



Long Stratton Town Council

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2024 @ 7pm IN THE COMMUNITY PAVILION ROOM

In attendance: Councillors, Kelly Lunness, Helen Dickerson, Katrina Thompson, Judith Baker, Mat Pochin, Andrew Lansdell, David Willis, and Louise Mundford

County Councillor Alison Thomas

4 Members of the public

Town Clerk Becky Buck, Town Council Apprentice Molly Hallett.

1. To receive applications for co-option

There were no applicants present.

2. For co-opted members to sign the declaration of office in the presence of the Clerk.

This agenda item was not required.

3. To receive apologies for absence

Councillors Morimont, Harris, Ciora and Smith gave apologies for absence and were accepted by the Council.

4. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations

There were no disclosures of interest or dispensations received.

**5. To allow members of the public and district and county councillors to speak - max 20 Minutes
County Councillor Alison Thomas reported the following.**

Recycling centres are closing on Wednesdays and from November there will be a booking system in place where those wishing to go to the recycling centre will need to make an appointment.

There will be facilities in place for those that cannot use the online system.

The bypass is progressing well with piling for the Hall Lane crossing. The next Long Stratton Enterprise Partnership meeting will be held at the end of September.

At Norfolk County Council, the final budget consultation will go to cabinet in October. There has been some press news regarding provision of SEN in schools, Councillor Thomas wanted to clarify that SEN delivery was not being cut back however the County Council have a debt associated with SEN and therefore the Council have resolved to put a ceiling on the debt so that it doesn't increase.



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- 6. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2024, 8th July 2024 & 17th July 2024**
Minutes of the meetings held on 25th June 2024, 8th July 2024 and 17th July 2024 were approved by Council and the Chairman signed them as a true record.
- 7. Finance and Governance**
 - a. To note and authorise income and expenditure through Unity Trust Bank since 10th June 2024**
All income and expenditure was noted and authorised by the Council and the Chairman signed the payment records.
 - b. To note all credit card payments since 10th June 2024**
Credit card payments were noted and authorised by the Council and the Chairman signed the payment records.
- 8. To discuss and decide on the internal auditor for 2024/25**
Following a lengthy discussion, the Council approved the quote for the internal auditor.
- 9. To discuss and decide on moving a streetlight as requested by a parishioner.**
Following a lengthy discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to the neighbouring properties informing them and given them a time frame if they want to object. The Council was concerned that if the Council paid for the work this would set a precedent and therefore the parishioner asking would be written to advising that the Council is writing to the neighbours and if they consent, the Council would give permission but at full cost to the parishioner asking.
- 10. To discuss and decide on accepting a quote for filling in the ditch rear to the skate park.**
Following a lengthy discussion, the Council asked the Clerk to source additional quotes.
- 11. To discuss and decide on accepting a quote for a site visit for a pump track.**
Following a lengthy discussion, the Council approved the quote for a site visit for a pump track. The Clerk was asked to start looking at funding.
- 12. To discuss and decide on what AECOM recommendations the Council would like to pursue through the Pride in Place bid with South Norfolk District Council.**
Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed for the Pride in Place bid to focus on wider outdoor seating area, a street market and improved and new pedestrian crossings both on the A140 by Star Lane and on Flowerpot Lane. The Clerk is to feed this back to South Norfolk District Council.



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13. To note upcoming meeting dates.

a. Events @ 7pm Monday 16th September

This was noted by the Council.

b. Planning @ 6pm Monday 16th September

This was noted by the Council.

c. Leisure & Pavilion @ 11am Monday 16th September

The Clerk advised that this meeting was being changed to Tuesday 17th September at 11am.

d. Finance @ 7pm Monday 23rd September

This was noted by the Council.

e. Action Plan @ 7pm Monday 30th September

This was noted by the Council.

14. Any other business – not for discussion.

The Clerk advised that street lighting for the spine road was not being provided by Norfolk County Council.

The Clerk advised that Norfolk Homes had asked for road names.

With there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.33.