

Long Stratton Town Council

Annual Town Meeting

2026

Minutes from Annual Town Meeting held 19th May 2025

Please see your agenda packs for the previous meeting's minutes.

Year End Accounts

Any questions?

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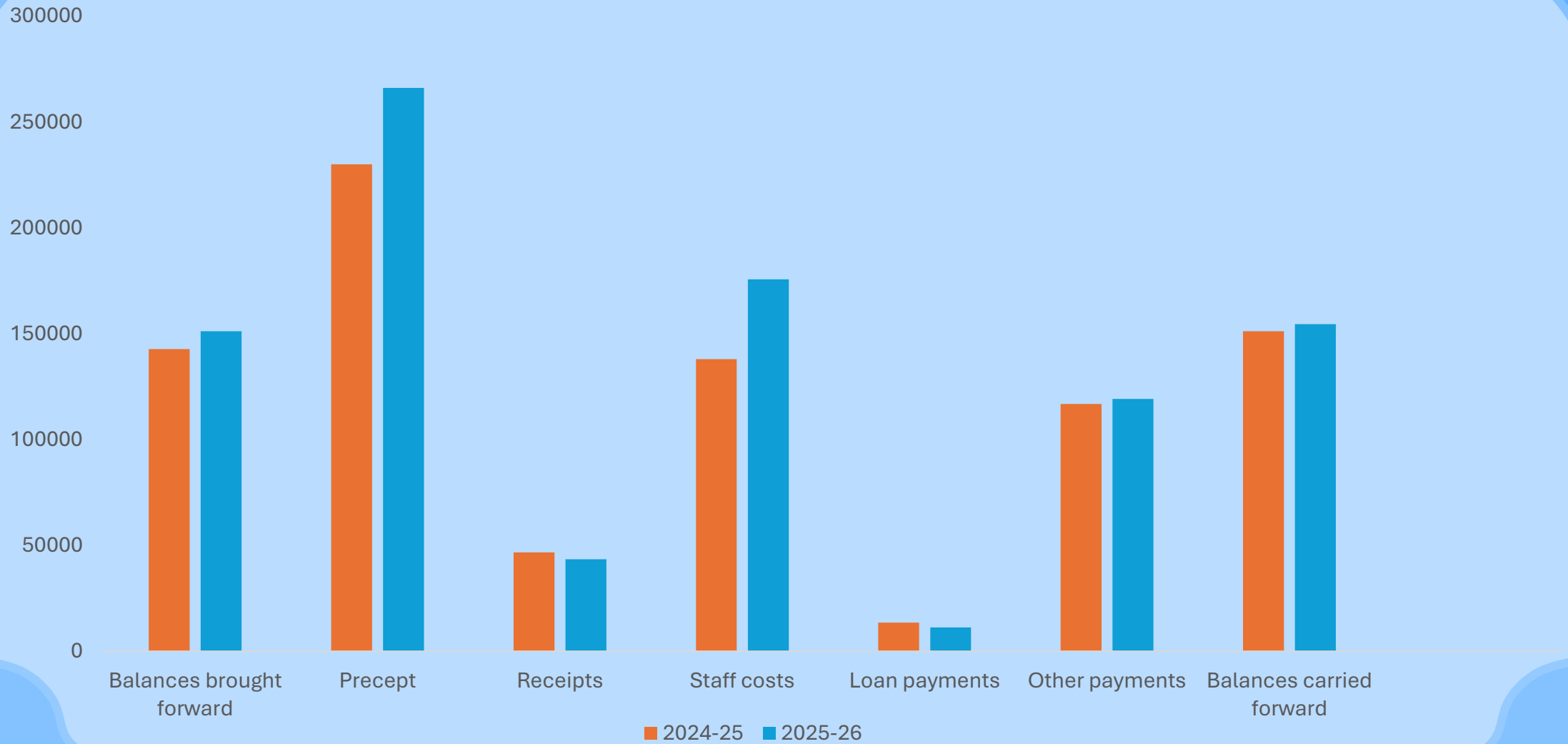
31 March 2025

Precept £229,988
Payments £268,258
Receipts £46,701
Assets £1,656,173

31 March 2026

Precept £266,074
Payments £306,129
Receipts £43,485
Assets £1,656,103

Accounting Statement for the External Audit



Clerk's Report

This year has been very busy for the Council officers.

The Council has adopted the Long Stratton Enterprise Partnership now known as the Long Stratton Community Partnership, more about this later.

We were extremely disappointed with the demolition of South Norfolk House, the Council officers along with members of the public worked hard to prevent this from happening, it was much needed infrastructure. The Town Council through the Long Stratton Community Partnership and the Council's Action Group are now looking to see how we can improve the infrastructure in Long Stratton including a new community centre.

This year and next will be transition years between getting the infrastructure and resources in place to support the additional housing that we know is going to be delivered.

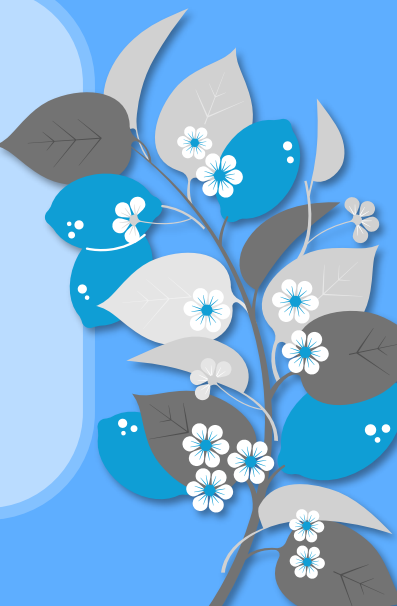
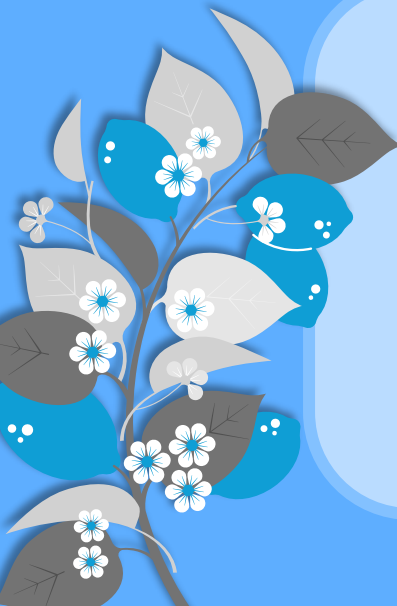
The Council are very mindful of ensuring that with the increase of services that will need to be provided that the delivery of service remains high for the community.



Office Statistics

Since 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026, we have processed 724 receipts and payments.

This equates to 61 per month and this is a decrease of 40 receipts and payments from the last financial year.



Since 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026, the office staff have received 46,979 emails.

This is an increase of 11,092 in a year and equates to a whopping 186 emails per working day!

This does not include the many emails that Anastasia and Tom receive.



Long Stratton Community Partnership

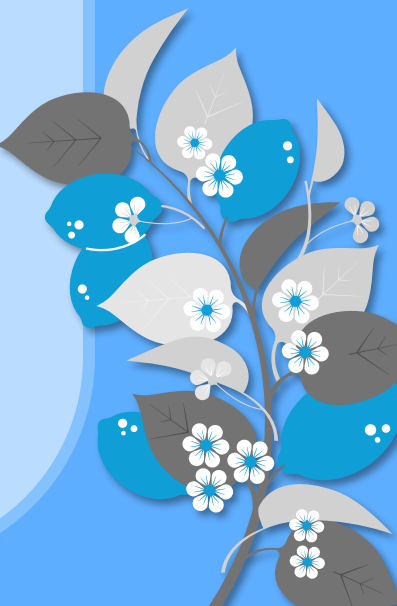



Long Stratton Community Partnership is an initiative that was created by Octavius that has now been adopted by Long Stratton Town Council. The partnership is made up of different representatives from different organisations that want to see Long Stratton thrive.

There are 3 work streams:

1. Business, how can we help the existing businesses to thrive and how do we attract new businesses to the Town.
2. People, skills and employability, how can we help young people into further education and or employment, how can we help residents who are looking to get back into work but are unsure how, how can we tackle loneliness?
3. Infrastructure, what infrastructure is needed in Long Stratton, how can we achieve this? How do we influence the infrastructure the new housing will bring? How do we keep and maintain our green spaces, PROW's and cycling routes.

All 3 work streams are multi-faceted and there is a fair bit of cross over, the groups meet every month however we are looking for new members so if you would like to make a difference and can take action please get in touch, office@longstrattontowncouncil.gov.uk.



Summer Solstice Event

We are looking forward to a brilliant day on 20th June 2026 1pm-5pm as celebrate the Summer Solstice event at the playing fields.

We have stalls and games a like, back by popular demand we have the climbing wall and other attractions.


There will be food and a bar for all to enjoy.

James D will be starting the free entertainment and Sunday at 10 will be providing the live music.

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Chairman's Report

Events from 2025–2026 and aspirations for 2026-2027.



The Past Year

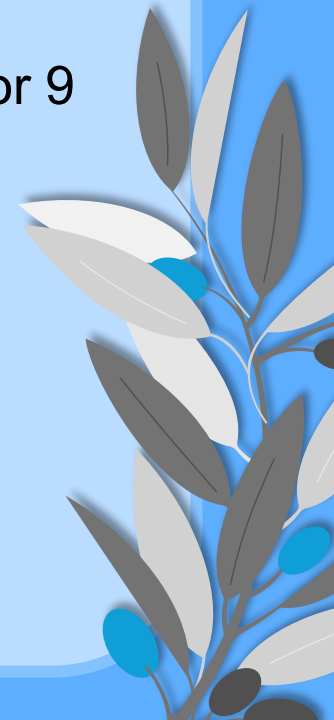

The past year was one filled with consultations.

We unfortunately lost both the skate park ramp and more recently the big slide from the play area.

Due to this, we undertook a skatepark consultation and started looking at equipment for 9 months – 3 years to replace the slide.

As the council looks at ways they can save money we also undertook the night skies consultation.

In addition to this there have been many conversations regarding the future of Long Stratton and how we can ensure it continues to thrive now the bypass is open and the housing developments have started.



Future Aspirations

The Town Council are looking to start implementing the results of the consultations. For the skatepark it is asking contractors to design a new skatepark for Long Stratton, so we have an idea of costs.

The Council team are already working on new play equipment aimed at 9 months to 3 years and work is still being carried out behind the scenes at implementing night skies.

In addition to this we want to work with the local community to see how we can improve Long Stratton for residents and businesses alike.

The Council are looking at shorter solutions such as Long Stratton in Bloom as well as longer aspirations such as redevelopment of the High Street.

Staffing Changes

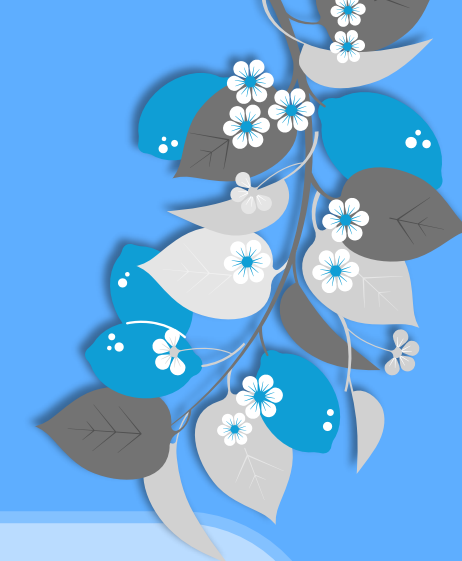
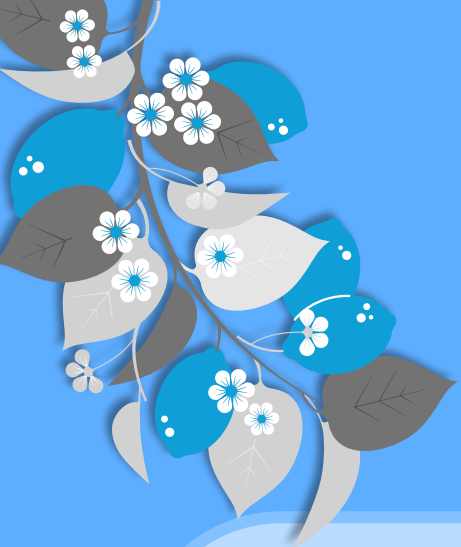
The Council are once again looking to increase the staff to carry out the essential services.

With the increase in youth work we are providing we are looking to add an additional youth support worker.

Tom is also increasingly busy and in preparation of additional open space being passed to the Council we are looking to hire an apprentice to work alongside Tom.

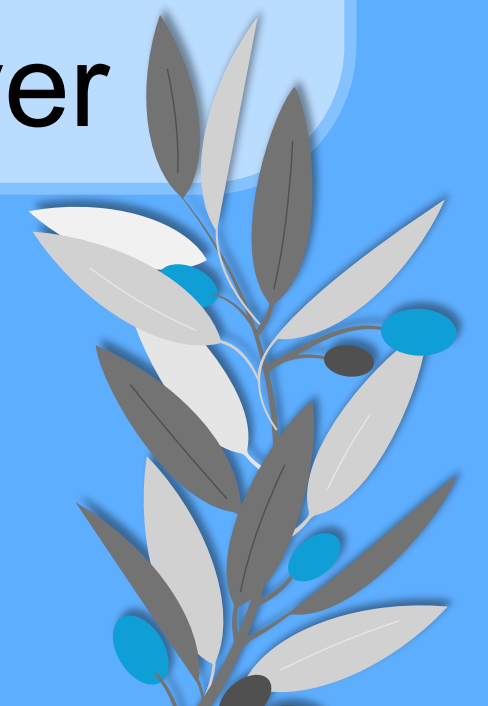
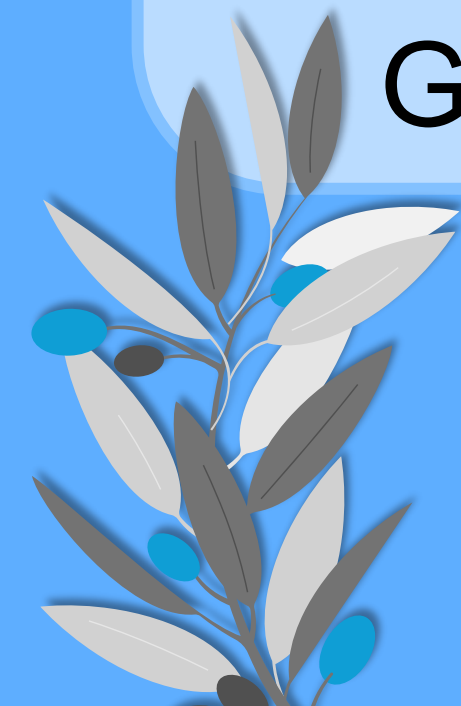
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County Councillor's Report



District Councillors' Reports

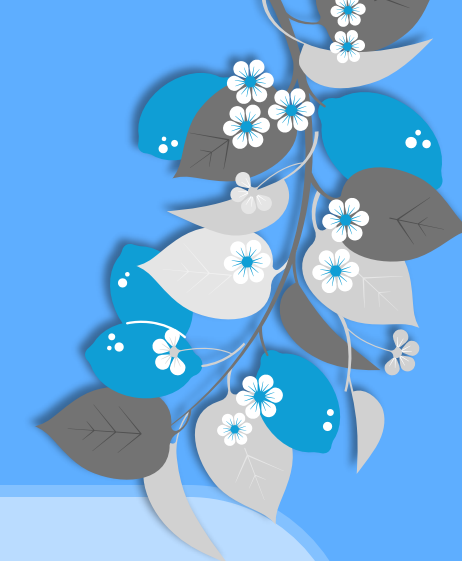
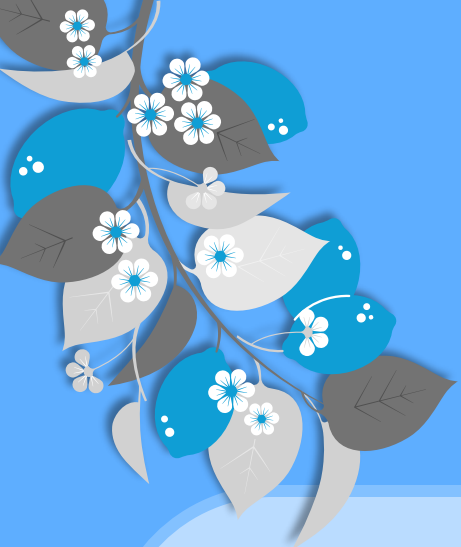
Georgina Race & Jonathan Carver



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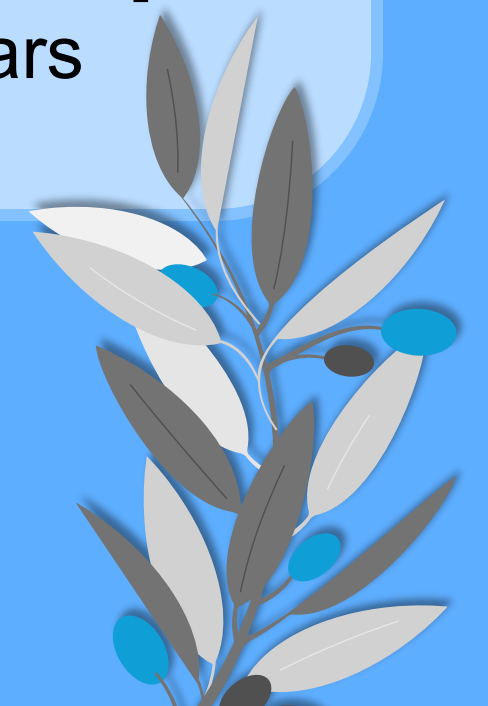
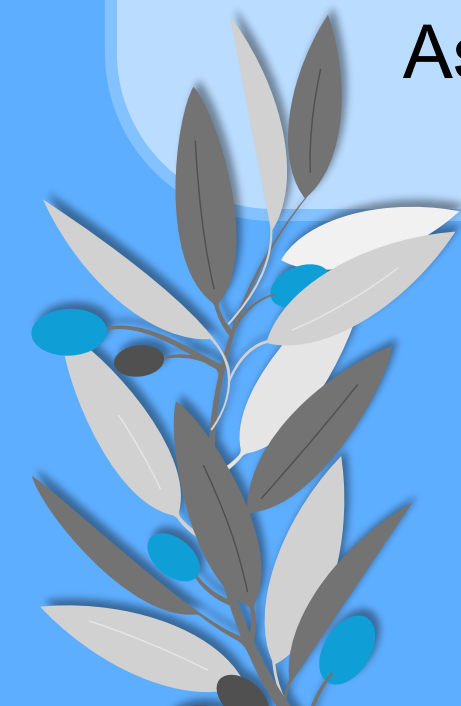
Local Community Groups

What happened in 2025-2026 and aspirations for 2026-2027



Parishioners & Local Community Groups

Aspirations for the Council to consider in future years



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Discussion Time!

Any resolutions may be put forward for consideration.
Please discuss any ideas or suggestions you may have.



THANK YOU!

For attending the Long Stratton Annual Town
Meeting of 2026