MINUTES OF THE LONG LAWFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th APRIL 2025 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)

Clir. Mr S Fletcher (SF)

		Action
01	Welcome and Apologies for absence.	
	Meeting was opened at 7.40pm. A warm welcome to the meeting was offered to those present.	
	Apologies for absence was received from Cllr. Mrs Pollard, BCllrs. Mr S Ward, Mr D Poole and	
	CCIIr. Mrs H Timms. Apologies received and accepted.	
02	To Invite Members of the Public to speak on matters of concern.	
	The Council was advised that the refurbishment of the phone box would commence in a couple of	
	weeks. Request from the Lawford Association to allow for Donkeys at the annual festival on 12th July,	
	advised this was up for discussion/decision later on the Agenda	
03	To Receive Declarations of Personal or Pecuniary Interests	
	None received	
04	To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2025	
	It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Davison and seconded by Cllr. Mr Davison to accept the minutes of 11th	Clerk
	March 2025 as a true record, 4 votes in favour.	
05	To Receive Progress Reports on Outstanding Items not covered later, on the agenda.	
	a) Installation of drain down kit for boiler at Pavilion has been carried out; this kit will need replacing	
	every five years, prevents limescale buildup and legionnaires disease.	
	b) Connexion equipment is being removed, Clerk has requested £100 towards electricity used	Clerk
	whilst equipment has been in place, this has been agreed; Clerk to submit an invoice to	
	Connexion	
06	To Receive Borough and County Council Reports	
	Nothing much to report as we are in purdah, i.e. pre election period where it must be sensitive to not	
	affect people's voting by what is discussed. Local Plan options most have supported earmarked 400	
	dwellings in Long Lawford, 410 in Brinklow, 700 in Wolvey. Rural areas will be largely affected; the	
	consultation period will last 8 weeks. On 2 nd May Long Lawford Methodist Church will host a public	
	consultation to discuss the plan and options. The options are also available for download to make a	
	personal representation. www.rugby.gov.uk/local-plan-review-preferred-options-consultation or you	
	can email your comments to localplan@rugby.gov.uk or by post to	
	Desfarred Ontine Consultation	
	Preferred Option Consultation	
	Development Strategy Team	
	Town Hall	
	Evreux Way	
	Rugby	
	CV21 2RR	
	Wolston cannot be included as it is considered that there is no room for expansion, there are a whole	
	host of reasons why sites have been chosen, information can be googled under local plan, preferred	
	options; there is a further call for sites. There is a new directive on what is considered Grey and	
	Green belt. This is the first stage of the consultation and by the end of 2026 a new plan must be in	
	place, failing which the area will be at the mercy of planners who will resist section 106 funding linked	
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	to huge developments to pay for things like Schools, Surgery'	

07 Management/Finance & Administration

a) Request received from frontside supply to provide a skatepark jamboree (previously approved for 3 years), i.e. use of King George V skatepark on Sunday 27th July, ensuring that the park is left clean and tidy with their own public liability insurance in place for the event – it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Davison, seconded by Cllr. Mr Davison, 4 votes in favour to allow the use of the skatepark for the proposed event.

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- b) Proposed attendance by Cllrs. Mrs Davison and Mr Davison reference RBC Preferred Option Consultation Councillors attended consultation; Cllr Mr Davison explained what areas etc. were being considered and advised that Lodge Farm has already been sold to developers Pegasus who under the draft plan are proposing 350 houses. It was further advised that when considering responses to the local plan for this area the following should be highlighted strongly:
 - that there is a National Gas main which goes to Church Lawford and right through the targeted site which makes it an unsafe site to develop.
 - Lawford Heath Lane junction will need to be improved to give a better view of traffic coming from Rugby.
 - There is a lot of water that drains off the site which already leads to flooding of the road and end causing issues for the houses either side of the park strip at Livingstone Avenue.
 - Extra traffic from the site and all other roads will lead to more queuing at the bypass
 junction with Lawford road; traffic will have a similar effect at Bretford turn, if the sites at
 Brinklow are also approved this will have an even bigger impact. Presently there can be
 30 mins tail backs coming from Wolston.
 - Long Lawford has already taken more than its share of housing. Since 1990 we have had continuous development; this has resulted in the village becoming 3 or 4 times the size in area this site would take it to even bigger expansion.
 - Long Lawford residents are becoming an urban extension of Rugby and no longer a village.
 - RBC has not proven that it needs to infringe on the Green Belt (some sites are proposed on the Green Belt) contrary to paragraph 145 of the National Planning Policy Framework. If this comment is used in any observations/objections, you will need to add your name and address as RBC do not take any notice of anonymous comments.
- c) Request received from Lawford Community Association Fete Committee to consider approval for Donkeys to be in attendance for the fete day as per 2024, lots of requests have been received from members of the public following the success of the event last year. It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Davison, seconded by Cllr. Mr Goodwin, 3 votes in favour with 1 abstention. Clerk to grant permission.

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- d) To consider a request from the Caldecott Arms FC for the use of the King George V pitch under the same conditions as the previous 3 years, i.e. discounted price for use of the pitch/pavilion with kick off of matches at 11am on Sundays, together with training held once per week in the good weather. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Davison, seconded by Cllr. Mr Davison, 4 votes in favour to agree a further 3 years contract with the same terms and conditions.
- e) To consider the requests received from LUFC and the increased usage of pitches for 2025/26 season (training) Given the very heavy use of all pitches and parks, it was agreed that there could be no use of the pitches/parks for training of LUFC teams from Mid July-Mid August,

	proposed by Cllr. Mrs Davison, seconded by Cllr. Mr Goodwin, 4 votes in favour. Neal Whitford was in attendance so is aware of the decision.					
08	Recreation Grounds					
09	Nothing to report. Transport, Highways, Drains and Street Lighting Clerk advised that Connexin still had their equipment attached to Parish Council owned St Lighting columns. See Agenda item 5a) above. Quote received to replace LP8 – to be added to the Agenda for May meeting.					
10	To Receive Details of Financial Matters					
	 To approve the monthly payments (list circulated to all Cllrs.) It was proposed by Cllr. Mr Goodwin, seconded by Cllr. Mr Fletcher to approve the payments, 4 votes in favour. 			Clerk		
	DATE 14.3.25	CHQ NO. 4049	ISSUED FOR LGPS replacement Chq 3700 uncashed Assumed lost in post - Exempt Info.	TOTAL		
	21.3.25 25.4.25 8.4.25	4050 4051 4052-4056	Water Plus Ltd Pavilion 13.12.24-13.3.25 Annual Insurance 25/26 Exempt Info	£72.80 £4,386.50		
	8.4.25 8.4.25 22.4.25	4057 4058 DD	Telecoms Petty Cash British Gas – Pavilion	£95.00 £350.00 £74.35		
11	To Receive Details of Planning Matters New Planning Applications					
	 1. R25/0180 – Single storey rear extension and rear outbuilding. 15 The Caldecott Arms, Main St, Long Lawford, Rugby, CV23 9AY Observations: There are parking issues, parking on the road is already is at its limit Insufficient off-road parking The extension will in effect remove one current parking space 					
	 There is a proposed storage shed on the plans, we would like to request that this building, which has windows, is prevented from being used as anything other than a storage shed, as the Council would question why a storage shed would need windows and there is a thought that in future there could be an attempt to use the building for other purposes. 					
	If the planning committee is minded to approve this application, the Council would like to request that consideration be given to using the whole of the rear area of the site for parking which is in need to keep the road passable and safe for pedestrians and vehicles alike.					
	The above observations were proposed by Cllr. Mr Davison, seconded by Cllr. Mr Fletcher, 4 votes in favour.					
	Approved Planning Applications NONE Refused Planning Applications NONE Other Planning NONE					

12	To Receive Information on minor matters and items for future Agenda LP8 School Street replacement Potential need for a new Hard Drive for CCTV equipment Xmas Goods	
13	Confidential Items 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 None	
14	Date and Time of the Next Meeting To confirm, the date and time of the annual meeting of the Parish will be held at 7.15pm followed by the next Parish Council Meeting due to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th May 2025 at the Pavilion, King George V Park, Long Lawford. Meeting was closed at 8.23 pm	

Signed:	 	 	Date:	
Chairman				
Mrs Lynn Davison				