



Long Stratton Town Council

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2025 @ 7pm IN THE COMMUNITY PAVILION ROOM

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

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

20 Members of Public.

County Councillor Alison Thomas

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Lawrence, Ciorra and Smith, 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 reported the following. Email from Norfolk County Council arranged a team's meeting to discuss the technical elements of East Pye Solar. The County Council has put in the statutory refusal to the proposal.

County Councillor Thomas spent an hour with Tasway proposers, it doesn't directly impact Long Stratton but it does impact neighbouring parishes. A discussion around challenges that East Pye Solar have found and learnt lessons that East Pye Solar have found when communicating with residents. It is a legal duty that Tasway have to communicate with residents.

Bypass, the northern compound has been decommissioned, the southern compound will be reduced in size as it is only required for the landscaping team.

A47 roadworks is the responsibility of Highways England.

Norfolk County Council have approved devolution which means that there will be an election next year for an elected Mayor. There will be a budget of £37 million a year which gives more freedom in where the budget is spent. More communication will be coming out in the coming months which will provide more information with the candidates and in 2027 the police and crime commissioner role will also sit with the Mayor. Norfolk and Suffolk have different set ups in relation to fire so there are more conversations to be had around fire.

Application for Orbit, the District Councillors will need to represent the community. It is outside the development boundary but is classed as an exception site as it is 100% affordable housing and will follow different policies. The previous application had a mixed housing offering. Put forward objections and think



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what if it does go ahead what do you not want and what do you want. Important to those that are being impacted by the development.

4. To allow members of the public to speak

1 member of public raised the following, reduced the speed limit from 50mph to 40 mph on the section south of parkers lane is a mistake, the Highways decision is based on previous legislation. We would like to reduce it to 30mph, the road is now a cul-de-sac. The road should match the rest of Long Stratton as a 30mph. Should not have to wait until the enterprise zone is in place by Norfolk County Council. We would like support to reduce to 30mph. Safety is a top concern and the difference between 30 & 40mph can be lifesaving. The weather also plays a part as a lorry at 30 and 40 mph the difference in outcome for passersby and cyclists. Norfolk County Council have provided a cycle path at both ends however they are barely a meter depth which is not enough for 2 cyclists to pass, and they would need to ride on the carriageway, at 40mph this will be dangerous. The cul-de-sac is being used for leisure by residents, dog walkers and horse riders, please support a need for 30mph before an accident happens. The bollards are too far apart and is being used as a cut through at the end of the cul-de-sac. If we can't provide more bollards, could we support a traffic calming solution. Being a straight road, motorists are encouraged to go faster. The Council do not oppose a reduction in speed limit however we need evidence from a SAM2.

1 member of the public mentioned the PA system was not working well at the Remembrance Day service. This will be investigated.

With all the housing could we have a discussion about reopening the police station. Wymondham have an active police station, could we have one. It is normally a phone that goes through to the control room, there is no manned desk.

1 member of the public discussed the ways we can keep Long Stratton in the forefront of things, the cycle routes to highlight the businesses in the Town using cycling UK, we are missing out on footfall in this town. Events run an event every 2/3 months set up and events committee.

Bike Active Norfolk are looking for a premises and are not the only group looking for permanent space. Land to build a structure on is needed as there is grant funding available. Can we approach Norfolk Homes to see when the land is going to be available.

1 mop said against East Pye Solar – community benefit land.

1 mop stated that LSEP doesn't work with just businesses it needs to be with the community as well. The Clerk advised that work is being done to engage but it is early stages at this time.

1 member of public interrupted and advised that the Christmas event is about supporting our local businesses and we are doing what we can. Everybody needs to support the Christmas event.

5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on [13th October 2025](#)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th October 2025 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.



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6. Finance and Governance

a. To note and authorise income and expenditure through Unity Trust Bank since 13th October 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 13th October 2025

The Council noted the credit card expenditure and the Chairman signed the payment list as a true record.

7. To discuss and decide on supporting residents to the South of the village regarding a speed limit change.
Following a lengthy discussion, the Council resolved to support the proposal of the reduction of speed limit and a narrowing of bollards at the end of the cul-de-sac.

8. To discuss and decide on introducing night skies following further information.

Following a lengthy discussion, resolved to only put a photocell on lanterns when they fail.

9. To discuss and decide on putting solar panels on [Swan Lane](#) toilets.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Council asked the Clerk to look at other companies to get other quotes and to get the figures as to how much is it going to generate and will it cover the cost of the electricity.

10. Long Stratton Enterprise Partnership (LSEP)

a. To discuss and decide on making LSEP a working group of the Town Council

Following a lengthy discussion, the Council approved the LSEP to be a working group of the Town Council.

b. To discuss and decide on Councillors who would like to join a working stream of the LSEP

i. Infrastructure

Councillors Katrina Thompson and Helen Dickerson

ii. People

Councillor Louise Mundford

iii. Business

1 member of the public volunteered and Councillor David Willis

11. To discuss and decide solar farms

a. East Pye Solar

Following a lengthy discussion, the Council resolved to object to EPS

b. Tasway

Following a lengthy discussion, the Council resolved to object to Tasway.

12. To discuss and decide on the following planning applications.

a. Orbit [2025/2930](#)

Following a lengthy discussion, the Council resolved to object to the application.



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- b. Proposed development to the South of Swan Lane Medical Surgery**
Following a lengthy discussion, the Council object to this development.
- c. Environmental Impact Assessment [2025/3339](#)**
Following a lengthy discussion, the Council approved the application.
- d. Norwich to Tilbury National Grid Infrastructure**
Following a lengthy discussion, the Council noted the latest update.

13. To discuss and decide on delegating using the Parish Partnership bid to purchase another SAM2 machine to the finance committee.

The Council approved to purchase another SAM2 machine.

14. Future agenda items

Twinning with a Belgium town.

Ben Goldborough drop in morning 22nd November 2025.

Marshals at the Christmas event.

Speed limit in the centre on Norwich Road, reduction to 20mph.

With there being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:04