



Long Stratton Town Council

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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2026 @ 7pm IN THE COMMUNITY PAVILION ROOM

In attendance: Councillors Lunness, Pochin, Baker, Dickerson, Mundford, Morimont, Thompson Lawrence, Willis, Smith, Lansdell and Harris

**Town Clerk, Becky Buck, Administrative Assistant, Molly Hallett, Youth worker, Anastasia Twigg
8 Members of Public**

1. To receive apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received; the Clerk made the Council aware that Robin Ciorra had resigned from the Council.

2. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations.

There were no disclosures of interest or dispensation received.

3. To allow district and county councillors to speak - max 10 minutes

The County Councillor gave apologies for the meeting.

4. To allow members of the public to speak

A member of the public spoke about how Long Stratton will become what is known as a 15 minute walking and cycling community meaning that it will be quicker to access facilities via walking and cycling rather than driving. What is important with the new developments is to ensure that the infrastructure to support walking and cycling is in place. As the schools are no longer offering cycling proficiency, is there a facility for the Council to offer this maybe via the youth café? This could help with encouraging cycling to school as opposed to driving and parking which is causing congestion especially around school drop off and pick up times.

There is national guidance around providing facilities for disabled children, 24% of all children are disabled in some capacity therefore we need to offer facilities for disabled children. The proposed pump track does not offer reasonable adjustments for disabled children to use recreational facilities therefore up and down the country pump tracks are being challenged, could the Council instead install a track around the perimeter of the playing field that can be used by all.

Rebellion Way is a popular cycle route that is used by more than 7500 cyclists annually, this sits at the entrance to Long Stratton however currently these users do not know what Long Stratton has to offer, can we put up some signage to promote Long Stratton facilities to these cyclists. This is something that Diss has done, Beacon Way, where the cyclists are taken on a route through Diss which showcases what they have to offer, can this be recreated in Long Stratton.

May 8th will be the official opening for the Rickshaw, there will be an opening ceremony, however there is a concern regarding the speeding in the town, can we ask for a police officer to come with a speeding gun which will act as a strong deterrent.

There is a concern with the bypass for wheelchair users to the back of edges lane crossing the bypass, the islands are too close and there is no visibility within 10 miles making a health and safety hazard. The islands need to be nearer to the old edges lane.

A member of the public advised that there is a skip on the old south compound that has been in place for 4 months and is being fly tipped as well as the entrance to the compound should have been put back to its original state, however this hasn't happened and it is now being used as an unintended layby.

A question was asked as when the roads will be swept, and a comment was made that drains are full.

A member of the public advised that they were looking to open a private nursery in Long Stratton but was struggling to find a suitable premises. She advised that the market research carried out identified there is a strong need within Long Stratton for a provision which is within walking distance and caters for longer hours than school nurseries offer. Norfolk County Council are supporting the proposal. The Councillors were able to provide suggestions on suitable premises that may be available.

The Council's volunteer footpath warden advised that to date the public walks of way maps have not been updated online since the delivery of the bypass, this has been held up by legal regulations. Signs have been put up however the footpaths are extremely muddy which has affected walkers and cyclists. On footpath 18 there is chicken wire that is not tacked down and this is potentially a trip hazard. Footpath 26 is a new bit of footpath and should be a minimum of 1 metre and usable however this is not the case.

A member of the public has asked whether the Council would support the Christmas community event, the Council agreed in principle however could not make an official decision as it was not an agenda item, the Clerk advised that it would go on the agenda for April's meeting.

A member of the public asked where the Council was with certain projects for example night skies as it has been discussed but doesn't seem to be progressing. The member of the public was reassured that it was being taken forward however projects do take time.

5. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on [9th February 2026](#)**
The minutes of the meeting were approved by the Council and signed by the chairman as a true record.
6. **To receive a verbal report from the Council's youth worker.**
The youth worker gave an extensive verbal report which was accepted by the Council.
7. **Finance and Governance**
 - a. **To note and authorise income and expenditure through Unity Trust Bank since 8th December 2025**
All income and expenditure since 8th December 2025 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
 - b. **To note all credit card payments since 8th December 2025**
The credit card payments since 8th December 2025 were noted and approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
 - c. **To note the [budget control report](#)**
The budget control report was noted by the Council.
8. **To discuss and decide on providing space for a [private nursery](#) on the playing field.**
The Council agreed to continue looking for appropriate space for the private nursery.
9. **To discuss and decide on providing the pavilion for the community café for free.**
The Council agreed to provide the pavilion for the community café for free.



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10. To discuss and decide on granting Easter eggs to Long Stratton High School raising money for a sensory garden.

Following a lengthy discussion; it was agreed to provide up to £60 worth of various size Easter Eggs.

11. To discuss and decide on the following actions following LSEP meeting, target date of April 15th.

a. Long Stratton in Bloom

i. Getting new planters

Following a lengthy discussion the Council asked the Clerk to look into alternatives to planters such as old wheel barrows or plant pots to lamp posts.

ii. Providing hanging baskets for businesses

As above.

b. Event on April 15th at Stratton Motor Company.

The event will be held Wednesday 15th April at 5.30pm.

12. To discuss and decide joining [South Norfolk Big Litter Pick](#).

The Council approved to join the South Norfolk Big Litter Pick and chose the date of 13th May to concentrate on and advertise.

13. To discuss and decide on the following policies

- a. [Standing Orders](#)
- b. [Financial Regulations](#)
- c. [Financial Risk Management](#)
- d. [Internal Controls](#)
- e. [Risk Management Schedule](#)
- f. [Communication](#)
- g. [FOI Publication scheme](#)
- h. [Document retention](#)
- i. [GDPR/ Data protection](#)

All policies were approved by the Council.

14. Items to note

a. A member of the public is offering a free bike repair service outside of the pavilion

This was well received by the Council however guidance was provided that in order for the Council to advertise the individuals providing this service would need to have public liability and level 1 or 2 in cycle mechanics.

15. Future agenda items

It was commented that Manor Field is reducing numbers within the class size from 60 to 30 following a lack in applications. However this has raised concerns due to the housing that is allocated to Long Stratton which will see a sharp rise in applications. Can we contact Clarion Colville Trust to make them aware of the housing that is coming.

It was noted that Brownies in Long Stratton is 50 on 15th July and will be celebrated between 5pm-8pm at the congregational church hall.

It was noted that a working group meeting is required for High Streets Matter and Council priorities.

As there was no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:15.

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