



The Monthly Parish Council Meeting of Longhoughton Parish Council was held this evening at Boulmer Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Cllr Hinchcliffe (AH) (Chair), Bromley (Vice Chair) (PB), Green (CG), McEwen (PM) and Thomas (CT)

In attendance: Elizabeth Taylor, Clerk (ET) & 7 member of public (inc Kevin Edgar re item 6b).

Abbreviations Used in Minutes:

PC – Parish Council; NCC – N’land County Council; NALC – N’land Association of Local Councils
 LCSCT – Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre Trust; CAN – Community Action N’land;
 LAA – Longhoughton Allotment Association; NL – N’land Coast National Landscape.

<u>Monthly Parish Council Meeting Minutes</u>	<u>Action</u>
<p>Members of the Public:</p> <p>Missing Boulmer Sign: John Browell enquired when the missing Boulmer sign would be replaced. It had been reported sometime ago on NCC FixMyStreet. It was noted this was an NCC Highways issue and if reported, would be processed in due course.</p> <p>Speeding in Boulmer: John Browell reported concern about speeding in Boulmer and requested traffic calming measures. AH advised in the first instance, the PC Speedwatch Group would carry out speeding checks. If speeding were observed then the speed strips could be requested from NCC Highways. AH advised NCC Highways would not implement any speed calming measures without evidence of speeding.</p> <p>25/00810/FUL Longbank Farm: 4 residents were in attendance for this item. It was noted the PC had also received 4 letters of support from residents notifying the PC of their support for this application. There was concern that the proposed development of 14 houses didn’t include any affordable houses and did not provide for any of the house types that had been identified as part of the Neighbourhood Plan Housing Needs Assessment, which were highlighted as part of the NDP consultation. There was also concern that the 11 new properties plus us the existing three properties were a substantial out-of-village development and also road safety concerns given that there was no footpath or cyclepath to the development to Longhoughton village. PM flagged there had been 1 x RTA on that stretch of road since the other houses had been developed at Longbank Farm, However, the PC could also understand and appreciate why residents would want to see the barn developed. Stephanie Linnell pointed out that there had been no objection by NCC Highways when permission had been granted for 6 dwellings (24/02852/AGTRES) and no footpath or cyclepath request had been raised. The installation of this would also create an urban entrance in a rural location and also, if not developed, the barn was likely to fall into disrepair as the farm was no longer trading.</p> <p>It was agreed the PC to ask NCC for a further extension so that it could seek clarification on a number of points before submitting stakeholder consultee feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why the PC wasn’t consulted on the Class Q consent application 24/02852/AGTRES; • Clarification on whether Class Q consent is permitted development as long as it meets the planning guidance criteria; • Enquiring if the process of permission as rigorous for Class Q consent as it is for regular planning applications; and • Enquiring if it is common practice for Class Q consents to be amended after the Class Q has been granted. <p>Bill Sidwick requested that the PC obtain the info required to make a decision asap and that the development would be a desirable addition to Longhoughton. Emma Wilcox asked for clarification on when the PC would make a decision once information had been obtained. AH confirmed the PC could make a fast decision by email exchange rather than waiting for</p>	<p>PM</p>

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	the next PC meeting. AH also clarified, the view of the PC isn't the final decision on the planning application, the PC is one statutory consultee in the planning application process.	
1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Ellis (BE) and Horsley (HH), County Cllr Wendy Pattison (WP) and Laura Rowberry (LR) (RAF Representative).	
2.	Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17 March 2025. The minutes were approved as a correct record.	
3.	Declarations of Interest: AH is Secretary and Trustee of LCSCT.	
4.	<p>County Councillor Wendy Pattison – Northumberland County Council Update WP had previously circulated a report.</p> <p>Mobile Library: NCC has invested £225k in a new mobile library van.</p> <p>NCC Environment and Climate Fund: £50k will be distributed across 18 projects is supporting sustainable initiatives in the county. Each project will help strengthen NCC's ambition to make Northumberland a net zero county by 2040.</p> <p>Affordable Homes: 4 new council houses are to be built in Embleton, providing affordable homes to rent for local people. Planning permission has been granted to build 2, two-bedroom level access bungalows and 2, two-bedroom houses. Anyone interested in renting one of these properties will need to join Northumberland Homefinder – http://www.northumberlandhomefinder.org.uk to apply. Once the properties are built, they will be added to the Homefinder register</p> <p>Dedicated Addiction Support: The rate of drug misuse deaths in Northumberland stands at 5.8 per 100,000 residents. The Northumberland Recovery Partnership (NRP) is a dedicated service for anyone in Northumberland aged 18 and over and is experiencing problems with drugs and alcohol. Anyone who would like help, advice or support should contact the NRP on 01670 396303.</p>	
5.	Inspections - Longhoughton Playing Field/Footpath: CG confirmed all ok.	CG
6.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a) Chair's Matters Arising Paper (AH had been previously circulated a report) Tree Planting at Chancel Place: The tree planting has now been carried out and this long-standing item can now be closed.</p> <p>Northumberland Coast National Landscape Visitor Access and Interpretation Project: It was noted that a drop-in session for all residents is to be held at LCSCT on 6/5/25 from 2.30pm-7pm for anyone in the community which wishes to contribute to the project.</p> <p>Howick Road Repairs: A number of complaints receive about the area in the trees close to the Redsteads turn. NCC Highways have confirmed the road is to be resurfaced at the beginning of May 2025.</p> <p>Standing Water near Quarry: NCC are aware and it has been confirmed by NCC Highways as the 3rd item on their list to take action to investigate the blocked pipe.</p> <p>Worm Digging at Boulmer Haven: The PC has sent a statement sent to the NIFCA Board which meets on 28/4/25 as neither WP nor AH can attend the meeting.</p> <p>Boulmer Car Parks: See Agenda item 6d).</p> <p>PC Ways of Working: This item to be picked up again when the new PC is formed after the May elections.</p> <p>Community Event 2025: Tyne & Wear Community Foundation grant application for £1,700 is still being considered. Outcome due end of April. Once a response has been received, AH to call a meeting.</p> <p>NCC Open Spaces Consultation: AH still to circulate a note of the Consultation and the implications for Longhoughton.</p> <p>Planning Application for Extension to the Quarry. A request to present to the PC and Quarry Liaison Group has been made. AH has advised the presentation should also include residents and be open to the public. A suggested date of 10/5/25 has been made. AH to confirm and advise. It was noted that previously vehicle movements</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p>

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	<p>have been exceeded, more material than permitted has been extracted and the restoration of the quarry has been excessively delayed. All these factors must be flagged and answered at a meeting. The PC and residents need certainty, clarity and honesty so they can understand what is being proposed by the planning application. It was agreed to enlist the professional assistance of Jo-Anne Garrick with the PC's stakeholder feedback submission. All agreed.</p> <p>PC Safeguarding Policy. CG to circulate a possible policy for review and adoption</p> <p>Dog Fouling Complaint: Article to be included in the April/May Newsletter</p> <p>Meeting with NCC Highways Officer Robin McCartney (17/3/25):</p> <p>Beach Road: RMcC to come back to PC with an estimate of costs. Outstanding.</p> <p>One-Way System Burnside. RMcC to revert on the proposed location of the sign. ET to chase for a response on outstanding issues.</p> <p>b) Elections – May 2025</p> <p>ET reported that 5 Parish Councillors will be elected uncontested as part of the May elections: AH, PB, CG, HH and PM. It was noted that BE and CT would be standing down. Sincere thanks were extended to both Bryan Ellis and Chris Thomas for their time served on the PC. It was noted with grateful thanks that CT would continue to help with the newsletter and also website/Facebook account. An article to be included in the next newsletter strongly urging residents to come forward to fill the remaining 5 vacancies support the continuation of a PC for our 3 villages of Longhoughton, Howick and Boulmer. AH to reach out to David Baring for help finding a representative for Howick, who are currently not represented on the PC.</p> <p>c) Draft Annual Report (AH had been previously circulated a draft report for review) The content and a longer 4 page report with supporting photographs was agreed. It was also agreed to increase the parish newsletter to 8 sheets. The cost difference is negligible and this would enable more photographs to be included.</p> <p>d) Boulmer Car Park – PC Supporting Statement (AH had been previously circulated a report) NCC have confirmed that a statement of community benefits can be put forward by the PC for inclusion with the Planning Application. To be submitted by mid-May. AH circulated a draft which had also been submitted to the Trustees of Boulmer Memorial Hall for review and comment. It was agreed to enlist the professional help of Jo-Anne Garrick in finalising this document at an approximate cost of circa £150-£300. All agreed.</p>	<p>CG AH</p> <p>AH/ET</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Reports for Discussion (all reports had been previously circulated by AH/PB)</p> <p>a) Neighbourhood Plan Update: AH advised this was now published and open to consultation until the end of May. A Planning Inspector had been appointed by NCC and the plan together with all comments from the consultation would be submitted to the Planning Inspector. This process would take 2 months with the possibility of a Referendum in Autumn.</p> <p>b) Longhoughton Update: It was noted the new VMS sign near Longbank Farm hadn't yet been installed. ET to chase NCC for an installation date.</p> <p>Boulmer Update: No further updates Howick Update: No further updates</p>	<p>ET</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) Bill Sidgwick/ Andrew Stewart/ Lawrence McCaughey/ James Forsyth – All support for planning application 25/00810/FUL Longbank Farm – all noted</p> <p>b) Richard Pearson – Complaint re state of roads at Howick – see 6a) above</p> <p>c) Jules Tiley – Impact of Slurry Water - Longhoughton Quarry – see 6a) above</p> <p>d) Gina Watson – Request to widen gates on Coastal Path between Seaton Point Steps/Boulmer. AH had written to N'land Estates to inform them of the request.</p> <p>e) NCC – Thriving Together Newsletter March # 2 - noted</p>	

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	<p>f) Longhoughton Community Gardeners – new Chair – CT advised the new Chair was David East. The PC wished to extend its thanks to Gill Bromley for all her work with the Group.</p> <p>g) Space for Shorebirds & RSPB – Curlews, Coffee & Cake – 22/4/25 at 10am – Boulmer - noted</p> <p>h) Thank You – Bailiffgate Museum and Longhoughton Parish Heritage Group – noted</p> <p>i) Joan Ford – Bird nuisance in Longhoughton – AH to suggest contacting NCC Environmental Services to see what assistance/help they can offer/suggest.</p>	AH
9.	<p>Parish Financial Matters:</p> <p>a) N’land Accountants (Payroll) - £60 - agreed</p> <p>b) Greenfingers (Boulmer Grass Cutting) - £90 - agreed</p> <p>c) Clerk (Wages) - £465.55 - agreed</p> <p>d) HMRC (£109 PAYE and £19.25 Employers NI) - £128.25 - agreed</p> <p>e) LCSCT (Room Hire - March AMG Prescriptions - £64) - £64 – agreed</p>	
10.	<p>Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25/00810/FUL – 6No dwellings in replacement of barn with extant Class Q for 6No dwellings - Longbank Farm, Longbank Farm Drive, Longhoughton, NE66 3AP – further clarification and extension to be requested - see public questions above. • 25/00926/PRUTPO – The Orchard, North End, Longhoughton, NE66 3AG – no objections 	
11.	<p>Matters for Information/Next Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG requested the PC consider suitable nominations for Freedom of the Parish. 	CG
12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and Monthly Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm - Monday 19 May – LCSCT Westfield Park</p>	ALL

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.

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