

MINUTES OF THE LONG LAWFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13th JANUARY 2026 AT 7.30PM IN THE PAVILION, KING GEORGE V PARK, LONG LAWFORD

Present: Chairman Cllr. Mrs L Davison (LD) Cllr. Mr D Goodwin (DG)
 Ms D Groves – Clerk (Clerk) Cllr. Mr M Davison (MD)
 Cllr. Mrs A Pollard (AP) Cllr. Mrs L Dunkley (LD)

		Action
01	<p>Welcome and Apologies for absence. Meeting was opened at 7.30pm. A warm welcome to the meeting was offered to those present and a happy new year wished to all present. Apologies for absence were received from BCllrs Mr D Poole and Mr T Willis and Parish Councillor Mr S Fletcher</p>	
02	<p>To Invite Members of the Public to speak on matters of concern. Various members of the public raised concerns about the proposed additional 650 houses for Long Lawford including concerns about flooding/access; BCllr. Mr Ward advised of a scrutiny meeting due to be held on 21st Jan, 6pm at the Town Hall where these issues could be raised, the County Council will not be supporting the proposal as it stands, to-date 45 residents have responded; until the planning proposal arrives, no observations can be submitted. It was also noted that Brinklow village will double in size, access to the GP surgery is via a single-track road; Long Lawford residents already use the Brinklow GP, Bretford turn has current queues of 40 mins at peak times, this will only increase and cause more severe congestion. Housing need for year 2042 should be used and not 2045 which would also reduce housing needs by 1800 houses.</p>	
03	<p>To Receive Declarations of Personal or Pecuniary Interests None received</p>	
04	<p>To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2025 – no meeting held in December due to illness of members. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Davison and seconded by Cllr. Mr Davison to accept the minutes of 11th November 2025 as a true record, 5 votes in favour.</p>	Clerk
05	<p>To Receive Progress Reports on Outstanding Items not covered later, on the agenda. No reports.</p>	
06	<p>To Receive Borough and County Council Reports No reports</p>	
07	<p>Management/Finance & Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Application for drinks letter sent to Britvic via Cllr. Mr Fletcher – outcome very positive; drinks donated for Xmas event – thanks go to Cllr. Mr Fletcher. b) Xmas event turnout report – approx. 200 children saw Santa, event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Arrangement for date needs to be booked earlier this coming year due to commitments of singer etc. proposing 1st Saturday in December, this will be added as an agenda item for the February 2026 meeting. Complaints about the lack of effectiveness of the lights on the tree and the location of the tree have been received and will be discussed at February 26 meeting. c) Devolution and Local Government Re-organisation meeting 4th November 25 – A report was circulated from Cllr. Mr Davison. This item to be placed on the agenda for February giving Cllrs. the opportunity to read the report and discuss the contents. d) Draft Plan – To be placed on the agenda for February – Cllr. Mr Davison 	<p>DG DG DG DG</p>

	<p>e) Clerk advised that RBC has changed its intentions regarding the local elections, originally elections were going to take place, now advised that elections will be postponed; it is thought that Parish Council elections will also be postponed but awaiting confirmation from RBC</p> <p>f) To consider approval of a supply and fit x2 12V 3.2A/h fire alarm back up batteries @60 inc. VAT. It was proposed by Cllr. Mr Davison, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Davison, 5 votes in favour to accept the proposal; Clerk to organise the work.</p> <p>g) To consider the opening and closing of the outside toilet throughout the winter months to Spring 2026 – Following discussion it was decided to close the toilets throughout the winter months until Spring 2026 (when the clocks back) proposed by Cllr. Mrs Davison, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Dunkley, 5 votes in favour.</p>	<p>DG</p> <p>DG</p>																																				
08	<p>Recreation Ground It was highlighted by Cllrs. that Cherwell Way ground was in a poor state, i.e. very muddy and churned up.</p>																																					
09	<p>Transport, Highways, Drains and Street Lighting</p> <p>a) LP11 – foliage at ground level has been cleared to enable EON to connect electrics to the new St Light, requested that this is done asap as the light has remained unconnected for many months.</p> <p>b) Other lights with problems:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) LC31 Coventry Rd – Warwickshire County Council unit and has a possible cable fault; this is being deal with 2) LC38 – as above 3) LC2 Steeping Rd – Warwickshire County Council unit – it appears Balfours could not access the column base due to a bush needing to be cut back, status request sent. 4) LC7 School St – chasing EON for a date to complete the connection 5) LC4 Townsend Lane – Balfours attended and re-aligned the bracket, nothing was mentioned about the lantern not working, status update requested. 6) LC6 Elizabeth Way – new lantern required – awaiting quote. <p>The Clerk has requested an update for outstanding St Light faults</p>																																					
10	<p>To Receive Details of Financial Matters</p> <p>a) To approve the monthly payments (list circulated to all Cllrs.) It was proposed by Cllr. Mr Davison, seconded by Cllr. Mr Goodwin to approve the payments, 5 votes in favour.</p> <p>b) To consider and approve the annual budget/precept request – following discussions, it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Davison, seconded by Cllr. Mr Goodwin, 5 votes in favour to accept the budget/precept request for 2026/2027.</p> <p>c) Invoices bin emptying – invoices questioned, awaiting follow-up from Borough Cllr. Mr Simon Ward.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>DATE</th> <th>CHQ NO.</th> <th>ISSUED FOR</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>12.11.25</td> <td>4145</td> <td>Xmas Selection Boxes</td> <td>£1,481.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16.11.25</td> <td>4146</td> <td>Error Writing Chq. Chq in book</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>16.11.25</td> <td>4147</td> <td>x2 Strip Lights – Pavilion</td> <td>£135.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16.11.25</td> <td>4148</td> <td>Petty Cash</td> <td>£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29.11.25</td> <td>4149</td> <td>Xmas Singer on 6th December</td> <td>£195.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17.11.25</td> <td>4150</td> <td>Replacement Chq. No. 4118 lost in post Exempt info</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>29.11.25</td> <td>4151</td> <td>Flamex Annual Fire Alarm and Extinguisher Inspections/Service</td> <td>£222.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29.11.2</td> <td>4152</td> <td>Xmas Tree</td> <td>£130.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	DATE	CHQ NO.	ISSUED FOR	TOTAL	12.11.25	4145	Xmas Selection Boxes	£1,481.24	16.11.25	4146	Error Writing Chq. Chq in book		16.11.25	4147	x2 Strip Lights – Pavilion	£135.98	16.11.25	4148	Petty Cash	£500.00	29.11.25	4149	Xmas Singer on 6 th December	£195.00	17.11.25	4150	Replacement Chq. No. 4118 lost in post Exempt info		29.11.25	4151	Flamex Annual Fire Alarm and Extinguisher Inspections/Service	£222.00	29.11.2	4152	Xmas Tree	£130.00	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>BCllr. SW</p>
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	9.12.25	4154-4157	Exempt Info		
	9.12.25	4158	Telecoms	£95.00	
	9.12.25	4159	Information Comm Office 25/26	£52.00	
	9.12.25	4160	3 rd Qtr. Grounds Maintenance	£1,620.00	
	9.12.25	4161	Custom Heat Care Plan Call Out	£60.00	
	22.12.25	DD	British Gas Pavilion 1.11.25-1.12.25	£26.99	
	9.12.25	4162	Petty Cash	£350.00	
	9.12.25	4163	St Light Replacement PB7 School St	£2,181.04	
11	<p>To Receive Details of Planning Matters</p> <p><u>New Planning Applications</u> None</p> <p><u>Approved Planning Applications</u> NONE</p> <p><u>Refused Planning Applications</u> NONE</p> <p><u>Other Planning</u> NONE</p>				
12	<p>To Receive Information on minor matters and items for future Agenda</p> <p>Xmas event 2026 Draft Plan Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation</p>				
13	<p>Confidential Items</p> <p>Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 – to resolve to exclude members of the public under Section (2) and (3A) (b) of the Act</p> <p>None</p>				
14	<p>Date and Time of the Next Meeting</p> <p>To confirm, the date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting due to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th February 2026 at the Pavilion, King George V Park, Long Lawford. Meeting was closed at 8.05 pm</p>				

Signed:

Chairman

Mrs Lynn Davison

Date: