LITTLE LONGSTONE PARISH MEETING
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Minutes of the Parish Meeting 11th August 2025 in Little Longstone chapel

Present: Mr J Cotterill (Chair), Mr J Longsdon (Vice Chair), Mr P Davey, Mrs A Whittlestone, Mr S Robertson, Mrs C Burns, Mrs J Gledhill, Mrs E Lee, Mrs C Cotterill and Mrs S Stokes (Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm.

54/25 **To accept apologies from members**. Apologies were received from Mrs M Longsdon, Mr G Brooke, Mrs A Plowright, Mr and Mrs K Adamson Ms G Blair, Mrs J Blair, and District Cllr H Froggatt.

55/25 **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.

56/25 **Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting 14th May 2025**. Noted Clerk to remove one of the items 'Clear Insurance' under finance, as this was repeated. The minutes were approved, with the change, by Mrs C Cotterill and seconded by Mrs C Burns.

57/25 **Financial matters**.

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

Great Longstone Parish Council (new court surface)	£6000
Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk) – clay (well dressing)	£327.23
Bruno Cardona – mowing	£1870.00 (inc. chapel)
James Cox – mowing	£1095
Jill Glossop – well dressing	£30.00
Sam O'Reily – well dressing	£167.65
Maureen Child – well dressing	£20.00

The payments were proposed by Mr J Longsdon and seconded by Mrs C Cotterill.

57.2 **To approve the payments to be made.**

Little Longstone Congregational chapel – room hire	£80.00
Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk) – Admin	£1620.32
Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk) – Expenses	£127.91
D W Turner – Bunting up/down	£360.00
Community Heartbeat Trust – emergency phone (ann.)	£72.00

The payments were proposed by Mrs C Cotterill and seconded by Mrs E Lee.

Chair reported - RBS current a/c £1000.51 and deposit a/c £12,907.60 plus the two savings accounts, with Skipton and Mansfield.

To note the Fredericks last payment is within these figures.

To note Clerks expenses, include plastic boxes for bunting.
To note half of clay payment received, from LEAP.
To note S137 allowance for 2025/26 is £11.10 (grants for discussion at the November meeting)

57.3 **External audit.** To note exemption documents received by Auditor.

57.4 **Multi Use Games area project (Great Longstone)** – to update (grants received x 2). To discuss surplus funds. Chair reported that two further grants were received for the project, £1,000 Derbyshire Dales CVS and £10, 900 Sports England. This has now given a surplus of £2,025. LASRA have asked if two recycled plastic benches £450 plus a replacement practice cricket net £1599 could be purchased with the remaining surplus funds. Clerk to contact LASRA giving permission to use the funds for the above on the recreation ground only. Using the funds was proposed by Mr P Davey and seconded by Mrs J Gledhill.

57.5 **To approve x 2 xmas trees (for ordering September) and 6 miniature trees (if required).** It was noted that some of the miniature ones have been planted, as suggested and not just disposed of.

It was proposed by Mr J Longsdon for the Clerk to order a 10ft tree for the trough area and 8ft for chapel, Miniature trees if required. Seconded by Mrs C Cotterill.

57.6 **To approve remembrance wreath**. (Clerk to order in Autumn). It was proposed by Mrs C Cotterill for the Clerk to purchase the wreath seconded by Mrs E Lee.

57.7 **To approve grit/ and snow ploughing costs for winter 2025/2026.** It was proposed by Mrs C Cotterill to go ahead with gritting/ploughing costs for winter 25/26, seconded by Mr P Davey.

To note the Chair gave figures for last year's cost for the trees/wreath and grit, as a guide.

58/25 **Planning matters.** There were no planning matters.

59/25 **Matters arising**

59.1 MONSAL HEAD

59.1.1 **DDDC Proper Officer.** A meeting has been arranged with the Chair/Clerk and the Interim Director of Governance and Corporate Services. To note the 'Monitoring Officer,' alongside the Chair are the trustees of the Parish land, (the short-term car park) and to act on the directions of the Parish Meeting.

59.1.2 **DDDC Car park lease**. Clerk chased with DDDC with no progress to date. To note the PM are covered legally with the former lease document.

59.1.3 **Power take off point. Trench work quote (via DDDC), update**. Clerk chased with no progress to date. Awaiting an uptodate quote (via DDDC).

59.1.5 **Ice cream van**. 'No parking' signage. Clerk chased with DDDC and also asked for the help of Cllr Froggatt to get this moving.

59.1.4 **Litter/bins/bench staining**. Update on bench staining – DDDC have now stained the benches at the busiest end of the row. Update on moving of bin – noted there does not appear to be a current litter issue (in terms of full bins).

To note no EV charging points planned for Monsal Head at present (DDDC).

59.2 **MONSAL DALE/VIADUCT.**

Incident near weir – fencing (reported to Chatsworth Estates dept). Mr K Adamson reported the accident. PM also liaised with Chatsworth who have recently put up a new post and rail fence along the section of concern.

Accident on steep steps leading from Monsal Head towards the viaduct. Clerk reported the accident to Peak Park who inspected and stated it was too big a job for them, they then contacted DCC.

Update on footpath leading towards weir. The 'nobbles' on this path are now on the planned works list for DCC rights of way. With 'nobbles' getting increasing worse and bigger.

59.3 OTHER

59.3.1 **Generic email**. Clerk to look into updating the email address to a .gov address.

59.3.2 **Review of village week**:

Well dressing/blessing - It was raised that Lorna Cooper did an 'excellent' 'stunning' job blessing the well. Thank you to Lorna. The hope is that Lorna will do it next year. To note £173.93 was raised for 'Mind'. Was noted the amount appears to vary depending on the charity. Well dressing group to look into a QR code for 2026.

Bunting - to approve the purchase of additional bunting. It was highlighted that the bunting looked 'brilliant.' It was proposed by Mrs A Whittlestone to purchase further bunting, being approx. £600 (based on invoice for bunting for this year), seconded by Mrs C Cotterill. Clerk had also been approached by Cllr Froggatt regarding a local projects grant. Clerk has requested funds towards the bunting. Clerk to order bunting.

Mr S Robertson joined the meeting at 7.30pm.

Band - to discuss booking of band for 2026 well dressing. There was much discussion on this matter. Numbers being low who come to the event from the village; change of band; cost of band in relation to those from the village that attend the event; advertising the event more (Clerk to look into boards); event better on a Sunday; Grumpah do not have a late afternoon Sunday slot. It was resolved for the Clerk/Chair to contact the band who play locally.

Longstone show event. Noted that this was an independent event. Noted in the meeting, comments - Mr A Longsdon 'to be commended for his good effort and bravery;' 'with awful weather;' 'everyone enjoyed it.' Chair highlighted that due to the fiscal rules for a Parish Meeting, LLPM could not give funds towards the event or host an event of this nature. (Guidance was sought and the rules were checked and confirmed by NALC prior to the February meeting).

Open gardens. Chair reported that 3 Little Longstone gardens were open alongside the GL ones. With a good flow of visitors. Due to the gardens at each end being open this brought visitors up to the chapel for the flower festival also.

59.3.2 Parking/speeding/streetlights. Update on entrance marker near Pack Horse and pot holes in road. Clerk attended a site visit with Cllr Sutton to look at both. The pot holes, mainly running up the edge of the road were filled later that day. Parishioner raised that DCC have not done a good job. Following the meeting the Clerk requested - remarking two entrance markers (nr Packhorse and Nr Christmas Cottage) and the white lines down the centre of the road.

Speeding through the village and along Scratta was highlighted. Clerk to contact DCC on the matter/ also PSCO Boswell. National tightening up on noise was raised. Noted that the speeding/noise was worse at a weekend.

59.3.3 Footpaths/dog poo. Footpath signage – In field to the rear of Longstone Byre, leading to Dale Farm/Cherpit Lane. Clerk requested arrow/way marking discs to go on both sides of the gates at end of track and towards Dale Farm.

59.3.4 Trough area. Update on new noticeboard post installation. Update on barrel planters. To discuss staining two benches 2026. Work requested on post. Mr S Robertson to look into the planters and bulb planting ready for next year. The pump not being on in the troughs was noted. Clerk to ask contractor if ok to switch on. Benches to go on next agenda, Chair to look at painting required.

59.3.5 Bio diversity project. Resident raised that if seeds are not going to be planted then the mowing schedule should revert to before. The bio diversity team had contacted the PM to say that they are planning on planting seeds in the autumn on the area down from the chapel, as it was too dry in spring.

59.3.6 Village Maintenance (strimming etc). To monitor during mowing season and review at November meeting (for 2026 plans). It was noted that as the PM had not mowed the verge leading towards both the allotments and Monsal Head, DDDC had mowed these large verges. Clerk had contacted DDDC to see what their mowing schedule is for the village. 'Rural mowing' was done on 17th June, with the second cut due week 15th September. 'The verge is mown only alongside the highway edge, as this mowing is for highway safety only, not aesthetics. Stone walls are also given extra consideration due to danger of damage from vibrations, causing them to fall.' It was discussed if the above two large verges should be taken off the mowing schedule for LL for 2026.

59.3.6 Neighbourhood plan. Chair highlighted a housing needs survey planned to take place for Great and Little Longstone early 2026; last one was carried out in 2008. Looking at additional homes/affordable homes in Great Longstone. The Vicarage and Thornhill House noted, due to changes. It was noted that funding has been cut from £9k for GL and £3K for LL to £750, where the group were originally looking at using some external consultants. Other areas being looked at include transport and parking.

60/25 <u>Correspondence</u>.

DDDC. Local Government re organisation consultation. Proposed move that would see 10 Councils replaced with two Councils. One covering the north and one covering the south of the county.
DDDC. Police and Crime Commissioners grant programme.
DDDC. Bench staining.
DCC. Work planned for footpath to the weir – tree roots/ nobbles.
DCC. Cllr Sutton. Road markings and pot holes.

Chatsworth Estates dept. Monsal Dale incident near weir. Numerous emails.
Peak Park. Local plan review: Business and Land Management survey.
Peak Park. Monsal Steps.
Peak Park Parishes Forum. Draft minutes of the May Meeting.
PKF. Certificate of exemption receipt. Document now to be processed.
Great Longstone Parish Council. Grant from Sports Council and DDCVS for the MUGA project.
Great Longstone Parish Council. Programme for Longstone village week.
Neighbourhood plan (Steering Committee). Numerous emails.
Dalc June and July newsletters.

Community Heartbeat Trust. Register with 'The circuit.' An online system operated by the British Heart Foundation – Clerk highlighted that the defib is to be checked every 90 days to comply with the BHF rules, reminder sent.

The Circuit. Defibrillator has been registered.
Grumpah – Re - confirmation all on for the band for Saturday 12th July 2025.
Lorna Cooper. Numerous (well blessing).
Open gardens emails.
Green Lane Environmental Action Movement. Opportunity to stop off roading.
Rogation Service. Invite. Service has a farming focus.
Fredericks. Car park closure 25th June – plans for the ice cream van. Late payment.
Skipton Building Society. Reduction of savings interest rate.
RBS. Credit interest rate on the account is reducing.

61/25 <u>Late items of correspondence</u>.

Lovedays. Lease.
Neighbourhood plan group – numerous.
GLPC/LASRA – Muga funds.
DCC – footpath 12 – Monsal Dale.
Dalc. August news.
Skipton Building Society – savings statement.
DDDC – Little Longstone verge mowing
P Park – Parishes Day 11th October.
District Cllr Helen Froggatt. Meeting.
DDDC. Reply re Proper Officer/meeting.
DDDC. Local projects fund.
PKF. External auditor. Receipt of exemption.

62/25 Date of next meeting. November 2025.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.46pm.