LITTLE LONGSTONE PARISH MEETING
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Minutes of the meeting 28th October 2024 in Little Longstone chapel

Present: Mr J Cotterill (Chair), Mr G Brooke, Mrs A Plowright, Mrs J Blair, Mrs C Cotterill, Mrs E Lee, Mr S Robertson, Ms G Blair, Mrs A Whittlestone, Mrs E Adamson, Mr P Davey, Mr A Longsdon and Mrs S Stokes (Clerk).

Alex Longsdon was invited to speak with regards to organising a **village event**. Alex spoke on the following: seen other villages and towns have mini festivals; events for people to get to get together and bring the village together; alongside the well dressing weekend/ band; stalls, live music, food from local companies; take a photo of the villagers; venue on family farm land adjacent The Hollows; need a level area; a licence; attract those on the footpath; have a history display; easy accessibility in village/ and near pub; publicity needed and have the event on the Saturday.

The Chair highlighted 'village week,' starting weekend of 12/13th July, Chair and Clerk had attended a meeting in Great Longstone, groups attended such as open gardens. Looking at doing lots of events during village week.

Clerk to distribute Alex's notes/contact details and inform him of the next village week meeting.

Thanks went to Alex.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.10pm

25/24 **To accept apologies from members**. Mrs J Gledhill, Mr and Mrs J Longsdon, Mrs C Burns and Mr K Adamson.

26/24 **Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda.** Mrs A Whittlestone declared an interest in LASRA

27/24 **Minutes of the meetings - Annual Parish Meeting 22 May 2024 and extraordinary meeting 17th June 2024**.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 22 May were proposed by Mrs E Lee and seconded by Mrs J Blair.
The minutes of the extraordinary meeting 17th June were proposed by Mrs C Cotterill and seconded by Mrs E Lee.

28/24 **Financial matters.**

28.1 **To approve payments since last meeting.**

Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk)	Clay reimbursement	£298.38
T W Cox	Trough area jobs	£504.00
Thomas Walton (Steve Walton Electrical)	Defib light	£350.00
Bruno Cardona	Strim/mow	£1650.00
James Cox	Strim/mow	£900.00
Allen West and Foster	Audit	£384.00
Jeremy Cotterill	Well dressing	£121.77
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Skipton	Savings account	£24,500
T W Cox	Stain benches	£396.00
Sarah Stokes	Xmas lights	£453.44

The payments were proposed by Mr G Brooke and seconded by Mrs A Whittlestone.

28.2 **To approve payments to be made.**

Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk)	Admin	£1689.35
Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk)	Exp.	£99.14
Little Longstone congregational chapel	room hire	£160.00 (incl. extra meeting)
Troway Hall Nursery	Xmas tree/s	£210.00
The Community Heartbeat Trust	Annual support defib	£162.00
Bruno Cardona	mow and chapel mows	£1650.00

The payments were proposed by Mrs A Whittlestone and seconded by Mrs E Lee.

To note Clerks expenses, includes photocopying, postage, laminator machine and stationery.

To note to approve the **Xmas trees** x 2 for delivery (week 25th November 2024) @ £210 in total and further miniature Xmas trees, max of 6 @ approx. £25 each. The payments were proposed by Mrs C Cotterill and seconded by Mrs A Whittlestone.

To note the purchase of new **Xmas lights**. To note purchase of **remembrance wreath.**

To note to approve the **grit**/**gritting** and snow ploughing costs for winter 2024/25. Clerk to check grit bins/salt piles.

28.3 To note **completion of the Annual Governance and Accounting statements** – audit complete for 2023/24. Noted.

28.4 **Donations/funds/projects and subscriptions for 2024/25**. (To note section 137 - £10.81 per person on the electoral roll – 2024/25).

The Chair went through the amounts given for section 137 etc last time and noted the section 137 figure for this year as £703.

Below was proposed by Mrs E Lee and seconded by Mrs E Adamson:

Section 137 £703 LASRA, Chairs fund £147 LASRA, Subscriptions to: Under the edge £850, Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport £1000 and Leap £850.

LASRA had sent a letter requesting funds for the court resurfacing in Great Longstone. It was noted that pickleball is now played on the court; pickleball team had been to Chatsworth to look at the new court surface there (getting a quote from same company who did Chatsworth's). Clerk raised that the court is owned by Great Longstone Parish Council.

It was agreed to wait until Great Longstone decide at their precept meeting (November) what they are donating (6k asked from both parishes). For the next meeting.

28.5 **Savings accounts**. Skipton account now opened, with funds agreed transferred. Mansfield account – closed old account and opened new, with funds transferred across.

The Chair reported the figures in the accounts: RBS current £1000.16, reserve £22,170.62 (to note Fredericks next payment will appear on the next statement); Skipton £25K July, Mansfield £87,642.67

A good return was noted from the Mansfield account.

29/24 **Planning matters.** No planning matters.

30/24 **Matters arising.**

30.1 **MONSAL HEAD**

30.1.1 **Car Park lease.** Clerk stated there was no progress on this. Clerk had contacted DDDC. Noted that due to below DDDC would not be able to sign the document at present.

30.1.2 **DDDC Proper Officer** – involvement in meetings. Meeting requested by Chair/Clerk/resignation of Proper Officer. Cllr Boothroyd had notified the parish meeting that the Proper Officer has resigned. Asked DDDC to inform the PM when they appoint a new Officer.

30.1.3 **Power take off point and DDDC Ev charging points**. No progress, Clerk has chased with DDDC.

30.1.4 **Litter/bins/bench staining**.
To note new **signage** installed at the viewpoint and marker sign down near the steps. To note leaning signpost at crossroads mended.
Bins – Clerk reported that no site visit had taken place. Following liaising with Hobbs/Monsal Head Hotel and Fredericks on the litter issue in the short-term car park, a strong letter was sent to DDDC regarding frequency of collecting litter. There have big improvements on litter since this. Clerk had requested the price for a new bin - DDDC. Parish Meeting to continue to look into moving a bin from the site then purchase a new one (possible near paying station).

To note bench staining being actioned autumn/ spring 25 – DDDC.

30.1.5. **Toilets** – To note DDDC resumed operation of the toilets. Clerk had sent a thank you to Kelda (who has also resigned) for her work on this. To note directional toilet signage on short term car park now installed, noted as being nice and big and clear.

30.1.6 **Ice cream van.**

Clerk reported that following the May and June meetings letters were sent to Fredericks, Monsal Head hotel, Hobbs, DDDC and Environmental Health at DDDC.

Noise and emissions tests. Tests were requested from DDDC. The Chair read out the tests results covering;

5 separate visits to the site; not found a statutory nuisance to exist either from noise or odour emissions from the ice cream van on the car park; although some engine noise can be heard emanating from the van at the nearest noise – sensitive properties, it was at low levels and not as loud as other vehicles in the car park or passing vehicles on the road; very little odour or vehicle fumes were detecting emanating from the van at any visits; more vehicle emissions were noted from other passing vehicles or running engines in the car park. DDDC confirmed they are not able to undertake vehicle emission tests on the van itself. Noted that the van would have to undergo relevant emissions tests as part of any annual MOT and would have to pass the relevant standards to operate. DDDC do not propose taking any further actions.

The results were sent to Hobb's café. Hobbs then asked to see a full report, not an email including dates and times. DDDC replied promptly providing this information and stating that the email is a report of the findings.

Fredericks request for **meet up** with Hobbs and Chair/Clerk. Clerk contacted Hobbs re a meet up, but were too busy as during the summer holiday. Clerk re contacted Fredericks after this period to ask if they still wanted a meet up, which was a no.

Fredericks request to put **signage** up to stop others parking on the hatched area: Due to motorbikes etc parking on the hatched area, signage was requested. The Chair /DDDC approved 'no parking' to be painted in front on the hatched area, DDDC actioning this.

To note copy of deed and car park lease given to Hobbs Café, as requested.

30.2 **MONSAL DALE/VIADUCT.** Rubbish issue noted.

30.3 OTHER

30.3.1 **Well dressing/well blessing/ band concert**.
Review of 2024. Poor attendance; wet weather; Grumpah band entertaining; less donations in box when rains.

Village week 2025. As above to work with Great Longstone on this. To note Little Longstone took part in the open gardens in 2024, which is planned to be part of village week in 2025, Chair encouraged others in Little Longstone to take part.

Booking of **Grumpah band**, Clerk trying to book the band for Sunday 13th July 2025, for 5.30 – 7pm, no response from Grumpah so far. The payment for the band was proposed by Mrs A Plowright and seconded by Mrs C Cotterill. – to approve the payment.

Bunting. It was raised this year that bunting like in Great Longstone would have been nice. Noted that Will Turner and team put/took down Great Longstone's. Clerk/Chair to speak to Will on this, see if this is something they could do in Little Longstone/ or a cost for this. The Chair showed pictures of 'feather flags' (approx. £160 1 side /£250 double side) an option for near the well dressing, easy to install. Bunting costs to looked into for approved at the next meeting.

30.3.2 **Parking/Speeding/Streetlights**. Faded entrance markers/white lines. A resident had requested that a certain entrance marker is re painted. Clerk asked for all entrance markers/white lines to be renewed. DCC replied, no action at this point. Clerk has requested costs for the parish to fund certain entrance markers, no reply. To note the parish have funded certain lines in the past.

Noted that the 30mph sign is obscured by a tree leading up to Monsal Head.

30.3.3 **Footpaths/stiles and gates/dog poo**. Update on fencing/surfacing in field adjacent trail – Clerk has spoken to the farmer who is looking to put a fence up and gravel on the path.

30.3.4 **Trough area**. To note work on trough area and bench staining carried out.

Update on new ***noticeboard*** – Joiner still to action, confirmed is still doing.
To note new ***defib light*** installed.
Hand pump and notice – Mr G Brooke proposed a small sign go on the pump handle area. 'Not for drinking,' seconded by Mr S Robertson. Clerk/Chair to action.

30.3.5 **Village maintenance list.** Mrs A Plowright was invited to speak on the matter; surprised DDDC use weedkillers containing glyphosates which affects the bees/honey bees; bees feed on the flowers; glyphosates are harmful to animals and have been banned in Germany. There was much discussion on weedkilling. Noted that 50 councils have banned using glyphosate-based products.

Resolved for the Clerk to contact DDDC to ask them to use something healthier for the environment.

The members were given a handout of the what is on the current mowing/maintenance list, whilst considering what to change for the 2025 contract.

There was again much discussion on the parish cutting/ strimming and spraying. Clerk highlighted dog poo issues in high grass before. Noted that there are other alternatives to weedkilling (steam/foam).
It was noted that some members preferred the mowed verges and neat appearance and concerns were raised that a no strim policy will make the verge look scruffy. Also, a point was made, that not strimming by itself, would not increase biodiversity and other actions will be required.

It was resolved for the list to be adapted for 2025 (review end of 2025):

1. Leave the area from Little Longstone sign at Great Longstone end to gate beyond allotments, for bio diversity. To strim back in autumn and take debris away.

2. Leave the area from opposite chapel to Monsal Head (finishing far in advance of the cross roads for safety reasons), for bio diversity. To strim back in autumn and take debris away.

3. To ask contractor to come up with alternative effective eco-friendly option to weedkilling (not using a glyphosate-based product). To bring to next meeting.

4. Leave area from chapel down to Parva Cottage, for bio diversity. To strim back in autumn and take debris away.

5. Not to 'weed kill'/remove flowers adjacent wall of properties from Christmas Cottage to Holiday barns.

6. Add in an October and end June/July (pre well dressing) trough area clean-up/tidy up (as per that done for the well dressing in 24)

The Chair invited those members interested in improved bio diversity to come up with some proposals and where possible costs, (including considering sowing wildflowers/seed bombs etc). Any proposals and information to be brought to the next meeting for further discussion.

To approve mowing/maintenance costs at the next meeting.

31/24 **Correspondence.**

DDDC. Spraying roadside gullies twice a year – glyphosate-based product must be used.
DDDC. Review of 2024 policy – house to house street collection 2024 policy consultation.
DDDC. Notice of election. Statement of persons nominated.
DDDC. Number on electoral roll August 2024 – 65.
DDDC. Noise and emissions tests – Fredericks ice cream van Monsal Head.
DDDC. Police and crime commissioner consultation.
DDDC. Memorial benches Monsal Head. Update on staining.
DDDC. Notice of casual vacancy in the Office – District Councillor Calver and Longstone by Election.
DDDC. Temporary Traveller sites consultation responses.
DDDC. No parking painted on near ice cream hatched area.

District Cllr Kelda Boothroyd. Various – Inc. DDDC has now resumed the operation of the toilets. Fibre broadband testing. Meet up with Proper Officer/ and resignation of Proper Officer.

Resignation of Cllr Kelda Boothroyd and **NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DISCTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR CALVER AND LONGSTONE WARD** – Thursday 14th November 2024.

County Cllr Sutton. Bunting grant.

DCC. Footpath 19 (off Monsal trail) Small surfacing scheme, footpath off trail.
DCC. Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service. Consultation – review of risk in Derbyshire.
DCC. Faded Road markings inspection.
DCC. Trees/vegetation Castlegate Lane, Monsal Head.
DCC. Snow warden scheme.
DCC. Parish and Town Liaison Forum 15th October 2024.

Peak Park. **Parishes statement for 2025**. Noted that Peak Park have asked LLPM to look at the document/ check it through, also to come up with 5 Community statement – main aspirations of the parish. Chair/Clerk arrived at:

1. To work with Chatsworth/Peak Park and the local authorities to ensure that Monsal Head/dale continue to be run effectively for the local community and visitors.

2. Ensure the village is kept in good order.

3. Improve the facilities for the local community by working with the parish of Great Longstone to achieve this.

4. Green initiatives – to work with Derbyshire Dales on working towards electrics for the ice cream van site and ev charging points at Monsal Head.

5. Supporting local community transport/ community groups and parish magazines.

Parish members in support of the aspirations. Clerk/Chair to add more on biodiversity under (4). Clerk to reply to Peak Park.

Peak Park. **Local Plan review.** Clerk held up a copy of the local plan. The plan looks at what developments can happen where. Clerk/Chair had been through the plan. Chair stated that residents can view them online or go into below. The document does refer specifically to Great and Little Longstone on certain matters. It was noted that the local plan stated that Little Longstone was a 'Yes' to good public transport.' Resolved for the Clerk to contact P Park and state it is 'N0' to good public transport.

The Local Plan Review Issues and Options Report is available for inspection:

• on the Peak District National Park Authority website

• at libraries (during normal opening hours)

• at the National Park Authority Head Office
Peak Park. New system to report planning breached of planning controls.
Peak Park. New signage Monsal Head.
Peak Park Parishes Forum. The new local plan and planning training for Cllrs.
Peak Park Parishes Forum. Parishes day 12th October 2024.
Peak Park. Parishes bulletin.

Dalc. Section 137.
Dalc. Pre-election.
Dalc. Nalc procurement updated Jan 24. 'Low value contracts' – up to £30k.

Dalc. Newsletter June 24 – October 24.
Dalc. The accounts and audit regulations.
Dalc. Upcoming training courses and Dalc day.
Dalc. New website launch.

Office of Sarah Dines. Removal of contact notices pre-election. Thank you for support.
Clear Councils. Insurance policy – public liability certificate and employers' liability certificate.

PCSO Boswell. Safer neighbourhood newsletters.

RBS. Flyers.
Mansfield Building Society. Flyer.

Skipton Building Society. Account opened. Letter re financial services compensation scheme – Clerk replied. Various emails.

PKF. Notification of exempt status.
PKF. Query on parish email address – not being generic.

Cox. Copy of insurance certificate.
Grumpah band. Numerous.
Great Longstone Parish Council. Longstone week, invite to meeting and minutes of meeting 22nd July 2024 of Longstone Village week steering group.
LASRA. Request for funds for court surface.

Fredericks. Numerous.
Hobbs Café. Numerous.
Monsal Head Hotel. Toilets signage and litter.
Lovedays Solicitors. Numerous.

Local resident. Concerns over safety/disabled access at Monsal Head.
Resident. Hosting an event 2025.

32/24 **Late items of correspondence.**

DDDC. Lease
Great Longstone Parish Meeting. Court surface grant.
PCSO Boswell. Safer Neighbourhood newsletter

33/24 **Date of next meeting**. January/February 2025.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.29pm.