

**Minutes of meeting of Newton Longville Parish Council
held on 16th March 2026 at Free Church, Bletchley Road.**

- Present:** Cllrs Chapman (chair), Coeshall, Cookman, Gibson, Hardwick, Hunter and Whipp.
In attendance: Mike Galloway (Clerk to the Council) (from 19:15), Linda Fensom (Deputy Clerk)
12 members of the public in person.
- 401/25 Apologies**
Cllrs Collinge and Hartley
- 402/25 Disclosures of interest**
The Clerk gave details of advice from the Buckinghamshire Council monitoring officer in relation to item 413/25. Whilst all members are likely to have a personal interest to a varying degree, none are likely to have a disclosable pecuniary interest (unless owner of a site being considered etc). This is as this is not a planning application and the parish council is not the decision making body.
All members declared a personal interest in item 413/25.
- 403/25 Announcements**
Cllr Chapman we now have two expressions of interest in being a councillor which are being followed up. Given the two major items on the EWR TMD and housing sites, the agenda has been limited. The next Longueville Hall Presents talk will be on Friday 20th March.
- 404/25 Minutes:**
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 16th February be signed as a correct record.
- 405/25 Update on actions arising from meeting on 16th February. Actions closed:**
Arrange tidying of Longueville Hall offices and corridors; Check and confirm situation regarding AGAR and Assertion 10; Community Activities; Liaise with school and UK Astronomy on planetarium event; Seek clarification from Buckinghamshire Council on taxbase for the 2026/27 precept; AGAR Assertion 10 - Compliance requirements; Tax Base 2026/27 assessment - Solicitors letter about under-estimate of housing completions; Email to Jilly Jordan regarding state of Drayton Road footpath; Confirm invite to Callum Anderson for the 6 March EWR TMD public meeting; Confirm Mini Maestros for Easter activities; Circulate taxbase legal (letter) exchanges.
- 406/25 Annual Parish Meeting**
Resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 27th April 2026 at 7pm at the Free Church.
- 407/25 Dates of Parish Council meetings in 2026/27**
Resolved that parish council meetings in 2026/27 to continue to be on the third Monday of each month at the Free Church at 7pm.
- 408/25 Assertion 10 of AGAR for 2026/27 - Compliance – Update**
Cllr Cookman gave a verbal update, IT policy to be based on NALC model. Cllr Hardwick to review the model document and give comments to Finance Working Group. Delegated to Clerk in conjunction with the Finance Working Group to modify as need be and agree.
- 409/25 Risk Register (AGAR Assertion 5) – Update and agree**
Risk Register reviewed and agreed, with BALC corrected to BMKALC.
As part of the WorkNest contract they are due to be visiting in April and giving advice on various aspects.

410/25

Update from Buckinghamshire Council ward councillors.

Various matters covered, including approved balanced budget, government funding cuts of £43.5m, appointment of new CEO Zina Etheridge, Consultation on Local Transport Plan, OFSTED report on SEND programme. Residents raised concerns about potholes on Whaddon Road and that only one short section had been repaired.

Public Involvement

411/25

Question asked about the Local Plan site selection.

Planning, Highways and Environment

412/25

Proposed Train Maintenance Depot (TMD) by East West Rail off Whaddon Road

(Following public meeting held at Longueville Hall on Friday 6 March)

Update and consider further action.

Verbal update by Cllr Chapman. We are working with Buckinghamshire Council, Mursley and Whaddon Parish Council. Contact has been made with West Bletchley Council. The public meeting on 6th March had been well attended with some particularly strong points made by residents and business owners close to the site. Buckinghamshire Council are taking the lead on dealing with the response to EWR. They have engaged specialist consultants to advise.

It was clarified that so far no Compulsory Purchase Orders have been issued.

413/25

Buckinghamshire Council consultation (survey) on proposed housing sites (HELAA)

(Closes 23:59 on 16 March 2026)

To consider draft recommendations on individual sites and generally.

Information captured from drop-in sessions. Draft responses prepared for all sites within and two near parish boundary.

Sites considered to be not suitable: Site 234 (Land to the north of Stoke Road); Site 298 (Land West of Westbrook End and Lower End); Site 680 Land South of Drayton Road, Newton Leys & Land West of Stoke Road, Newton Leys; Site 3578 (Land west of Shenley Park (SP2)). Site 4078 (Oaktree stables, Drayton Road, MK17 0BD); and Site 6580 (Shenley Park);

Sites considered as suitable: Site 3383 (Land at Bletchley Leys MK17 0EG, Land immediately to the west of Whaddon Road adjacent to Bletchley Leys Farm, between Weasel Lane and the A421/Bottledump roundabout.); and Site 6570 (Land to the South West of Milton Keynes, MK17 0BG, former Brickworks site).

Resolved to submit responses on individual sites, along with identified issues.

414/25

Outstanding Planning Applications

Any update and make any necessary decisions

- (i) 24/01220/AOP - 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)
- (ii) 25/01620/APP - Change of use to a mixed use of equestrian a single pitch caravan site, update to application and associated works (retrospective). Land Off Drayton Road, Newton Longville
- (iii) Salden Place (15/00314/AOP) - 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).
- (iv) SGN Gas Depot Bletchley Road (all applications) 20/03539/APP, 24/02423/VRC and 25/01626/CPE

- (v) "Bletchley Solar Park" Buckinghamshire Council: 25/01217/APP and Milton Keynes City Council: PLN/2025/0864
- (vi) Shenley Park (within Whaddon Parish)
Buckinghamshire 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.

Note new consultation on updated proposals.

Salden Place: Cllr Chapman gave a verbal update. Whaddon Road will be closed over Easter for works to create bridleway. The spine road will be available to construction traffic so there should be no need for HGVs to use Whaddon Road during the closure. A Sales Office for what is being called Salden Place West (from a marketing point of view) is due to open after Easter. First occupations in June.

No updates on other applications.

415/25 Update on Enforcement

No updates

Finance

416/25 To consider grant applications.

None.

417/25 To agree payments in line with presentation of invoices for payment and any payments made between meetings.

Accounts approved. Payments made between meetings noted.

418/25 Budget v actual v forecast.

Noted.

419/25 Update on taxbase discussions with Buckinghamshire Council.

Clerk and Cllr Chapman gave an update on the situation.

420/25 Exclusion of Press & Public

Resolved to exclude press and public.

421/25 To consider planning matters

No updates.

422/25 To consider personnel matters

- (i) To consider pay rates.

Resolved to approved recommended rates from 1st April 2026.

423/25 To consider property matters

- (i) To consider damage to hall floor.

Resolved to accept quotations for works.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:05.

Signed: _____

Date: _____