



Long Stratton Town Council

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st JULY 2025 @ 7pm IN THE COMMUNITY PAVILION ROOM

In attendance: Councillors, Louise Mundford, Andrew Lansdell, Kelly Lunness, Robin Ciorra, David Willis, Katrina Thompson, Helen Dickerson, Judith Baker and Fiona Lawrence

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

County Councillor Alison Thomas and 12 Members of Public.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Councillors Morimont, Harris and Smith gave apologies of absence which were accepted by the Council.

2. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations

There were no disclosures of interest or dispensation received.

3. For all present to receive a reminder of the meeting rules and code of conduct from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk gave a verbal reminder of meeting rules and code of conduct for all those in attendance.

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

County Councillor Thomas reported the following. Agenda item 8, she confirmed that her District member budget would not be able to purchase locks for the flood defence barriers and asked the Town Council to consider purchasing the locks.

Councillor Thomas reported that there was a request for funding to help prevent the flooding of Manor Court as a result of the Beck, unfortunately it is the legal responsibility of the riparian owners to manage the Beck and as such there is no leeway to provide funding for prevention of flooding works.

Agenda item 14, there has been an invitation to have a walk round the centre of Long Stratton to start conversations surrounding how Long Stratton will look with the opening of the bypass.

There is a change in schedule to the road closures for the tie in of roundabouts for the bypass, there will be an overnight closure on Friday 25th July for the northern roundabout, this will be followed by a weekend closure on 01-04 August. The Southern roundabout will be tied in on 08-12 August.

Councillor Lunness commented that this impacts the bypass open day on the 4th August, Councillor Thomas responded that it is unfortunate but it is the date that it needs to happen and that it will be well communicated to stall holders and members of the public.

Finally, Norwich Castle is reopening on the 7th August following refurbishment, work has been carried out in collaboration with British Museum with some historical pieces on display, entry is £8 for adults.

5. To allow members of the public to speak

A member of the public spoke about the proposed demolition of South Norfolk House, it has been challenging to fight. The bat holes that had been observed have been blocked up. It is important that as



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many people as possible attend the Development Management Committee where the demolition will be discussed. You will need to register to speak at the public meeting, the member of public advised that he had registered to speak on behalf of Long Stratton residents. Anyone can attend.

A member of the public spoke about East Pye Solar, East Pye Solar have got templates on their website for objection however they are not of a good standard.

County Councillor Thomas reported that Highways have visited the proposed field battery storage site and they have found the road is not suitable for construction traffic and as such will be issuing a statutory holding objection.

It was raised that a NSIP will receive automatic central government backing where as a BESS will be determined locally.

A member of public commented that there is a short sightedness to developing housing as if we are growing, we need facilities to support that.

6. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on [9th June 2025](#) & [30th June 2025](#)

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2025 and 30th June 2025 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7. Finance and Governance

a. To note and authorise income and expenditure through Unity Trust Bank since 9th June 2025

Income and expenditure were 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 9th June 2025

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

8. To discuss and decide on purchasing 2 combination locks for the flood defence barrier storage.

The Council approved 2 combinations locks for the flood defence barrier storage.

9. To discuss and decide on opposing East Pye Solar using templates provided by Block East Pye Solar

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to work with a member of the public to create a robust objections to the solar farm proposals. It was noted by the Council that South Norfolk have already taken their allocation of solar farms.

10. South Norfolk House

a. To discuss and decide on attendance at the Development Management Committee

It was discussed that as many Councillors that could attend would attend. It was agreed that Councillor Willis would speak on behalf of the Council.



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b. To discuss and decide on requesting a Judicial Review

The Clerk advised that, having researched into the process of having a judicial review the Clerk believed it could be a very expensive undertaking with no guarantee of a positive outcome. The Council discussed this at length and resolved not to undertake a judicial review.

11. To discuss and decide on grant [funding](#) for a replacement [bus shelter](#).

The Council asked the Clerk to investigate this further and postponed making a decision until a later meeting.

12. To discuss and decide on a trusted person for emergency on call for youth café Hautbois trip for 7-9th August 2025

This item was no longer relevant.

13. To discuss and decide on street lighting in [phase 1](#) of the new development.

This item was postponed to a later meeting.

14. To discuss and decide on utilising [Norfolk High Streets Matter](#) campaign.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Councillors Thompson and Ciorra would attend if available.

15. To receive an update on Night Skies Consultation.

The admin assistant provided an update on the night skies consultation.

16. To discuss and decide on tree topping around the perimeter of the playing field.

The Council asked the Town Clerk to get some quotes from a tree surgeon.

17. To discuss and decide on increasing payments to St Michaels Church and Congregational Church for maintenance of the churchyard.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to increase the maintenance payment by the same as the precept rise.

18. To discuss and decide on having a recycling unit for blister packs – Councillor Ciorra

The Council asked the Town Clerk to investigate this further.

19. To discuss and decide on a [road closure](#) for the Community Christmas event 2025.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to sponsor the Christmas event with a road closure.

20. To discuss and decide on involvement in the bypass opening event.

The Clerk advised that she had purchased pencils to hand out and will purchase some sweets for the day. The clerk asked for as many volunteers as possible to help with the Town Council stall.



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21. To discuss and decide on the following policies

a. [Safeguarding policy](#)

This policy was approved by the Council.

b. [Code of conduct](#)

This policy was approved by the Council.

22. Future agenda items

Carparking in Long Stratton
Parish Partnership Bid
Office space.

23. To close the meeting to press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the disclosure of confidential information (land, contracts, staffing matters)

The meeting was closed to the press and public.

24. Staffing matters

The Clerk advised that due to the residential at Hautbois for young people through the Youth Café and as per the Scheme of Delegation, an overtime payment will be made to a member of staff.

With there being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:45