



Longridge Town Council

Full Council – Minutes

Date:	5 March 2025		
Place:	Station Buildings, Berry Lane, Longridge.		
Present:	Councillors: L. Jameson (Chair), J. Rogerson, P. Smith, R. Walker, K. Spencer, N. Stubbs (joined at 19:15) and D. Jackson.		
In attendance:	Town Clerk.		
Meeting started:	19:00	Meeting closed:	21:10

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1. WELCOME BY THE DEPUTY CHAIR.

The Deputy Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Members accepted apologies from Cllrs. R. Beacham, S. Rainford and N. Eccles.

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS AND WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTEREST DISPENSATION

Cllr. Rogerson declared interest in Agenda Item 9 – Planning Matters: 1040 and 1029.

4. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2025.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There was no public participation

6. FINANCE REPORT.

The Clerk submitted a report seeking approval for the accounts to date and the Schedule of Payments.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

a. Approve the accounts to date.

b. Approve the Schedule of Payments as set out in the Report and the Table below.

#	Ref.	Payee	Description	Gross £	Vat £	Net £	Due Date	Date Paid
1	sdebt24072	RVBC	Annual charge litter picking April 2024 to March 2025	5,675.45	945.91	4,729.54		24/02/25
2	9506734455	Shred-It	Shredding Service	120.65	20.11	100.54		24/02/25
3	4141027	Eureka	Toilet roll dispensers and toilet rolls	85.44	14.24	71.20		20/02/25
4		Zoe Ashcroft	Toilet rolls	18.30	3.05	15.25		12/02/25
Totals:				5,899.84	983.31	4,916.53		

Note: Approval is not usually sought for Direct Debits and people or organisations where the Town Council has a contractual relationship.

7. COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT.

The Clerk submitted a report asking members to re-consider adopting a plot of land as shown in the report and converting it into a Community Garden.

Members were reminded that the adoption of the plot had been discussed at the Full Council Meeting on 9 October 2024 and at the Estates Committee meeting held on 30 October 2024.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- a. Note the report.
- b. Agree to adopt the plot of land and sign LCC's Heads of Terms for a New Lease, subject to written assurance from LCC that any liability resulting in an accident arising as a consequence of water running off the plot and flowing down Drivers Walk would rest with them.

8. DEPUTY MAYOR.

The Clerk submitted a report asking members to request the Chair to seek written nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2025-2026.

Members were reminded that at the Full Council meeting held on 12 February 2025 they approved the Policy and Methodology for the appointment of the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

Request the Chair to seek written nominations from members for the office of Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2025-2026.

9. PLANNING MATTERS – RELATING TO LONGRIDGE.

The Clerk submitted a report requesting members to consider planning matters since the last meeting.

Note. The following types of applications are not for consultation and are therefore excluded from the lists below: Agricultural Determinations, Discharge of Conditions, Certificates of Lawfulness, Observations to another authority and Screening Options.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

Note the Report.

10. UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

The Clerk submitted a report updating members on actions from recent meetings.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

Note the Report.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVOLUTION.

The Clerk submitted a report updating members on how the Government's plans for Local Government Devolution could affect Longridge Town Council.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- a. Note the Report.
- b. Stress the importance of maintaining a connection with the community through parish and town councils.
- c. Agree to lobby for allowances for parish and town councillors and ensure such councillors are adequately compensated for any increased responsibilities as a consequence of devolution.
- d. Request the Clerk to include Local Government Devolution as a regular agenda item for Full Council meetings.

12. COUNCILOR REPORTS.

- a. No reports were submitted.
- b. The Clerk encouraged members (especially Borough Councillors) to provide summary reports of meetings and activities they had carried out or attended since the last Full Council meeting.

13. TOWNLEY GARDENS – PRESENTATION

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

Accepted RVBC's request to delay making any presentation on Townley Gardens until the matter had been presented to RVBC's Policy and Finance Committee in April.

14. CONSIDERATIONS OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

Agree to limit this agenda item for members and the Clerk to suggest items for future meetings only.

15. DATES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Members agreed the following meeting dates for 2025:

- April 9
- May 14 (Annual Meeting)

SIGNED BY CHAIR FOR THE MEETING:

DATE:

A signed copy is on file.