



# Long Stratton Town Council

## MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025 @ 7pm IN THE COMMUNITY PAVILION ROOM

**In attendance: Councillors, Louise Mundford, Kelly Lunness, David Willis, Justin Harris, Florence Morimont, Helen Dickerson, Susan Smith, Fiona Lawrence, Katrina Thompson, Judith Baker.**

**Town Clerk, Becky Buck and Molly Hallett, Town Council administrator.**

**9 Members of Public.**

**County Councillor Alison Thomas**

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received by Councillor Ciorra and Lansdell due to prior commitments.

**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**

County Councillor Thomas reported that the mayoral elections due in 2026 have been postponed until 2028 by the minister although it is unclear what will happen in the interim. It has been suggested that the combined authority will be overseen by the existing County Councils. It is unsure whether this year's postponed Councillor elections will now proceed. Conversations have been had regarding training for new councillors in the anticipation of Councillor elections. Number of councillors may change depending on how many unitary councils emerge through Devolution. Central Government will decide this.

Landscaping for the bypass is underway, north compound has completely gone, and the south compound has been reduced.

Hall Lane bridge is exposed on the bend, and the safety team came and did an audit and they have agreed therefore it has been agreed that a hedge will be placed. Northern end of Long Stratton where the new sign is, is obscuring the other signage so this is being moved further into Long Stratton.

Budget consultation is still open.

Highstreets Matter is still on the horizon, and we have a date set to meet on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**4. To allow members of the public to speak**

1 member of the public, referenced Hall Lane and the traffic through to Peddars Mill, and all the farms that are there, the residents are getting 48 tonnes lorries coming down at 3:15am and throughout the night, they counted 50 throughout the day. They bang and crash and it's noisy and they have gone into the verge and collapsed the drains. Peddars Pigs advised without a slip road they would have to access down Hall Lane. For weight sensors and noise data the resident has been advised that is the responsibility of the Town Council which is incorrect. The Clerk asked for the email where this advice was given so it could be challenged. The



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bypass was agreed before Peddars Pigs was there, which is why it wasn't taking into consideration. County Councillor Thomas advised that she will liaise with the Clerk to look into this further.

A member of the public is a land agent and represents Peddars Pigs. In 2017 Norfolk Homes published their proposed bypass plans which included an extra roundabout, in 2018 when the application was made there was a connecting roundabout off the bypass onto Mill Lane. Peddars Pigs bought in 2018. In 2019 Highways England stated the bypass would not be going quick enough and therefore the funding could get withdrawn. A meeting was held by the key stakeholders, they knew without speeding the traffic the bypass wouldn't happen and therefore they removed the roundabout. However, planning permission was not granted till 2023 and therefore Peddars Pigs made their application with no guarantee that the roundabout was going to remain on the designs. The stakeholders advised that there was going to be a spine road connecting Peddars Pigs to the bypass that would alleviate the traffic from Hall Lane however it needs to wait until the housing is in place. Lorries can't go through Pulham Market as there is a weight restriction on the bridge there, therefore they can't go any other way. Resident confirmed he is happy for me to share his email address with County Councillor Thomas. Storm Drain in which is just a grid which has been broken which has been flooded, County Councillor Thomas is managing this and has been in contact with Norfolk County Council officers and it is due to be jetted.

A member of the public picked up that there is a meeting with the local MP at the end of the month and want to know if members of the public can attend. The MOP wants to know why the community can't attend. We will ask the MP and come back to the community.

Thank you to everyone for attending and supported the Christmas Community event.

**5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on [10<sup>th</sup> November 2025](#)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2025 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**6. Finance and Governance**

**a. To note and authorise income and expenditure through Unity Trust Bank since 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Income and expenditure was noted and approved by the Council and the Chairman signed the payment list as a true record.

**b. To note all credit card payments since 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Credit card payments were noted by the Council, and the Chairman signed the payment list as a true record.

**7. To discuss and decide on placing a historical board at St Michaels Church.**

*price for 1no. 1000mm x 745mm aluminium sign, printed and clear laminated £94.00 + vat*

Following a lengthy discussion, the Council approved to purchase a historical board, Councillor Baker advised she would provide the display.

**8. To discuss and decide on introducing night skies following further [information](#).**



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Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to research more into night skies. The Clerk advised if needed there was CIL money that would support this project.

**9. To discuss and decide on subsidizing Cup of Hope in the pavilion.**

Following a lengthy discussion, the Council resolved to reduce the rate to £7.50 to be reviewed in 6 months.

**10. To discuss and decide on promoting [GoodSAM](#) within Long Stratton.**

Following a lengthy discussion, the Council resolved to bring this back to another meeting, Clerk to investigate whether first responders are still around.

**11. To discuss and decide on allowing a [baked good stall](#) to sell in front of the pavilion.**

Following a lengthy discussion, the Council resolved to accept the food stall.

**12. To discuss and decide on the budget request from the LSEP.**

Following an update regarding LSEP, a discussion took place and the Council resolved to agree a budget of £7500.

**13. To discuss and decide delegating LSEP with the power to spend within the proposed budget amount.**

Following a lengthy discussion the Council resolved to delegate power to spend within their allocated budget.

**14. To discuss and decide on researching twinning with a Belgium town.**

Following a lengthy discussion, the Council supported Councillor Harris to research twinning with a Belgium town, Ukraine was also noted as a place of interest. Councillor Baker will find out the relevant person who carried this out locally.

**15. To discuss and decide on adopting the [lone worker policy](#) following safeguarding review.**

This policy was adopted by the Council adding a risk assessment with young people must be completed.

**16. To note Local Government Reorganisation [consultation](#) is open and to discuss and decide on the Council's position.**

This was noted.

**17. To note a meeting with MP Ben Goldsborough has been arranged for end of January for Councillors.**

This meeting was noted by the Council.

**18. Future agenda items**

Christmas light look awesome, the motifs look good can we buy 2 more of them, the public believe Netherton supplied the tree there.

Should the town council do a petition, change.org regarding the solar farms/ panels.

Extraordinary meeting just for solar panel – agricultural land, Broadland Council have knocked an application back. Swainsthorpe is already littered with white polls for solar panels.

How can we get the community to understand what is within our control as a Town Council, rather than us getting the blame for items outside of our control.

***With there being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:37.***