



Long Stratton Town Council

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

**In attendance: Councillors Lunness, Pochin, Baker, Dickerson, Mundford, Smith, Lansdell and Harris
Administrative Assistant, Molly Hallett
8 Members of Public
County Councillor Alison Thomas**

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Willis, Morimont and Ciorra these were accepted by 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

County Councillor Alison Thomas reported the following:

Highways have responded to the BESS solar application with a detailed rebuttal that is available on their website, and there is also a strong opposition from the Lead Local Flood Authority.

Alison has used her Norfolk Community Fund to donate £300 to Manorfield Colour Run and has donated money to the church for heaters to use during events, Hempnall Toddler Group, Long Stratton Guides and Bike Active Norfolk.

Norfolk County Council are still waiting for a firm outcome on the elections in May.

4. To allow members of the public to speak

A member of the public came to the meeting to raise various issues in the town; these did not fall under the remit of the Town Council and signposting was given.

Another member of the public queried why the posts had been moved on the new roundabout going towards Norwich and raised concerns about motorcyclist safety if a driver were to come off their bike in this area.

5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2026 were approved by the Council and were 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 8th December 2025

b. To note all credit card payments since 8th December 2025

Due to sickness, the Clerk could not attend the meeting and therefore Item 6 has been postponed to the next meeting.

7. To nominate a Town Council Member as a ‘champion’ to work with [Block East Pye Solar](#)

The chairman opened the meeting to allow the two members of Block East Pye Solar (BEPS) to speak.

The two members of Block East Pye Solar (BEPS) explained more about being a “champion”.

The chairman closed the meeting to members of the public.

Following a lengthy discussion, Councillor Lansdell was nominated as the BEPS Champion for Long Stratton Town Council.

8. To receive an update from LSEP steering committee.

Councillor Harris gave a verbal update and explained what the LSEP is.

He mentioned that attendance was low at the previous meeting, so it will be held again.

There are three identified workstreams: Infrastructure, people and business.

Insights from the LSEP will be passed to LSTC and then back up to the steering group.

The LSEP has a £2500 budget.

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

a. To change the name of the committee to

i. Long Stratton Community Partnership

ii. Long Stratton’s future

The name Long Stratton Community Partnership was chosen.

b. Long Stratton in Bloom

i. Replanting the existing planters

ii. Getting new planters

iii. Providing hanging baskets for businesses

Due to disruptions, this item could not be concluded.

c. Long Stratton Town tidy up.

The Council wished to communicate with the Youth Council on this matter.

d. Long Stratton community website

i. A new website

ii. Attached to the Town Council website.

It was agreed to have a new website for the Long Stratton Community Partnership.

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

This was noted by the Council.

10. To discuss and decide on volunteers for summer event on June 20th 2026.

Councillors Dickerson, Mundford and Thompson volunteered for the Summer event.

11. To receive the [youth work report](#).

This was received by the Council.

The Council invited Youth Worker Anastasia Twigg to attend the next Full Council meeting so they could discuss this further with her.

12. To discuss and decide on running a café in the pavilion.

This was agreed by the Council.



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13. To appoint a councillor to be an emergency contact for out of hours pavilion hirers.

Councillors Lunness and Pochin were appointed as emergency contacts for out of hours pavilion hirers.

14. To note future meetings

a. **Action plan on 16th February 2026 @ 7pm**

b. **Finance on 23rd February 2026 @ 7pm**

The above meeting dates were noted by the Council.

15. Future agenda items

There were no future agenda items.

As there was no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:41.