LITTLE LONGSTONE PARISH MEETING
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Minutes of the Parish Meeting 9th March 2026 in Little Longstone chapel

Present: Mr J Cotterill (Chair), Ms G Blair, Mrs J Blair, Mrs C Cotterill, Mr and Mrs K Adamson, Mrs C Burns, Mrs A Plowright, Mr G Brooke, Mrs J Gledhill, Ms L Statham, Ms K Askew, Mrs A Whittlestone, Mr S Headington and Mrs S Stokes (Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting at 7. 01 pm.

01/26 **To accept apologies from members**. Apologies were received from Caroline Leatherday (Director of Governance and Corporate Services at DDDC) and Mrs E Lee.

02/26 **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).** Ms L Statham declared an interest (business owner in parish and FOLs – Longstone School). Also, Mr S Headington from GL parish.

03/26 **Minutes of the Parish Meeting 26th November 2025.** The minutes were proposed by Mrs C Cotterill and seconded by Mr G Brooke.

04/26 **Retirement of Parish Clerk – notice given, for approximately winter 26/27**. *Recruitment plans* required. Clerk reported that Dalc have sent guidance on the recruitment process, whereby they recommend that the meeting recruit' in line with normal Parish Council procedures, but there is no absolute requirement to do so'. The Clerk and Chair have not discussed the process due to the very recent reply from Dalc. Clerk and Chair to look at.

05/26 **Chairs position**. To note election of Chair at the APM in May. The Chair asked for new recruits to the Chairs position, he has been in the role for 3 years and intends on coming out of the post in May 27, latest. If someone took over pre-Clerks' retirement, both the Chair and Clerk could help with this process.

Clerk highlighted that she is happy to support a new Clerk or new Chair before or after retirement.

Mrs J Blair and Ms G Blair joined the meeting at 7.05pm

06/26 Financial Matters.

6.1 To approve payments since last meeting.

Little Longstone Congregational chapel	£250.00
(donations for xmas lights/trees etc – Chairs fund)	
Under The Edge (subscription)	£850.00
Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport (Subscription)	£1000.00
LEAP (subscription)	£850.00
LASRA (S137)	£744.00
LASRA (Chairs fund)	£106.00
A Plowright (bulbs – biodiversity project)	£129.40
A Plowright (flowers – well dressing)	£25.97
T Walton (defib light)	£99.00
S Stokes (bunting)	£579.00
Community Heartbeat Trust (Annual Subscription)	£162.00
Community Heartbeat Trust (Annual Telephone)	£72.00

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

6.2 To approve the payments to be made.

Little Longstone Congregational chapel – room hire	£80.00
Sarah Stokes – Admin	£1608.00
Sarah Stokes – Expenses	£161.15

To note Clerks expenses, include funds towards computer repair bill – highlighted by Chair.

The payments were proposed by Mrs A Plowright and seconded by Ms K Askew.

6.3 Bank and Savings account updates. To note Savings book updated for Mansfield. Funds in accounts:
Savings – Mansfield (£92,708.25 Dec 25); Skipton (£25,736.80 July 25).
Bank – RBS current (£1000.33) Reserve (£4224.19).

Noted that the end of December payment by Fredericks is still due, Clerk chasing with aim of getting this financial year. Noted that this December payment is often delayed by Fredericks.

6.4 To approve costs for well dressing (inc. clay), band, and village week. Clerk confirmed that it was her understanding that the well dressing was going ahead from member of the meeting not present, even though a well dressing meeting had not happened yet. Following much discussion, including costs of flower festival flowers, using own garden flowers, and buying from the flower market, the following funds were proposed by Mrs A Whittlestone and seconded by Mr G Brooke: £600 to include flower festival (£6 x £30 for the window displays), clay (anticipated to be around £150) and the well dressing flowers (balance). Noted that one person buying wholesale for the well dressing and flower festival would be cheaper. Noted that receipts for the flower festival and the well dressing are to be passed to the Clerk in a timely manner.

It was proposed by Mrs A Plowright to purchase a small pack of lamppost poppies for remembrance, seconded by Ms K Askew.

The Chair raised that two local musicians have already been asked to play, with a third who wouldn't commit at the time. Clerk to ask again if can commit. To note the Grumpah band had not been approached as the majority of members at a previous meeting, had felt it was too expensive for the numbers who attended. Mrs A Plowright proposed £300 for the local musician, seconded by Mrs A Whittlestone.

6.5 Clerks pay scale (to note any changes to start April 2026).

The Clerk left the meeting at 7.15pm and rejoined the meeting at 7.24pm.

It was proposed by Mrs A Plowright for the Clerks scale be moved from 1st April from Nalc scale 17 to scale 20, £16.08 to £16.90 per hour, seconded by Mrs E Adamson.

To note Clerk to prepare for the Annual Governance and Accounting statements – Audit for 2025/2026. Internal audit booked with Allen West and Foster. Clerk highlighted that the internal audit is now booked in April.

07/26 Planning Matters. None.

08/26 Matters arising

8.1 MONSAL HEAD

8.1.1 Car Park Lease – Clerk reported that DDDC are now going to publish notices in a local paper regarding the 'disposal of public open space' for two weeks as part of the deed of surrender. Permission had been given in October by LLPM; however, this information did not get through. Our Solicitor has given permission to go ahead. The lease and deed of surrender can then be signed in due course following the notices. To re clarify the lease and surrender will be signed by the Chair and Caroline Leatherday of DDDC. The deed of surrender was re proposed by Mrs C Cotterill and seconded by Mrs A Plowright. To note the deed of surrender of the open space should have occurred years ago when the land became a car park.

8.1.2 Power take off point. Trench work quote (via DDDC) update. Clerk reported that DDDC have confirmed that Derwent Treescapes have honoured the quote from May 2023 of £3560 plus VAT for the 'trench from new feeder pillar near pay machine and install traders pillar in cobbled area' for the ice cream van. DDDC had said if the quote was approved work could be looked at following the Easter holidays. Mrs A Whittlestone approved £4000 plus VAT to cover unexpected costs for the work, seconded by Mr K Adamson. Clerk stated that the work needs to be carried out soon to enable this to be put in the next tender for the ice cream van site this year. Clerk will also be asking for timings on the work to relocate Fredericks ice cream and let the local businesses at Monsal know. Further work is also required, organised and paid for by DDDC for this project.

8.1.3 Litter/bins/benches. Clerk stated that it appears that all the benches have now been stained and look in good order. The wall work required opposite the Monsal has been reported to DDDC.

8.1.4 Ice cream van. 'No parking' signage – it is anticipated that when the power take off work is carried out that the hatched area etc would need re lining, possible widening of the space. Painting in red hatch was raised as an idea to show the ice cream area is different. To note licence expires end of December 2026 – Clerk plans to start looking at this is the summer (to note normally a 3-year lease).

8.2 MONSAL DALE/VIADUCT. Following the last meeting the Clerk wrote to Lord Burlington (Chatsworth) and DCC and Peak Park regarding a number of matters in the dale. Clerk highlighted that Chatsworth are going to be carrying out work on the Netherdale bridge - tree work; a meeting is set up with DCC/ Peak Park/ Mrs S Barrett (N Plan team), Mr K Adamson and Clerk in March to look at the path from the viewpoint down towards the viaduct; Peak Park have suggested a different meeting to look at the other areas, to invite DCC also – Clerk to sort this meeting. Mr K Adamson circulated photos of the main issues. To copies of the relevant letters were distributed in the meeting.

8.3 OTHER

8.3.1 Generic email – update. New email 'Clerk@little longstoneparishmeeting.gov.uk' is now inaction. This running alongside the old one for the time being. Clerk still to let certain organisations know of the change.

8.3.2 Xmas tree. Clerk to thank Mr and Mrs J Longsdon for all their hard work installing and removing the village xmas tree and lights.

8.3.3 Village week 2026 11th July to 19th July 2026.

Well dressing – to note Clerk sent details to 'Visit Peak District.' See 6.4 also.

Well blessing. Mrs L Cooper has agreed do the well blessings for GL and LL. Fols are looking into a parade potentially involving both parishes on Saturday 11th July and involving Mrs L Cooper/ alongside the well blessing/ and around the school event (TBC 12 – 3pm). Noted what used to happen, i.e. parade from Croft Road.

Band update and signage advertising the event. Clerk has asked 2 local musicians both not available. Awaiting to hear on the third. Clerk to chase again. See 6.4.

Bunting and installation of. Turners have quoted £100 an hour plus vat (same as last year) to install and remove the bunting. Noted due to funds from District Cllr Frogatt, there is now twice as much bunting to go up. It was proposed by Mrs K Askew to go ahead with the work, allowing £850 for the work, seconded by Mrs C Cotterill.

The Chair highlighted the open gardens on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th July (pm), all encouraged to open gardens in Little Longstone, if not to consider a tub of flowers, or such to join in with the open gardens event.

Mr S Headington left the meeting at 7.47pm.

8.3.4 Parking/speeding/streetlights. Entrance markers and white lines. Clerk still working with County Cllr Sutton to get some relining carried out. Speeding through the village noted.

8.3.5 Footpaths. Severn Trent (following work on Main Rd) had raised that a culvert on the public footpath in the field adjacent The Hollows requires work, currently has slabs on it. Clerk had passed this information to the landowner.

8.3.6 Trough area. Barrel planters – no action (awaiting parish member). Bench staining 2026 – Chair to look at. Trough pump – awaiting Contractor on new pump. Note light fixed in kiosk.

8.3.7 Biodiversity project. Update by biodiversity team – Seeds were sown in the pinfold but there is so much weed and stone.; looking at a working party to remove weeds in the verge.; bulbs have been moved near the pinfold away from the entrance/ bulbs now coming up; looking at sowing seeds/plug plants (home grown) in a square or circle – e.g. oxide daisies, pink campion (plug plants being more effective); Mrs A Plowright put in for a wildlife grant project in her own name (prior to the Parish Meeting), to remove the concrete from the pinfold (was there due to historic storage an ice cream cart) and restore good order – the grant was unsuccessful as the land is not owned by the Parish; Chair and Clerk were consulted on this matter. Noted that the pinfold is a historic cultural item and a request for LLPM to look into registering the area as common land' 7 other local parishes have listed their pinfold with Derbyshire Heritage such as Monyash and Curbar; Bio team asked if can get together with the Clerk to look at the Pinfold information previously gathered. Clerk to add 'Pinfold to the next agenda as an item.

8.3.8 Village maintenance 2026. The Chair went through the quote from Cox/Cardona, where two verges have been removed from the schedule of works. It was noted that the price has remained the same for the reduced work, although there is no price increase due to higher rates/costs per year. It was noted that 'Mowing and strimming and other work' quote- £3900.00, option for glyphosate free bee friendly weed killer an extra @ £480 and chapel mowing @ £1600 (Cox). To note Chair and Clerk had asked Cox and Cardona re prices. It was raised to ask for a breakdown of costs/hours in prep for looking at workload and costs for 2027. Mr K Adamson proposed the mowing and strimming price as above, seconded by Mr G Brooke. Mrs A Plowright proposed the weedkilling price as above, seconded by Mrs E Adamson. Mrs A Plowright proposed the chapel mowing price as above seconded by Mrs G Blair.

8.3.9 Neighbourhood plan. To note update meeting in the village hall Wednesday 25th February 2026 (Housing needs survey). Chair highlighted that 55 people attended, and further information will be going in UTE.

09/26 Correspondence.

DCC. Entrance markers.
DCC. log of reported signpost on ground, footpath rear of Packhorse.
DCC. Road Closure 16th February 2026 – 17th February 2026 Main Street, Little Longstone Packhorse area – by Severn Trent.
DCC. Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum 8th December 2026. Local Government re organisation.
DCC. Xmas bin collection.
DDDC. Apologies Caroline Leatherday – March meeting.
DDDC. Local plan.

DDDC. Consultation on the future of local government.
Peak Park. Monsal Head.
PPPF. Transport plan.
Peak District National Park Foundation. Nature fund.
Neighbourhood watch. Invitation to launch a neighbourhood watch.
Visit Peak District. Leaflet and well dressing.
Parish online. New email set up.

Dalc. December and January newsletter. Also, procurement. ***Clerk highlighted that section 137 for 2026/27 will be £11.60 per person on the electoral roll.***

PCSO Boswell. Safer neighbourhood news January 2026. And 'Have your say' main concerns.
Neighbourhood plan. Numerous.
GL Parish Council. Village week meeting 26th January 2026.
Mansfield Building Society. Interest rates reducing.
Skipton Building Society. Reducing savings rates.
RBS. Credit interest rate on account reducing. Changes to business account terms.
Allen West and Foster. Internal audit.
Cox and Cardona Quote.
Turner. Bunting price.
Cox. Trough pump order and jet washing.
One Stop promotions. Bunting delivery issues.
Local bands. Playing in July 2026.
The Circuit. Defib check reminder.
Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport. Thank you.
Little Longstone Congregational chapel. Thank you.
Under the Edge. Thank you.
LASRA. Thank you.
LEAP. Thank you.

10/26 Late items of correspondence
Chatsworth. Monsal Dale.
Lovedays Solicitor. Lease.
DDDC. Lease and notices. Deed of surrender.
PKF (auditors). New email address.
DCC. Monsal Dale site meeting emails.
Mr and Mrs J Longsdon. Culvert in field (following Severn Trent work).
DDDC. Planning consultation data base.
Peak Park. Monsal dale site meeting.
Fredericks. Invoice.
DDDC. Housing needs survey report.

Fols (Longstone School)- ***Funds for outdoor projects and well blessing/parade.*** (well blessing see 8.3.3).Mrs L Statham (Fols rep) highlighted a number of areas relating to Fols and the projects in school: Fols is a charity; looking to raise money for school projects; play equipment one project (funding £4/ £5k to date; Forest

school – attracts numbers to school (outside studying); equipment needed for PE; funds for trips; funds have gone to pay for an illustrator; funds needed for books. Fols looking for funds towards 'projects. Clerk had looked into how funds can be given with Dalc, Dalc only replied on powers of LLPM so far. To go on the May agenda.

Dalc. Clerks recruitment/ march newsletter and receipt of email regarding funds and school.

Peak District in Switzerland proposal. Ms G Blair highlighted this is a climate action pilot for hope valley. Noted that the 173 bus goes into Hope valley from the Bakewell direction. The proposal is to pilot buses every hour with extended hours (7pm – midnight); this being a national pilot. A letter has been drafted by GLPC, however due to the last-minute correspondence arriving with the Chair/Clerk the letter/email has not been looked at in any detail. Clerk to liaise with Clerk for GL on deadlines/circulate the proposed letter could be used for both parishes to the members. To go on the next agenda.

11/26 Date of next meeting. Annual Parish Meeting 28th May 2026.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.17pm