

**Minutes of meeting of Newton Longville Parish Council  
held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at Free Church, Bletchley Road.**

**Present:** Cllrs Chapman (chair), Coeshall, Cookman, Gibson, Hardwick Hartley, Hunter and Whipp.  
In attendance: Mike Galloway (Clerk to the Council, Linda Fensom (Finance Officer)  
Buckinghamshire Council ward councillor Jilly Jordan  
46 members of the public in person.

**312/25 Apologies**

Cllr Collinge

**313/25 Disclosures of interest**

None

**314/25 Announcements**

There will be a road closure on Whaddon Road for installation of Pegasus crossing in the February half-term weekend Saturday 21 to Sunday 22 from 09:00 to 17:00 for vegetation clearance. There will be a further closure during the Easter school break from Sunday 28 March to Sunday 12 April for construction works on the road.

Thames Valley Police have carried out speed checks as detailed in the Pump.

**315/25 Minutes:**

After an amendment to remove extraneous text, it was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December be signed as a correct record.

**316/25 Update on actions arising from meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Actions closed:**

Check and confirm recent defibrillator usage and issues; Response as agreed to auditor's report; Book 'Dire Straits tribute band'; Check with Buckinghamshire Council on completion of Green Way footway work; FixMyStreet reporting for Drayton Road footways; Object on same basis as per earlier application to PL/25/4445/FA (Clack farm, Drayton Road); Submit no objection comment on planning application PL/25/4418/FA (11 Ivy Lane); Review MKCC Local Plan draft and submit comments (agreed to follow Whaddon PC lead and object on Shenley Dens and number of traveller sites); Liaise with UK Astronomy on Hammond Park access for informal stargazing events; Proceed with installation of electric, remote access Hammond Park gates; Organise signage for start of burial ground extension work from 5-Jan; Action agreed grant of £225 for school SEND group gardening tools; Update BCR for other noted expenditure; and action agreed personnel action.

**317/25 Councillor co-option – update and consider any co-option applications.**

One application received from Dave Gibson. The council resolved that he be co-opted to the council, he signed his declaration of acceptance and joined the meeting.

Cllr Chapman thanked him for applying and welcomed him to the council.

**318/25 Update on drop-ins**

Cllr Cookman reported on the attendance at the last public drop-in on 8 January. Five residents attended with a range of matters raised.

**319/25 To consider steps needed to comply with Assertion 10 of AGAR for 2026/27**

Resolved that all parish councillors will move and use NLPC gov.uk email addresses. Report circulated with details of requirements considered. Referred to Finance Working Group to bring report and recommendations to the February PC meeting.

**320/25 Risk Register - To consider and approve**

Current risk register too be referred to Finance Working Group to bring updated register to the February PC meeting.

**321/25 Policies**

No updates.

**322/25 Update from Buckinghamshire Council ward councillors**

Cllr Jordan outlined what was in her report, that will be sent to clerk for circulation.

**Public Involvement**

**323/25** Question asked speed limits on Whaddon Road, including chicane, Cllr Chapman explained current situation and that there be consultation at some point.

**Planning, Highways and Environment**

**324/25 Outline Planning Application 24/01220/AOP**

For: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for means of access for the erection of up to 50 dwellings and associated infrastructure.

At: Land off Drayton Road (rear of Westbrook End)

By: Gladman Developments

To consider any updates on application and make any necessary decisions.

Cllr Chapman gave a verbal update on the current situation, with a decision made by Buckinghamshire Council to make an officer delegated decision to approve the application (subject to conditions and s106 agreement) despite call-in to committee by Buckinghamshire Council ward Cllr Jilly Jordan and the parish council.

Clerk explained the potential of legal action and the likely costs.

The public present unanimously supported legal action being taken. Process for making individual complaints to Buckinghamshire Council about the process was explained.

Having heard from the public, it was resolved (8 in favour, 1 abstention) that Ashtons Solicitors be instructed to act on behalf of the parish council to initiate Judicial Review action at a cost of up to £2,000 at this stage. Delegated to clerk in consultation with chair and vice-chair to instruct solicitors subject to their initial advice and confirmation of costs.

Cllr Chapman to reply to the planning officer pointing out how their decision had not been made at the correct level.

**325/29 Salden Place (15/00314/AOP) - Updates**

Update and make any necessary decisions (Applications, Present work and expected schedule, Housing completions, Road closures, Parish council services / Management body responsibilities, and others including road state and naming).

Cllr Chapman gave a verbal update covering the number of housing completions (8 up to Christmas), welcome letters and Pumps now being delivered, street naming agreed for Redrow parcel 2b, significant upgrading to right of way NLO19, HGV and vehicle speed complaints, road closure (as covered in announcements), and forthcoming meetings with Taylor Wimpey on 21 January and Redrow on 29 January.

**326/25 Other Outstanding Planning Applications**

Any update and make any necessary decisions

(i) SGN Gas Depot Bletchley Road (all applications)  
20/03539/APP, 24/02423/VRC and 25/01626/CPE

No update

(ii) 25/01620/APP Land Off Drayton Road, Newton Longville

For: Change of use to a mixed use of equestrian, a single pitch caravan site, update to application and associated works (retrospective).

No update

(iii) Shenley Park (within Whaddon Parish)

Bucks Council: 23/02180/AOP and Milton Keynes City Council: 23/01610/OUT

Outline application (with all matters reserved save for "access"), for a Sustainable Urban Extension comprising residential development of up to 1,265 dwellings and other uses.

No substantive update.

(iv) "Bletchley Solar Park"

Bucks Council: 25/01217/APP and Milton Keynes City Council: PLN/2025/0864

No update

(v) Appeal APP/J0405/W/25/3370338 (PINS) (Within Stoke Hammond Parish

Bucks Council: 25/00052/NONDET and Milton Keynes City Council: PLN/2025/1843

by Richborough Estates against non-determination of Planning Application

24/03601/AOP (Bucks) Update on Appeal Informal Hearing (9th to 11th December)

Inspector's decision on appeal is expected by the end of January.

**327/25 Update on Enforcement**

No update.

**328/25 Traffic Calming and Volume**

Update, Working group

No update. Awaiting a councillor willing to lead this.

**329/25 Milton Keynes City Council Local Plan Regulation 25 Consultation**

Due to a technical issue with the consultation process, Milton Keynes City Council are holding an additional consultation that finishes at 5:30 pm on 16th February 2026.

To consider responding to the further consultation.

No further response needed.

**Community Activities**

**330/25 Events in conjunction with school.**

A date for the indoor planetarium with UK Astronomy for the school at the hall is being arranged.

**331/25 Longueville Hall events**

Cllr Chapman gave an update on Longueville Hall Presents talks, with two delivered by the end of 2025 which were well attended and which raised around £320 for local charities with further talks in the calendar through to May.

Finance Officer gave an update on forthcoming and planned events.

**332/25 Consider other events.**

Various suggestions made of potential events for the future, including a beer festival and food fayre.

**Property**

**333/25 Hammond Park – Replacement and additional benches - Update on options**

Deferred

**334/25 Hammond Park gates – update**

Cllr Hunter gave a verbal update, installation has started and should be completed by the end of the week.

**335/25 Additional defibrillator – update**

Cllr Hunter gave a verbal update, still awaiting written agreement from shop owner.

**336/25 Burial Ground - Update on extension works**

Cllr Whipp gave an update on the extension works which are underway. Screening mesh will soon be fitted behind the fence. Many positive comments have been made to the contractors.

- 337/25 Longueville Hall housekeeping – review options**  
Deferred
- 338/25 Landscape operations – review options**  
Deferred
- Finance**
- 339/25 To consider grant applications.**  
Deferred
- 340/25 To agree payments in line with presentation of invoices for payment and any payments made between meetings.**  
Accounts approved. Payments made between meetings noted.
- 341/25 Budget v actual v forecast.**  
BCR considered.
- 342/25 To consider draft budget for 2026/27**  
Draft budget until taxbase and precept confirmed.
- 343/25 Update on discussions with Buckinghamshire Council on apparent discrepancies identified with taxbase setting.**  
Verbal update by clerk and Cllr Chapman. Noted that discussions with Buckinghamshire Council on their taxbase figures are ongoing.
- 344/25 To consider precept for 2026/27, and potentially defer final decision to a special meeting. [BC require precept detail by 31 January 2026]**  
Following consideration, it was resolved that an extraordinary meeting be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January to consider the budget and precept in the hope that Buckinghamshire Council will by then have resolved the apparent taxbase discrepancy.
- 345/25 Exclusion of Press & Public**  
Resolved to exclude press and public.
- 346/25 To consider planning matters**  
None.
- 347/25 To consider personnel matters**  
Update provided by clerk, chair and vice-chair on potential HR and H&S support. Research to continue.  
Finance Officer left the meeting.  
Resolved to accept recommendation from chair and vice-chair to appoint Linda Fensom as Deputy Clerk (Finance and Facilities) on a full-time for a temporary period of 1 year from 1 February 2026.  
Resolved to accept recommendation from chair and vice-chair on landscape arrangements currently undertaken through Stewkley Enterprise Agency.
- 348/25 To consider property matters**  
None.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 22:45.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_