LITTLE LONGSTONE PARISH MEETING
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Minutes of the Parish Meeting 26th November 2025 in Little Longstone chapel

Present: Mr J Cotterill (Chair)Cllr H Froggatt, Mr K Adamson, Mrs L Cooper, Ms K Askew, Mrs A Plowright, Mr G Brooke, Mr S Robertson, Mrs C Cotterill, Mrs E Lee and Mrs S Stokes (Parish Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm

Cllr Froggatt introduced herself to the meeting and offered to help on any bin, council tax etc issues, she is at the end of a phone or email. Also happy to help chase County issues. Clerk raised that she feels she can approach both Cllrs at County and District level for help on matters. The Chair thanked Cllr Frogatt.

63/25 **To accept apologies from members.** Apologies were received from Mrs J Gledhill, Ms G Blair, Mrs J Blair, Mr J Longsden and Caroline Leatherday (Director of Governance and Corporate Services at DDDC).

64/25 **Minutes of the Parish Meeting 11th August 2025.**The minutes were proposed by Mrs E Lee and seconded by Mr S Robertson.

65/25 **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). District Cllr Helen Froggat declared she does not live in the parish.

66/25 **Financial Matters.**

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

T W Cox	Post work	£240.00
Allen West and Foster	Audit	£396.00
Troway Hall Nursery	Xmas trees	£270.00
Bruno Cardona	Mow/strim (inc. chapel)	£1870.00
James Cox	Mow/strim	£1095.00
T W Cox	Parish grit bin refill	£72.00

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

66.2 **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)	back pay	£108.00
Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk)	Expenses	£224.23

The payments were proposed by Mr S Robertson and seconded by Mrs A Plowright.

To note Clerks expenses includes wreath, printer ink etc.
To note xmas trees ordered for week 24th November 2025.

66.3 **Bank and Savings account updates.** Bank and savings accounts were noted. Clerk to visit the Mansfield Building Society branch to update the savings book/amount.

To note receipt of funds of £200 from Cllr Froggatt - Local projects grant for the new bunting. Thank you went to Cllr Froggatt. The Cllr stated that funds for the next financial year would be available to apply from Feb 26.

66.4 **Clerks pay**. Nalc Salary award 2025/2026, inc. back pay from April 2025. Chair noted that the Nalc pay scale 17 has risen from £15.58 per hour to £16.08 per hour (seen in back pay under Clerks expenses). Clerks pay scale to be reviewed at the next meeting, and any changes to start in next financial year.

66.5 **Donations/funds/projects and subscriptions for 2025/26.** (To note section 137 - £11.10 per persons on electoral roll 2025/26). The Chair read out funds donated in the last financial year. Noted that the amount for Section 137 this year based on an electorate of 67 is £744.

The chair raised that following the request for a donation to the chapel for the small xmas trees, new lights etc he would like to donate £250 from the Chairs fund.

Cllr Froggatt left the meeting at 7.10pm.

Mrs E Lee proposed the following, seconded by Mrs A Plowright:

Subscriptions:
£850.00 Under the Edge
£1000 Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport
£850 Leap

S137 £744 Larsa
Chairs fund £106 Lasra

The Chair highlighted that the replacement net for cricket practice and the plastic benches had now been purchased by LASRA/GLPC, with the surplus funds from LLPM, for Great Longstone recreation ground.

67/25 **Planning matters**.

67.1 **The Longstone Area Neighbourhood Plan**.

The Chair highlighted that the application is for Great Longstone and Little Longstone only.

'Notice is hereby given that the Longstone area neighbourhood plan area approved at regulation 6, under the provisions of the local Act 2011'

'Members have approved the application to designate Great Longstone and Little Longstone parishes as the Longstone Area Neighbourhood Area, under the provisions of the localism Act 2011, in accordance with the submitted documents dates 11th August 2025: LANP Map area; LANP SC Terms of reference; LANP Application to PDNPA'.

The Chair raised that the plan covers many subject areas.
A Member stated broadband being an issue and if this could be looked into, it had been raised at the last public meeting for the NP, but is a big issue at the chapel/ Monsal end of the village.

Clerk to ask Cllr Froggatt for her help on the broadband issue.

68/25 **Matters arising**

68.1 MONSAL HEAD

68.1.1 **DDDC Monitoring Officer** – The Clerk stated that herself and the Chair had a face-to-face meeting with Caroline leatherday (Director of Governance and Corporate Services (DDDC). The meeting was very useful and helped to have a face-to-face meeting, where looking forward the Clerk/Chair feel they can approach the Officer for guidance. Following the meeting Caroline sent a letter (passed to members), below are the key points:

'The Chair of the Parish Meeting and the Proper Officer of the District Council together form a body corporate by the name of 'The parish trustees' with the addition of the name of the parish.' 'The parish trustees must act in accordance with any directions given by the parish meeting.'

'In the case of Little Longstone, the parish owns the freehold land at Monsal Head, Bakewell, registered with HM Land Registry with title number DY457210 'The land'. The Parish Trustees of Little Longstone is the registered proprietor of the land.'

The officer stated that they will execute the lease on the short-term car park (in their role as a Parish Trustee), but not advise, as this is a DDDC lease. The officer will take no part in the decision making with regards to the lease from the DDDC side.

With regards to meetings, it is not considered necessary to attend routine meetings, however noted there may be occasions when it may be helpful for an Officer to attend.

The officer has asked for all agendas/ minutes to be circulated to them,' to ensure the Parish Trustees are able to promptly act in accordance with the parish meetings directions'.

The Clerk raised that it had taken many years to get to this point of being clear on what the Monitoring Officer's involvement should be with LLPM and to have a meeting with them.

68.1.2 **DDDC Car Park Lease** – Clerk reported that the lease from DDDC has been checked by our Solicitor/Clerk/Chair and is ready for signing by the Monitoring Officer and Chair of LLPM. To note prior to the signing DDDC's Solicitor stated that as the car park used to be classed as 'open space,' notices will be required under Section 123 (A) of the local Government Act 1972. DDDC have arranged to publish the notices. To note the current lease is still legal, whilst waiting for the other.

68.1.3 **Power take off point**. Clerk had spoken to DDDC about the UpToDate quote required. To note LLPM had approved a figure a few years ago, but an UpToDate figure is needed. Also noted that the road will need to be closed to carry out the work (looking at winter for the work)/ also effect the car park. Clerk to persist with getting this matter sorted, as a matter of priority, as work is required to be carried out in the winter. Also noted LLPM hoping to incorporate this into the new lease autumn 26.

68.1.4 **Litter/bins/benches**. No report other than DDDC continued to stain further benches.

68.1.5 **Ice cream van**. 'No parking' signage – Clerk chased still no action. To note license expires end December 2026 – Clerk stated that LLPM will consult the Monitoring Officer on the tender documents etc for this. (documents for the current lease were shown to the MO).

68.2 **MONSAL DALE/VIADUCT.** It was raised that the Dale is looking in a poor state. The Clerk had reported the tree down on the weir path. Areas of concern raised: the trees growing out if the footbridge; both paths being trip hazards (had reported in previous meetings), erosion also taking place since the tree felling (which had to take place due to ash die back) also the tree area opposite the view point (leased by Peak Park). Resolved for the Mr K Adamson to make a list of the issues and pass to the Clerk to write to both Lord Burlington at Chatsworth and Peak Park, as the matters are not progressing.

68.3 OTHER

68.3.1 **Generic email**. Clerk to action before the next meeting, clerk has consulted GLPC and Dalc on this, plan to use 'Parishes online' – free.

68.3.2 **Village week 2026** 11th July to 19th July 2026 (ties in with School dates/ carnival/GLPC etc). Well dressing – to start on 11th July; Band – Clerk trying to contact local band (Stella etc) to book for Sunday 12th July 2026 at 6 – 7.30pm. Signage – looking at using metal signs that slides onto to a traffic cone (Clerk also to liaise with local print company).

To Note Clerk to purchase additional bunting as per the last meeting.

68.3.3 **Parking/speeding/streetlights**. Entrance markers and white lines. Clerk chased with Cllr Sutton.

68.3.4 **Footpaths**. Noted that the marker arrows have been fixed to the gates leading to Dale Farm from Longstone Byre direction. Walkers still walking beyond towards Monsal direction.

68.3.5 **Trough area**. Barrel planters – Chair and Mr S Robertson to look into. Bench staining 2026 – Chair to look at the state of the benches in spring. Trough pump – the old pump has broken. Dirt and sediment were noted. It was proposed by Mr S Robertson to purchase and install a new pump seconded by Mr K Adamson. Members to ensure water is topped up, as this is why the pump keeps breaking. To note no drinking sign on the pump. Defib light – noted that the light is not working, Clerk to arrange for this to be sorted with the electrician (this being a H and Safety issue).

68.3.6 **Bio diversity project**. Update by bio diversity team. The team reported that seeds were planted in The Pinfold, no success on this yet, more work may be required on this area, watering of the area once planted was also noted. The team have planted daffodils and bluebells etc. Clerk raised to claim for the seeds (with receipts). A watering rota was raised.

68.3.7 **Village Maintenance 2026**. Review of 2025 schedule and 2026 schedule. The Clerk/Chair raised the current list used for 2025 and consideration for removing the Verge from the Great Longstone end to the five-bar gate beyond the allotments and the verge at the Monsal end (when left by LLPM this year were cut in June, and were planned to cut in September by DDDC). It was resolved to stay with this year's plan with the latter two changes, which will reduce the cost. Clerk to get quote for the next meeting. Also raised that DDDC do not cut near the stone walls, Bio diversity group may want to consider planting at the rear.

68.3.8 **Neighbourhood Plan**. To note the village meeting 7th October 2025 and planning as above. Areas covered – Housing; Creating Community; Business and Tourism: Transport; Environmental Land Management and Nature Recovery; Climate mitigation (energy and renewables).

Housing Needs Survey for Longstone area, running from 11th November – 11th December 2025, starting with survey work. Highlighted that a leaflet went through doors and in UTE – for all to fill out (some sections may not be relevant to all).

69/25 **Correspondence**.

DDDC Solicitor. Car Park Lease; Caroline Leatherday Director of Governance and Corporate Services. The Role and attendance at meetings of Parish Trustees; Local projects fund, successful application and end of grant form; Longstone area Housing needs survey – numerous emails; Roadworks and temp relocation of ice cream van; electoral roll figure.

Multevo. Resurfacing work affecting the short-term car park on 16th September.
Fredericks re: re location for 16th September as above; and payment made.

The Monsal. Re above.
Hobbs Café. Re above.

Noted that the Clerk contacted the above re a road closure and potential access issues.

Lovedays. Car Park Lease. Numerous.

DCC. Parish and Town Liaison Forum presentations. 'Local Government Reorganisation in Derby and Derbyshire;' Grit piles Bottom hill Rd, Monsal Dale; deep pavement pot hole opposite The Hollow actioned. The Mayor of East Midlands. Peak Partnership Summit – Wednesday 19th November 2025. Bakewell Town Hall, 2 – 4pm.

Peak Park Parishes Forum. Parishes day 11th October 2025
Peak Park. Tree down on trail reported; Parishes Day 11th October 2025; Local Plan Review: regulation 18 preferred approach consultation.

PCSO Boswell. Safer Neighbourhood news. August and September 2025. Inc Planning decision notice.
Great Longstone Parish Council. Historic aerial photo of Little Longstone; Longstone Village week 2026; Introductory meeting about the forthcoming Housing needs survey; Work carried out on Cherpit Lane, pre fell race; Surplus from the Muga project.

Neighbourhood plan steering committee – numerous emails.
Dalc. September/October and November news.
Nalc. Local Government Services Pay agreement 2025/26
Skipton. Reducing interest rates.
RBS. Credit interest rate reducing.
Poppy shop Uk. Wreath order.
The Circuit. Defib status check.
Troway Hall Nursery. Xmas tree order.
Severn Trent. Community roadshow Carsington Water. 23/09/25. Future investment plans in Derbyshire.

70/25 **Late items of correspondence**.

Little Longstone chapel – Christmas trees etc and funds
DDDC Caroline Leatherday – Parish Meeting
East Midlands Transport – Transport plan consultation
Neighbourhood plan group. Newsletter.

77/25 **Date of next meeting**. Around February 2026 time.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.58pm