Longhoughton Parish Council **Meeting**
Monday 15 June 2026

The Meeting of the Parish Council of Longhoughton Parish Council was held this evening at Howick Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Hinchcliffe (AH) (Chair), Bromley (Vice Chair) (PB), Calam (MC), Knox (IK), McEwen (PM), Nichols (MN), Rowberry (LR) (Parish Councillor and RAF Representative).

In attendance: County Cllr Wendy Pattison (WP) and Elizabeth Taylor, Clerk (ET)

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; NCNL – N'land Coast National Landscape.

Monthly Parish Council Meeting Minutes		**Action**
Members of the Public - Questions: No members of the public were in attendance.		
1.	**Philippa Bromley, RAF Boulmer – Community Road Safety Day – 3 July 2026** RAF Boulmer Road Safety Committee is hosting a Community Road Safety Morning to promote safe driving and encourage support for the village's 20mph speed limit on Friday 3 July from 10:00-12:00. Residents, local organisations, schools, and businesses are warmly invited to take part. Please meet at Bader Crescent, Longhougton at 09:30. The event will bring the community together at several locations across the village, with children and volunteers displaying "20 is Plenty" and "Honk if you are going 20" banners to raise awareness among drivers. There will also be a road safety stall, vehicle displays from the RAF Mechanical Transport team, and support from RAF Police and (subject to availability) Northumbria Police. Participants are encouraged to wear organisation-branded high-vis, uniforms or football kits, and to bring along homemade banners to show community support. This is a great opportunity to promote road safety, engage with local families, and demonstrate a shared commitment to keeping our village safe. The PC welcomed the initiative and congratulated all involved in organising bringing together key stakeholders in the community such as RAF, Police, PC, School, Church, LCSCT, etc. PB flagged the opportunity to bring all the organisations involved to sign-up to a safety charter committing them to being champions of road safety and committing to appropriate speeds and awareness through the village. It was agreed there should be a de-brief meeting and regular meetings of this group going forwards.	
2.	**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Green (CG) and Horsley (HH).	
3.	**Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18 May 2026.** The minutes were approved as a correct record.	
4.	**Declarations of Interest:** AH is Secretary and Trustee of LCSCT. **Grant of Dispensations Leave of Absence for Hannah Horsley:** Having considered the continuing ill health of HH, the PC approves the reason for HH's continued absence from meetings under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 and grants a further period of approved absence until 16 November 2026.	
5.	**County Councillor Wendy Pattison – Northumberland County Council Update** WP had previously circulated a report. **Howick Road**: WP reported that road resurfacing would take place after the school holidays. WP would also fund the road in Howick Village being resurfaced using her NCC Members Allowance. **Overgrown Hedge at Longhoughton/Boulmer Road Junction**: WP reported that Jonathan Park, NCC Highways Officer had written to the home owner in May with no response. A further letter had been sent at the beginning of June and some of the hedge had been cut back, but not enough. It was agreed AH to speak with the home owners to see what help and assistance can be offered to get hedge cut back appropriately so that it doesn't cause a road safety hazard.	**AH**

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	Recycling Advice and Assistance: NCC are undertaking recycling contamination engagement work and are embarking on an education campaign which involves the Recycling Engagement Officer Jasmine Patterson visiting parishes to explain about what can and can't be recycled. For more information, contact Jasmine on M: 07701 287680 and Email: jasmine.patterson@groundwork.org.uk **NCC Payroll Service**: WP advised NCC offer a payroll service. This is not free. ET advised the PC currently use N'land Accountants, who offer better value for money. **Taste of N'land:** a new scheme bringing together a collection of bookable county-wide foodie experiences and tours, with a quality mark that assures consumers of genuine ingredients, artisan skill and locally sourced products. **Traditional Street Lamps**: WP visited Norham Village which had invested in its own traditional street lamps. Much more aesthetically pleasing than the standard street lamps. They are available at: https://www.williamsugg.co.uk/	
6.	**Inspections - Longhoughton Playing Field/Footpath:** AH reported all ok.	
7.	**Matters Arising** **a) Chair's Matters Arising Paper** (AH had previously circulated a report). **Beach Road:** James Forsyth had sent AH a news article about the success of Quiet Lane status in another County. It was noted that the PC had requested this but NCC don't recognise or support Quiet Lanes. It was agreed the PC to contact NCC Highways to promote the success elsewhere to determine if that decision can be reconsidered. **Recycling:** NCC have been invited to give a talk to Thursday Together in November. **Renewal of Stobs:** Iain Robson of NCNL has suggested an alternative contractor to renew the stobs on either side of the entrance track to the car park. **Flu/COVID Vaccinations**: AH advised the discussion with K-Chem is outstanding. **Bridge over the Stamford Burn**: MC advised still awaiting the outcome of the visit by Richard Gledson (new Estate Director for Howick Trustees) who had agreed to review the issue and what remedial action could be undertaken. MC to follow-up. **NHS Health Checks**: AH reported that the future viability of the sessions was still unknown. AH to liaise with NCC to see if they will continue. **Wellbeing Walks**: Wednesday's 11am, LCSCT car park. More participants needed! **11 to 16 Kick-About:** Ballenger Trust has given a grant to support the Kick-About and Thursdays Together - £3k per annum for the next 2 years. Kick-About will recommence again in the Autumn. **June Newsletter**: Written, published and delivered – huge thanks to all involved. **Longhoughton Feast**: AH advised plans are going well but lots of volunteers are needed. An appeal will be sent out for volunteers to sign-up. The Longhoughton Fest will take place on Saturday 11 July 11am-4pm at LCSCT. **Safeguarding Policy**: AH confirmed this was still outstanding. **Longhoughton School Green Ownership**: Awaiting advice from the solicitor. **School Crossing Officer for Longhoughton**: AH reported that someone had been offered the position and would hopefully be in post for September. **Detritus on Village Woodland Footpath**: PB confirmed he had tidied up and cleared away the detritus. It was agreed no action would be taken on the request for a bridge as it was considered unnecessary at this time. **b) Update on Police Liaison:** MC noted that since the meeting, Northumbria Police had subsequently been involved in a road speed issue at Boulmer. In addition, AH flagged correspondence item 9h) where speeding traffic had caused damage to a garage. AH had agreed to put up one of the new Speedwatch Signs in the hope that this might deter any more anti-social driving on Elworthy Road. ET/PB also flagged the recent graffiti in the Spar Bus Stop. LR advised that there had also been reports of a number of cases of increasing anti-social behaviour amongst a number of	**AH/ET**

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	youths – this was being tackled with Neighbourhood Police visits and also education awareness sessions at the youth groups in the Beacon. **c) Update from the Speedwatch Team:** PM advised he has had to step down from volunteering due to ill health. This leaves PB as the sole member of the Speedwatch Team due to ongoing training and recruitment issues with Northumbria Police. PB to reach out to Lesbury PC to enquire if some joined-up Speedwatch sessions could be undertaken. PM also noted that Powburn had requested their speedgun be returned which left the PC with no speedgun. WP offered to purchase a new speedgun for the PC with her NCC Members Funding in 2027.	
8.	**Reports for Discussion** **a) Longhoughton Update:** no further updates. **Boulmer Update**: AH advised the noticeboard needs replacing and also requested permission to get a quote for a sign for the Boulmer Wildflower Meadow - agreed. **Howick Update:** no further updates. **b) Development Projects Update:** i. **Discussion with N'land Estates on Housing Site Development:** AH had previously circulated a report. AH met with Guy Munden and Rachel Day on 19/5/26 to progress projects identified in the NDP. Former Recreation Ground, Longhoughton - NDP designated approx 15 dwellings of up to 3 bedrooms with 30% affordable housing accessed from East Moor. A large recreation area with footpaths and a greenway running north to south. A small public car park accessed from Crowlee Road. Possible access to Longhoughton Primary School. The following issues were noted: The need for some residents' car parking to replace the parking that will be displaced when the access road is opened up from East Moor. The PC would like to move forward with the project for the public car park and will be looking to undertake some preliminary assessment work. Possibility of N'land Estates linking this development with Boulmer South and possible the 4 properties designated for the Johnnie Johnson site. Possible timescale - 2-3 years. Boulmer South - NDP designated approx 15 dwellings of up to 3 bedrooms with 30% affordable housing accessed from Bowmere. Occupation principal residence only. Johnnie Johnson Site - NDP designated 4 affordable properties on a greenfield site owned by NCC. There is a need for a dialogue with NCC housing and CAN. It was noted the difficulty of developing 4 affordable dwellings in isolation. It was agreed that if the PC wished to progress a car park on the former recreation ground then professional advice was needed and the PC should engage with NCC. At 9pm WP left the meeting. ii. **Climate Change Project:** MC had previously circulated a report. MC proposed 3 areas of focus: habitat and wildlife, signposting support and information and community energy generation. It was noted MC's area of expertise was research and that LR agreed to help with engagement with stakeholders. It was agreed MC to produce another iteration of what the Climate Change Strategy would look like for the PC and it was agreed a Climate Change Working Group should be established. AH/PB to review membership of the old group. Building on the excellent Community Road Safety Day, it was suggested that a Climate Awareness Day would build on the community engagement. This could include all key stakeholders again and include a litter pick, talks, NCC recycling officer, etc. iii. **Youth Strategy:** LR advised work was progressing. LR to undertake a full review of youth provision and will follow-up with a further report and action plan in July. iv. **Longhoughton West Side Greenway:** AH had previously circulated a report. The NDP envisaged a green route along the west side of Longhoughton from the Co-op area to the Pondfield alongside Station Road. It was envisaged that this would give an alternative route for residents and visitors that would avoid walking on the side of the	**AH/ET** **MC**

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	B1339. This route would encourage more people to walk rather than use vehicles and would have benefits for health. It was also noted that Longhoughton Community Gardeners had ambitions for a nature reserve on the east side of the Burnside football pitch. The Greenway could be integrated with the nature reserve to afford public access. To take forward this concept there needs to be initial consultations with the PC, LCSCT and the Church. Following these consultations, provided they are in favour it will then be necessary to talk to landowners and residents of Longhoughton.	
9.	**Correspondence** a) NCC – New Northumberland Local Plan – Scoping Consultation – AH/PB to review. b) RAF Boulmer – Community Road Safety Day – 3/7/26 - noted c) NCC - Update from Councillor Mather – Cabinet Member for Highways - noted d) NCC - North N'land Community Partnership Meeting – 28/5/26 – Bamburgh - noted e) NCC - Town & Parish Liaison Working Group Presentations – 21/5/26 - noted f) NCC - Thriving Together Newsletter May# 1 & 2 - noted g) NCC - Digital Switchover Briefing – 24/6/26 - noted h) Julie Mawer – Highways Issues - Elworthy Road, Longhoughton – see 7b) above. i) Matthew Watson – Allotment Sites – ET advised the request had been referred to Janne Coyle, Chair of LAA. j) NCNL – Meeting 24/6/26 – 4pm – LCSCT – noted k) NCC Monitoring Officer – Declaration of Interests – a new section 32A of the Localism Act 2011 – noted l) NCC Highways – 2026-29 LTP Programme – It was noted that the feedback from NCC on the PCs was as follows: Boulmer Road/North End Junction visibility improvements - current accident record does not justify intervention at this time, (2 recorded accidents, none since 2012). Howick Safety improvements - Right turn off the B1339 (going north) when turning to Howick Hall and Howick village - A safety scheme has recently been implemented at this junction. WP agreed to review the signage at this junction. Boulmer Road Pavement - This maintenance issue has been formally recorded and will be taken into consideration during the development of future planned maintenance programmes. In the meantime, our Area Maintenance teams will continue to monitor the situation and undertake any necessary minor works to ensure the area remains safe. MC noted that Little Mill is scheduled for resurfacing work in both 2026/27 and 2028/29 but asked for clarification on what work will be done this year and what will have to wait until 28/29. WP advised the PC should contact John Hunter, NCC Highways for this information.	**AH/PB** **ET**
10.	**Parish Financial Matters:** a) Jo-Anne Garrick (Professional Fees re Quarry Application) - £396 – PAID - noted b) G S Gregory (Boulmer Mole Catcher) - £60 – PAID - noted c) LCSCT (Room hire AMG and Police meeting) - £61 - agreed d) Clerk (Wages) - £479.42 - agreed e) HMRC (£112.40 PAYE and £21.84 Employers NI) - £134.24 - agreed f) Howick Village Hall (Insurance) - £1,102.86 - agreed g) Shiel & Morrison (Newsletter) - £705 – agreed h) Multiutilis (Bus Stop Graffiti) - £32 - agreed	
11.	**Plans**: None received	
12.	**Matters for Information/Next Agenda:**	
13.	**Date of Next Meeting**: 7.30pm Monday 20 July – Boulmer Memorial Hall.	**ALL**

The meeting ended at 9.51pm.

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