LITTLE LONGSTONE PARISH MEETING
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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 14th May 2025 in Little Longstone chapel

Present: Mr J Cotterill (Chair), Mrs A Whittlestone, Mrs E Adamson, Mrs J Gledhill, Mrs E Lee, Mrs C Cotterill and Mrs S Stokes (Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm.

43/25 **To accept apologies from members**. Apologies were received from Mr P Davey, Mr G Brooke, Mrs A Plowright, Mr K Adamson, and Mr J Longsdon.

44/25 **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). There were no declarations.

45/25 **Minutes of the meeting 3rd February 2025**. The minutes were proposed by Mrs E Lee and seconded by Mrs C Cotterill.

46/25 **Election of Chair**. Mrs J Gledhill proposed Mr J Cotterill, seconded by Mrs E lee.

On behalf of the parish meeting Mrs J Gledhill thanked Mr J Cotterill for all his hard work in the last year.

47/25 **Election of Vice Chair.** Mrs A Whittlestone proposed Mr J Longsdon, seconded by Mrs J Gledhill.

(To note the Clerk had asked Mr Longsdon if he would like to be put forward. Mr Longsdon was happy to be put forward but to ask others if they would like too also). Clerk explained what a Vice Chairs role is, pre above).

48/25 Financial matters.

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

P Child (trees)	xmas	£84.00
GL Parish Council	swing	£350.00
Sarah Stokes	Bunting	£579.00
Dalc	Subscription	£15.00
D Longden Joinery	noticeboard	£850.00

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

48.2 To approve the payments to be made.

Little Longstone Congregational chapel	Room hire	£80.00
Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk)	Admin	£1673.65
Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk)	Exp	£73.07
Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk)	Back pay	£216.27
Clear Insurance	Insurance	£568.00
Great Longstone Parish Council	Court	£6000.00

The payments were proposed by Mrs E Lee and seconded by Mrs E Adamson.

48.2.1 The Chair raised the sum of £6k pledged at the last meeting towards the court surface in Great Longstone. Great Longstone Parish Council applied for grants with the Lottery and Sports England and were unsuccessful with both. Noted that GLPC are looking for other funds to top up the total fund required (using reserves initially). The work on the court to commence imminently.

It was proposed by Mrs C Cotterill for £6k to go towards the court, seconded by Mrs E Adamson.

To note Clerks back pay from April 24.
To note insurance renewal documents (as above). Clerk to renew.

48.3 To approve Annual Governance statement for Audit 2024/2025. The Annual Governance statement was proposed by Mrs J Gledhill and seconded by Mrs E Adamson.

48.4 To approve Accounting statements for 2024/2025. The Accounting statements were proposed by Mrs E Lee and seconded by Mrs A Whittlestone.

48.5 Exemption from External Audit – Little Longstone Parish Meeting are exempt from the external audit for 2024/2025. Noted that as the income/ and or expenditure is below £25k LLPM are exempt to an external audit for 2024/2025. The exemption was proposed by Mrs C Cotterill and seconded by Mrs E Adamson.

To note internal audit by Allen, West, and Foster.
To note copies of the accounting documents were distributed to those in the meeting. To note (lower income) due to late payment (in April 25), by Fredericks, funds will now show in the new tax year.

Clerk to ensure appropriate documents are displayed on the noticeboard.
Clerk to send relevant documents to the external auditor.

49/25 Planning matters. None.

50/25 Matters arising

50.1 MONSAL HEAD

50.1.1 DDDC Proper Officer. No reply from DDDC. To note communications to find out what involvement the Proper Officer should have with the Parish Meeting.

50.1.2 Car Park lease. Clerk chased the lease. Reply received from the Estates dept at DDDC; they are going to contact their Solicitor. Clerk made them aware of meeting dates for LLPM.

50.1.3

Power take off point

The Clerk reported that following a conversation with DDDC, they now have funding for the national grid side of the power take off project, noted when last quoted was in the region of £1700 (2023) – work located on road in between the hotel and car park.

However, LLPM would need to fund the trench from the new feeder pillar near pay machine and install traders feeder pillar, noted when last quoted was in the region of £3500 plus vat.

To note work would be planned in for winter/early spring (quieter at Monsal Head) as the first stage by National grid would need to have the road closed and the second stage the car park closed. Two separate jobs.

Clerk also highlighted that DDDC had reported that all their DDDC ice cream van sites are now electric. This is a big change from in 2023 when one of the vendors had a full electric van.

Also to note the next ice cream van tender will go out autumn 2026.
Noted that the work that LLPM would fund, is likely to fall in the tax year 2026/2027.

To note DDDC are gaining an Uptodate quote for the trench etc work. DDDC will not be going ahead with any work until LLPM have approved the trench etc works.

It was proposed in principle by Mrs E Adamson to go ahead with the trench etc work, seconded by Mrs C Cotterill. Clerk to await the revised quote and bring to next meeting for approval.

EV charging points.

The Clerk also reported that DDDC are now part of a national charging scheme. Faster chargers being put on main routes such as the A6, and then slow ones elsewhere. Noted that there are no current plans to put EV charging points at Monsal Head.

50.1.4 Litter/bins/bench staining.

Noted that DDDC have commenced staining the benches.

Clerk reported that the litter bin situation continues to be working well/ regular emptying. DDDC have a new Supervisor for that area. DDDC are still looking to move a bin from furthest from the ice cream van to nearer the ice cream van. Not looking to put it next to another bin now, but nearer. No new bins being looked at.

50.1.5 Ice cream van- No parking' signage. Clerk spoken to Car Park Officer, DDDC still to paint on the 'no parking' (Infront of the hatched area), being chased.

50.2 MONSAL DALE/VIADUCT. Contact been made with Chatsworth Estates dept, regarding the fencing around the weir and trees growing out of bridge. Both jobs had been discussed at the on-site meeting. Clerk re sent up to date photos of these. New contact at Chatsworth looking into.

Members raised both the 'nobbles' on the footpath leading to the weir (trip hazard) and the high steps from Monsal Head leading to the viaduct. Both matters had been raised with DCC and Peak Park in years past. Clerk to contact both again, with the nobbles and steepness of the steps worsening year by year.

50.3 OTHER
50.3.1 Village week 2025 (Saturday 12th July – Sunday 20th July 2025)

Well dressing (Volunteers doing the well dressing from Friday 4th July). Dates noted, with the week starting with the clay preparation on Friday 4th July.

Well blessing (Vicar – 12th July) Provisionally planned in for 12th July at 1.30 – 2, GL not able to confirm who is running their well dressing, school not running the event. Clerk to continue to liaise with GL on this to ensure Mrs M Longsdon can order lettering for the banner in time.

Bunting. To note bunting purchased and funds received from Ralph Rider. To note Will Turner booked in for putting bunting up/down. Noted.

Band (Grumpah) booked for 12th July 2025 4.30 – 6pm. Noted.

Event – 19th July 2025. To note an independently run event- by Alex Longsdon. Noted.

To note open gardens (To note not just open to Great Longstone gardens, Little Longstone residents encouraged to take part and open their gardens.) Clerk to email all members on the open gardens to gain details of those interested.

To note details of village week events will go in UTE.

50.3.2 Parking/speeding/streetlights.

Update on entrance marker near Pack horse – Clerk asked for Cllr Suttons help on this matter, providing DCC with information on when LLPM funded an entrance marker previously. Clerk to persist on sorting this, due to its proximity to the busy pub.

Price for new grit bin opposite The Stocks- £215 plus vat for a new bin, plus disposal of old and new grit. Noted that it is a small hole in the bin. To monitor and also place duck tape over the hole.

50.3.3 Footpaths/ dog poo. Update on fencing on footpaths. No update.

50.3.4 Trough area. To note new noticeboard installed. Noted that the new noticeboard has been made and fixed, however the old posts are not in a good order. Clerk had received a quote for work to the posts, it was proposed by Mrs A Whittlestone to go for the new posts, seconded by Mrs C Cotterill. Clerk to ask Contractor to go ahead with the new posts.

Update on barrel planters – no update, Clerk to ask bio diversity team.

50.3.5 Bio diversity project. Update by bio diversity team – Mrs E Adamson stated that due to the very dry conditions no planting has taken place yet. Planting planned for the area from the chapel down. Showed a laminated sign (awareness of planting/ no pooing etc) – to be put up when planting taken place and string.

50.3.6 Neighbourhood Plan. Chair highlighted the keys areas around the plan; Peak Park have done a review; background to changes with the Councils, District Council may go; Rowland, Wardlow and Hassop invited to be part of the plan (to date not planning on doing so);Headings in the plan such as transport and parking, housing and tourism; Great and Little Longstone to be part of the plan; Great Longstone Parish Council have the legal standing (Little Longstone only being a Parish Meeting); Noted that Mr J Cotterill and Ms G Blair are on the steering committee from Little Longstone.

It was voted to ratify Little Longstone Parish Meeting to be part of the Neighbourhood plan. All were in favour. Mrs E Adamson proposed the ratification of the Longstone Area Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Terms of Reference and Mrs A Whittlestone seconded.

Clerk to confirm the ratification with GLPC.

To note land registration completed for Scratta Wood.

51/25 Correspondence

PKF 2024/2025 Annual Governance and Accountability return 2024/25 – external audit.
Allen West and Foster – internal audit.
Skipton. Summary of Financial Statement, also statement of account.
Mansfield. Flyer on savings and summary of financial statement; Certificate of interest.
RBS. Flyer.
Ralph Rider/Palfreyman Charity Trust. Donation towards bunting.

GL Parish Council. Longstone area parishes; Numbers on electoral role in Little Longstone 64: to note the changes ahead for local government re organisation; Thank you for funds for bird's nest swing; Unsuccessful in lottery and Sports England applications for court surface GL ; Well dressing update; Well blessing update.

Neighbourhood plan group. Village plan meeting Monday 7th April 2025. Steering Committee group meeting invite for 28th April.

DDDC. VE day and VJ Day events.
DCC Cllr Sutton. Faded road marking.
Chatsworth (Estates) – fencing and tree work Monsal Dale.

Peak Park. Local Plan Review. Call for sites – opportunity for landowners, developers, community groups and individuals to put forward sites for: development of new homes and businesses/ nature recovery and designation as local green space.
Peak Park. Consultation on the updated Local Validation list.
Peak Park Parishes Forum. Committee minutes.

Land Registry. Completion of registration – Scratta Wood, Little Longstone. Title number-DY526954
Derbyshire Constabulary. Safer neighbourhood news.
Dalc. Feb/March/April news. Local Government reorganisation plans. Also, S137 allowance for 2025/26-£11.10. Advise on the village event.
Alex Longsdon. (6/2/25) Alex confirmed happy to sort the event independently.
Bruno Cardona. Copy of insurance.
James Cox. Copy of insurance.

Fredericks. Insurance 15th February 2025 – 14th February 2026 (Employers Liability and Public Liability)
Fredericks. Payment and insurance.

52/25 Late items of correspondence.

Fredericks. DDDC van parked in hatched area. Clerk emailed both DDDC and Fredericks on this matter (to note the benches were being stained adjacent the hatched area).

Dalc circular – May. Clerk raised that in the circular the Auditors have stated that Parish emails should have '. gov.uk or org.uk'. Clerk to put this on the next agenda. Last noted from a Dalc circular 1/3 of Derbyshire Councils had moved to this.

DDDC. Benches Monsal Head.
DDDC. Car park lease.
Neighbourhood plan. Steering group. Numerous emails.
GLPC. Well dressing/well blessing.
Peak District Challenger Walk. 28th and 29th June. Coming through Little Longstone.

A member asked about the pot holes in the road up from The Packhorse. Clerk had reported these many times. Been acknowledged, awaiting action. Also, the hole in front of The Orchard.

The electric fence opposite The Packhorse was raised due to it leaning over the wall, in the direction of the road. Clerk asked to contact the resident who is responsible for the fencing.

53/25 Date of next meeting. 11TH August 2025.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.49pm.