LITTLE LONGSTONE PARISH MEETING
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Minutes of the meeting 3rd February 2025 in Little Longstone chapel

Present: Mr J Cotterill (Chair), Mrs A Whittlestone, Mr and Mrs K Adamson, Ms G Blair, Mr A Longsdon, Mr MT Taylor, Ms J Elliott, Mrs G Swift, Mrs A Plowright, Mr P Davey, Mrs J Gledhill, Mrs C Burns, Mrs J Blair, Mr S Robertson, Mrs E Lee, Mrs C Cotterill and Mrs S Stokes (Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.03pm.

34/25 To accept apologies from members. Apologies were received from Mr G Brooke and Mr and Mrs J Longsdon.

35/25 Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda. (Please make the meeting aware if you are not on the electoral roll for Little Longstone). Mrs A Whittlestone declared an interest in LASRA.

36/25 Minutes of the meeting 28th October 2024. The minutes were proposed by Mrs E Adamson and seconded by Mrs A Whittlestone.

37/25 Financial matters.

37.1 To approve payments since last meeting.

Under The Edge	Subscription	£850.00
Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport	Subscription	£1000.00
Leap	Subscription	£850.00
GLPC (for LASRA)	S137	£703.00
GLPC (for LASRA)	Chairs fund	£147.00
J Cox	Mow/strim	£900.00
R J Services	grit related	£195.00
Grumpah	band	£475.00
DW Turner	gritting	£252.00

The payments were proposed by Mrs A Whittlestone and seconded by Mrs C Cotterill.

37.2 To approve payments to be made.

Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk)	Admin	£1210.95
Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk)	Exp	£152.68
Little Longstone Congregational Chapel	Room hire	£80.00
Sarah Stokes	Xmas lights	£91.91

To note Clerks expenses inc. Land registry doc's, water sign and poppy wreath. Chair highlighted xmas lights, see xmas.

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

Clerk left the room for the next item/ then re-joined the meeting.

37.3 Clerks pay. Nalc Salary award (2024/2025) Inc. back pay from April 2024. Following the 'Local Government services pay agreement 2024/25 from Nalc, it was proposed by Mrs E Lee for the Clerk to continue SCP level 17, with the new hourly rate to be £15. 58 (as per the scale provided), seconded by Mrs C Cotterill. Clerk to calculate back pay for payment at the Annual Parish meeting.

37.4 Donations. To discuss grant towards tennis court/MUGA resurfacing project (to note Lottery funding application). To discuss funds towards 'Birds nest swing' seat on Great Longstone play area.

The Chair reported on a letter from Great Longstone Parish Council requesting funds for the tennis court resurfacing project (project £19k.) It was highlighted that Little Longstone does not have a recreation ground, the GL one being for LL parishioners to use. Noted that GLPC have put in for a lottery grant. GLPC asked LLPM to consider pledging £6k to match the GLPC £6k pledged (this is subject to the outcome of the lottery funding). Mrs A Whittlestone (LASRA) reported that they are looking at the court being lined for 4/5 different uses and using the same company as the Chatsworth court. It was voted upon with all members in favour (apart form 1 unsure). Mr S Robertson proposed LLPM pledge £6k for the court project, seconded by Mrs E Adamson.

GLPC had also asked for funds towards the bird's nest swing, 'basket' and 'chains. The project costing £737 plus vat. It was proposed By Mrs E Lee to donate £350 to the swing project, seconded by Mrs C Cotterill.

37.5 To approve costs for well dressing (inc. clay) and village week. The Chair reported that the current years well dressing costs were £285.59. Costs for 2025 were proposed by Mr K Adamson and seconded by Mr M Taylor, with the expectation of the costs being in the region of the 2024 figure. Village week costs – see under 'village week.'

To note Clerk to prepare for the Annual Governance and Accounting statements – Audit for 2024/2025. Internal audit booked with Allen West and Foster.

38/25 Planning Matters.

38.1 *The Meadows*, Main Street, Little Longstone. NP/DDD/1124/1274. Extension to replace 2 sheds.
Parish comments sent in: No objections. *GRANTED.*

39/25 Matters Arising.

39.1 MONSAL HEAD

39.1.1 Car Park Lease. Clerk had chased DDDC on this matter, no report on this. To note DDDC were awaiting the appointment of a new Proper Officer for signing the document.

39.1.2 DDDC Proper Officer – involvement in meetings. To note meeting requested by Chair/Clerk – awaiting confirmation of new Proper Officer following resignation of Helen Mitchell. Clerk chased with DDDC, no report.

39.1.3 Power take off point and DDDC Ev charging points. Clerk chased with DDDC, no report. Noted that DDDC were looking at a grant.

39.1.4 Litter/bins/bench staining. Update on bins – Noted that as per the last meeting the litter situation has improved. Clerk had chased DDDC on moving a litter bin near to the ice cream area one and possible purchase of a new bin. Clerk to push for action before easter/busy period. No reply to date. Update on bench staining – awaiting DDDC carrying out the work in spring.

39.1.5 Toilets. No update. Clerk to remove item from the agenda. Noted that the toilets are now under the control of DDDC again/ this being in Ashford parish.

39.1.6 Ice cream van. Update on 'No parking' signage in front of hatched area (used by Fredericks) – Clerk chased, awaiting DDDC.

39.2 MONSAL DALE/VIADUCT. Mr K Adamson reported that Chatsworth have still not carried out a number of jobs since the 'walkabout' meeting. Clerk to chase the Estates Director on: Fencing around the weir and the foliage around the Netherdale Farm bridge. It was noted that trees have been felled in the Netherdale area and not been removed. To monitor. The plastic wraps used were raised. Clerk clarified that on the 'walkabout' meeting Chatsworth had stated that they are bio degradable.

39.3 OTHER

39.3.1 Xmas Tree. On behalf of the Parish Meeting, the Chair thanked Mr and Mrs J Longsdon for the erecting/ taking down etc of the village xmas tree. Also, for noting that more lights were needed. Clerk to send a thank you. Noted that a further 10 m string and bulbs was purchased (Chair approved).

39.3.2 Village week 2025. Saturday 12th July – Sunday 20th July 2025. (alongside Great Longstone).

To note handout of key events proposed. Chair highlighted open gardens and the LASRA sports. Chair asked for interest in opening LL gardens, beyond Chairs open last year. There was interest in this. Chair reported a possible BECT shuttle to get to both parishes.

Well dressing – Starting weekend 12th/13th July 2025. To note Clerk sent details of the well dressing to 'Visit Peak District.'

Well blessing – Clerk asked the Vicar for weekend of 12th July/13th July 2025. GL communicated that 12th July is being looked at for this, (if there is a well dressing in GL – this is TBC).

Band – Grumpah band booked for Saturday 12th July 2025 4.30 – 6pm. Clerk noted that the band were not available for later in the evening.

Bunting – Noted a price of £482.50 for the red/white and blue bunting (same as that in Great Longstone) 50 x 10m. Clerk had asked for funds from Ralph Rider towards the costs of this. Mrs E Adamson gave a brief run-down of what the trust is about – a house/land was sold and funds invested, funds to be used to benefit Monyash and Little Longstone Parish Meeting residents (example Uni books etc). Mrs A Whittlestone proposed the purchase of the bunting, seconded by Mr S Robertson (with the hope of funds coming to cover part of it). Noted that Great Longstone have extra bunting available.

A quote from Will Turner to put the bunting up was also sourced. Cost of £100 per hr plus vat to put up and take down (JCB/person/s- in basket/driver/traffic duty). Public Liability insurance noted. It was proposed by Mr S Robertson to ask Will to do this, seconded by Mrs A Plowright.

Event – update on event arranged by Alex Longsdon (Saturday 19th July)

TO NOTE: Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair and Clerk spoke with Alex and advised that the parish do not have the powers to fund a commercial event (advice from Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) and National Association of Local Councils (NALC) – had been sought. Alex stated that it was his belief that the event is a LLPM

event. This was not the understanding of the Chair and Clerk, due to scope, local business participation, advertising, and associated costs. It was believed this was to be a private event arranged by Alex, and he was seeking PM funding for it.

Areas discussed/raised:

Alex presented to the meeting- Get all members involved; an event during summer would be great; used to have a mass audience for the band; not much space to socialise in the pub due to its success with food; get the village together; propose a village show hosted by all of us; knock on every door to publicise; re run of millennium photo for village; noted local companies within 2 miles of Little Longstone such as local brewery's/ artists; started to create some publicity (via social media) for those who could share their products; there are core costs (toilets/ marquee/s etc) – given to the Chair/Clerk prior to the meeting; Involve other parishes such as Ashford/ Cressbrook; looking at marquee's (with insurance) for music and also stall holders; stall holders to be charged £30 a day.

Noted core costs – region of £5k.

Members: consideration for school holidays; are any permissions needed, parking a concern (is tracking needed), concern it is a commercial event, concerns for safety with traffic/people; concerns over public liability /field ownership; concerns for health and safety who responsible for the event – liabilities; a lot of work noted as gone in to the event so far, a credit to Alex; sub group needed; giving funds to a charity; will people be making a profit; how do other parishes do it such as Sheldon day – liabilities (Clerk raised some are Parish Councils which is different to a Parish Meeting); need insurance; issues with people walking in/safety; parking needs some consideration; the event needs to be reflected in the title.

The Chair thanked Alex. It was resolved for a subcommittee to be formed with Alex, to then approach the Parish Meeting again. PM to then hold an extraordinary meeting. In the meantime, Chair and Clerk were going to approach DALC to get a clear understanding of how LLPM can fund a village event and what limitations there would be.

39.3.3 Parking/speeding/streetlights. Faded entrance markers/white lines – Clerk asked for Cllr A Sutton's help on this matter, with the immediate priority being the marker adjacent the Packhorse. Grit bin opposite stocks (broken) – resolved for the Clerk to gain a price for a new bin.

39.3.4 Footpaths/stiles and gates/dog poo. Update on field/surfacing in field adjacent trail – no report. Clerk had reported a broken gate to the farmer, across from Cherpit Lane. Clerk to report broken gate in GL parish, to the PC.

39.3.5 Trough area. Update on new noticeboard – new noticeboard being produced in the workshop. Update on hand pump notice – Chair had fixed a suitable sign. Defib – note new pads fitted Dec 24/new spares (Clerk highlighted the monthly checks/ online reporting system which East Midland Ambulance Service have access to if the defib is active/ or inactive).

39.3.6 Village strimming/mowing list.- Quote for 2025 revised work, including *eco options*.

Bio diversity project.

Mrs A Plowright spoke to the members with regards to the 'Little Longstone Wildflower verges plan' (handout distributed out). The team involved are Ali Plowright, Eileen Adamson, Simon Robertson, and Georgina Blair, with professional guidance from Sara Barrett (who has developed a plan for the closed churchyard in Great Longstone). Sara has looked/alongside the team to come up with a plan/ collecting wild seed and growing as plug plants and then plant into the verge. Looking at a (shaded area) seed mix in the shady area from the chapel down to the Parva cottage. Plug

plants on the stretch up to Monsal head (noted not to plant leading up to the junction – this is to be strimmed for safety reasons). The pinfold has been looked at, has poor soil, therefore ideal for wildflowers (noted this area was looked at a few years ago – wildflower matting). Idea would be for the parish to be involved in the project/ along the lines of the St Giles project – 'seed walk's'. (learn more about the plants). Seen as a long-term project, to get established. Would be promoted at the village gathering. Signs would need to go up to make others aware of the project. Raised to wear hi vis jackets when planting adjacent the road (Clerk can provide).

A couple of planters by the benches/kiosk were put forward. Wooden barrels/ flowers. Clerk raised that there had been planters there before, but the flowers were not tended. Mr S Roberton volunteered to look after the weeding etc. Noted they would need staining every few years or so.

It was proposed by Mr M Taylor to go ahead with the project to cost in region of £200, seconded by Ms J Elliott. (To note removal of work in the Pinfold on the village mowing and maintenance list), Clerk to action.

Quote for mowing and maintenance

The Chair reported on the costs for 2024. It was proposed by Ms G Blair to go ahead with the quote From Bruno Cardona/James Cox for 2025 (revised list as per last meeting), along with the bee friendly weedkiller, seconded by Mrs A Plowright. It was also proposed by Mr S Robertson to go ahead with the chapel mows by Bruno Cardona, seconded by Mr M Taylor.

Noted that the Clerk/along with Mrs A Plowright had looked into the District and County with regards to weedkilling.

DDDC – 'We are continuing to look and trial where possible alternatives to glyphosate. As you know we no longer use weedkillers on our land. But DCC requires the use of glyphosate on the highway.' To note DDDC have asked DCC to eliminate/minimise the use of glyphosate'.

The Clerk had raised with DCC that 50 Councils now use alternatives to glyphosate, no reply to date from DCC.

39.3.7 The Pinfold. The area used to be used for stray animals/sheep. Noted that there are no formal documents of ownership held by Little Longstone Parish Meeting. Peak Park was consulted on this matter around 2020, who stated they do not own the area. See above under village strimming/mowing.

39.3.8 Scratta Wood. Ash die back and Land registration by new Owner query (Land sold in 2019 LLPM and Peak Park). DCC approached the Parish Meeting as land registration documents show LLPM to be the owners. DCC were wanting to highlight ash die back work required in the wood. Clerk liaised with Peak Park/ DCC/new owner and their Solicitor. Resolved that the registration by the new owner was not complete (their Solicitor now acting on this).

40/25. Correspondence.

DCC. Scratta Wood and ash die back. Numerous emails.
District Cllr Helen Froggatt. Reply – will be attending the Feb meeting- introduce herself (following welcome/invite to next meeting by LLPM).
DDDC. Weedkilling. Continuing to trial posable alternatives to glyphosate. DDDC no longer use weedkillers. But DCC use weedkillers on the highway.
DDDC. Christmas. New year bin collections. Clerk displayed.
Peak Park. Reinstatement of Cressbrook mill bridge.
Peak Park. Scratta wood – land transferred; registration not completed by new land owner. Numerous emails. Land registration and title.
Peak Park. Receipt of 'Parish statements'/main aspirations sent by LLPM.
Peak Park. Receipt of local plan comments sent by LLPM.

Peak Park. Planning training 13/01/25.
PCSO Boswell. Safer Neighbourhood news.
Local resident/Owner of Scratta Wood. Registration and ash die back. Numerous emails.
Land Registry. Copy of Title plan and title register – Scratta Wood.
Great Longstone Parish Council. Local plan meeting 4th November 24.
Great Longstone Parish Council. Update on MUGA/Tennis court resurfacing project.
Great Longstone Parish Council. Birds nest swing seat funds.
Village Week Steering Group. Meeting 20th Jan 2025.
Ashford/Monsal Head resident. Safety concerns over Cherpit Lane camper van parked. Issue resolved as camper moved on.
Cressbrook resident. Grit bin fallen over on Monsal Head. Actioned by LLPM.
Dalc. November/December/January news.
Dalc. Nalc local Government services pay agreement 2024/25.
Clear Councils. New insurer partner Ecclesiastical (LLPM insured with).
RBS. Flyer.
Skipton Building Society. Flyer/s.
Mansfield Building Society. Flyer.
Allen West and Foster. Internal audit 2024/25.
Cox/Cardona – Mowing and Maintenance.
Grumpah band. Booking for 12th July 2025 4.30 – 6pm. Numerous emails.
Alex Longsdon. Village event. Numerous emails.
LEAP. Thank you, funds.
BECT. Thank you, funds.
Under The Edge. Thank you, funds.
LASRA. Thank you, funds.

41/25 Late items of correspondence.
PDNPA. Planning training.
Longstone Village week. Update.
Resident. New resident and volunteering/village activities.
County Cllr Sutton. Entrance markers.
MP John Whitby. Poster. Clerk displayed.
Visit Peak District. Well dressing information.
DCC. Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum 5th March 2025.
GLPC. Village plan meeting 10th February 2025. Chair highlighted the meeting open to all Little Longstone residents.
Dalc. Powers of the Parish meeting/ event.

42/25 Date of next meeting. Annual Parish Meeting May 2025. It was noted that an extraordinary meeting may be needed to discuss the community event.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.44pm.