the challenges presented by the Solar Farm, the PC also met with our local MP, Alex Brewer earlier today. Whilst direct intervention in planning issues is not within her gift she has nonetheless asked to be kept informed as matters progress and stated that she would give any support that she can. The PC will provide her with our BayWa r.e. contact to encourage engagement on community benefit funding.</p> <p>(ii) <u>HDC's Call for Sites Launch</u> has begun the process of drawing up a new local plan for this district, to be implemented in 2028. As a first step they have issued a "call for sites", which is an opportunity for landowners, developers and the public to suggest land for potential future development in the area's new local plan. Suitable sites can be used for housing, economic development, community facilities, and green infrastructure. Submission of proposed sites will be subject to an evaluation process by Hart and then a public consultation process. The PC will monitor this process carefully and will be ready to comment as necessary. Post Meeting Note: HDC have extended from 10th October 2025 to 4th January 2026 to increase the choice of sites.</p>																											

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(iii)	<p><u>Farnborough Airport</u> - The revised planning application for Farnborough Airport is expected soon.</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Existing Limits</td><td>New Consultations</td><td>Original Consultation</td></tr><tr><td>Annual Flights</td><td>50,000</td><td>50,000</td><td>70,000</td></tr><tr><td>Non-weekday flights</td><td>8,900</td><td>13,500</td><td>18,900</td></tr><tr><td>Restricted Weight Category</td><td>Over 50 tonnes</td><td>Over 55 tonnes*</td><td>Over 55 tonnes</td></tr><tr><td>Non- weekday flights - restricted weight category</td><td>270</td><td>405</td><td>570</td></tr><tr><td>Non-weekday hours</td><td>0800-20.00</td><td>08.00-20.00</td><td>07.00-21.00</td></tr></table> <p><i>*applying only to aircrafts which meet the most stringent noise standards</i></p> <p>Farnborough Airports public consultation on the new planning application will run until 22 October. They will also host two webinars one of which JG will attend to further understand the ‘amendments’ before reporting back to the PC to agree next steps. Post Meeting Note: The PC unanimously agreed no action to be taken until revised Planning Application submitted for comment.</p>		Existing Limits	New Consultations	Original Consultation	Annual Flights	50,000	50,000	70,000	Non-weekday flights	8,900	13,500	18,900	Restricted Weight Category	Over 50 tonnes	Over 55 tonnes*	Over 55 tonnes	Non- weekday flights - restricted weight category	270	405	570	Non-weekday hours	0800-20.00	08.00-20.00	07.00-21.00
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(iv)	<p><u>BayWa r.e.</u> - The PC were approached by the solar farm developers, BayWa r.e. offering a meeting to answer any questions the PC might have relating to their updated Planning Application (additional technical detail). Post Meeting Note: BayWa r.e. revised their invitation from a meet to ‘send us your concerns and we will answer via email’.</p>																								
38/25	RECREATION GROUND, PLAYGROUND & PAVILION																								
(a)	<p><u>Playground Repair Schedule</u> - The playground repairs, as previously approved, will be undertaken week commencing 29th September. LSPS have been advised.</p>																								
(b)	<p><u>Repair/Replacement Report</u> - The quotation in the sum of £95.00 from Playscene to provide a repair/replacement/observe report following the 2026 Annual Safety Report was APPROVED.</p>																								
39/25	HIGHWAYS, SID, POND & PARISH LENGTHSMAN																								
(a)	<p>(i) <u>Highways</u> - Members of the public should still keep reporting highway defects via fix my street. Patch work, temporary repairs are disappointing to see and no co-ordination between areas. (ii) <u>SID</u> - FH reported the oldest battery is lasting about 2 weeks. Data shows more than 1,000 vehicle movements each morning with a maximum speed recoded of 67mph. (iii) <u>Parish Lengthsman</u> will be asked to attend pre-Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.</p>																								
(b)	<p><u>20mph Zone Project</u> - It was AGREED to approve the quotation from JWF Consultants to visit site and review against the HCC 20mph zone approval criteria.</p>																								
40/25	FOOTPATH WARDEN REPORT - Footpaths are clear with nothing to report.																								
41/25	LWC & OGCC UPDATES <u>LWC</u> - JG will reach out to LWC to enable a meeting to be held pre-Christmas break. <u>OGCC</u> - Nothing to report. JG, KT and Clerk will meet with OGCC after Christmas to discuss next season’s Hire Agreement.																								
42/25	LSPS LIAISON REPORT - The Clerk will reach out to seek a meeting with one of the Heads to introduce KT, general catch up and to cover off the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony plans.																								
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(i)	<p><u>2026 Village Fete Date</u> is confirmed as Saturday the 27th June 2026 with setting up taking place from Friday the 26th June. OGCC have been advised.</p>																								
(ii)	<p><u>Chairman’s Mid-Year Update August 2025</u>. Cllr Jim Goodbourn, Chair of the PC, published a comprehensive mid-year report on all live issues which the PC is currently dealing with. This report has been shared with all on the PC held ‘circulation list’,</p>																								

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	Village WhatsApp Group and the PC website www.longsutton.com and will also be included in the October edition of the Parish magazine.
44/25	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS - Thursday 27 th November 2025 in The Long Sutton Village Hall from 7.30 p.m.

Meeting Closed at 21.23