

**Minutes of the meeting of Newton Longville Parish Council
held on 17th August 2026 at Free Church, Bletchley Road.**

- Present:** Cllrs Chapman (chair), Coeshall (Vice-Chair), d'Albertanson, Collinge, Cookman, Gibson, Hunter and Whipp.
In attendance: Mike Galloway (Clerk to the Council), Linda Fensom (Deputy Clerk), 7 members of the public in person, 1 online, Ward Cllrs Jilly Jordan and Caroline Cornell.
- 105/26 Apologies**
Cllr Giambrone
- 106/26 Disclosures of interest**
Cllr Cookman declared an interest as his property is near the Cobb Hall Road site (117/26).
- 107/26 Announcements**
Cllr Chapman mentioned the forthcoming Garage Sale on 19th September organised by the WI. He announced that former NLPC cllr Jo Bromley had recently passed away.
- 108/26 Cobb Hall Road Emergency - Update on current situation.**
Sadness was expressed for the passing of Steve Woodward on Tuesday 11th August. Cllr Chapman gave a verbal update on current situation. After the incident on Sunday 9th August, the Crooked Billet opened and acted as Evacuation Centre. From Monday Longueville Hall took over and will continue to do so as long as is required.
There has been extensive support from Buckinghamshire Council Resilience team led by Vince Grey and supported by staff drawn from across Buckinghamshire Council and from Fairhive. Ward cllrs Jilly Jordan and Caroline Cornell, and local MP Callum Anderson visited Longueville Hall on Monday 10th and subsequently, praising the extraordinary and close-knit resilience of the villagers.
Tony Saunders thanked for initiating the two-minute silence and sounding of the church bells on Sunday 16th, timed for 09:42. This saw many residents turn out to remember Steve Woodward. He, his partner, and his family will remain in our thoughts.
One of the police officers dealing with the investigation had paid complements to the Newton Longville community for the wonderful community spirit and the way people had rallied round with offers of support.
It was agreed to send letters of thanks to the Crooked Billet, Buckinghamshire Council and The Betsey Wynne (which has provided lunches at Longueville Hall).
- 109/26 Minutes:**
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 20th July be signed as a correct record.
- 110/26 Update on actions arising from meeting on 20th July. Actions closed:**
252/25 Action work around play area roundabout to provide safe 'landing' area; 23/26 MUGA opening for school summer holiday period: CCTV, Changing rooms, Set-up Tennis Court, Communication to residents, Other events during holiday; 43/26 Confirm situation on proposed undergrounding of overhead power lines over Salden Place development, Raise issue of missing hidden dip sign alongside Salden Place section of Whaddon Road; 79/26 Village Briefing email about burglaries; 88/26 Raise motorbikes on Weasel Lane during next TW call; 91/26 Send resident guidance information on vehicle weight limits.
- 111/26 Update from Buckinghamshire Council ward councillors.**
Cllr Jordan gave detail of A Level, BTEC and NVQ results have been announced. Views wanted on how to keep Buckinghamshire Safe, survey on website.
- 112/26 Public Involvement**
None.

Planning, Highways and Environment

113/26 East West Rail - Proposed Train Maintenance Depot (TMD)

- (i) Update on latest situation.
- (ii) To consider further actions and make any necessary decisions.

Cllr Chapman gave a verbal update, there had been due to be a meeting with Buckinghamshire Council and other parishes, but following the Cobb Hall Road incident this was postponed.

114/26 Buckinghamshire Local Plan

Draft "Regulation 19" Pre-Submission Consultation version. Consultation ends 6 September.

- (i) Update on latest situation.
- (ii) To consider actions and make any necessary decisions.

Cllr Chapman gave an update on progress on reviewing the draft plan which is 450 pages long. So far 108 issues have been identified. He gave some examples of matters identified which indicates production of the plan has been rushed. At this stage representations may only be raised about legal compliance or the tests of soundness. It has been found that site allocations do not comply with other policies within the plan.

A further leaflet is going to be issued to all residents with guidance on how to comment before the 6th September deadline.

115/26 Pre-application Land off Pond Close/Westbrook End

- (i) Update on latest situation.
- To consider actions and make any necessary decisions
- No action at present. To await any outline planning application submission.

116/26 Pre-application Stoke Hammond - Newton Road/Drayton Road

- (i) Update on latest situation.
- To consider actions and make any necessary decisions
- No action at present. To await any outline planning application submission.

117/26 Outline application 15/02242/AOP - Cobb Hall Road

For: Outline application for the erection of 6 two-bed and 9 three-bed dwellings, new access and associated parking

At: Land Between Cobb Hall Road and Drayton Road.

To note officer report issued 11/08/2026 recommending approval.

Consider any updates on application and make any necessary decisions.

This was due to be considered by Buckinghamshire Council Planning Committee on 19th August, but in the current situation at the request of the parish council they had agreed to defer. Cllr Cornell has asked that it be deferred for a further month to the October meeting.

Clerk and Cllr Whipp gave an update on the history of this site, including the successful judicial review challenge of the previous approval by AVDC.

Cllr Chapman explained the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan about this site and how the current proposal does not comply with those policies.

118/26 Salden Place (15/00314/AOP)

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

Update and make any necessary decisions

Cllr Chapman gave a verbal update. There is a Care Home application which was expected, this will be reviewed against the outline approval. At a meeting with Taylor Wimpey, it was confirmed that the overhead electricity supply will be undergrounded. There are now 43 completions.

- 119/26 Planning application PL/26/05902/FA**
For: Rear extension to replace existing conservatory
At: 7 The Slade, Newton Longville, MK17 0DR.
No objection.
- 120/26 Other Outstanding Planning Applications**
Any update on other outstanding applications and make any necessary decisions
No updates.
- 121/26 Traffic Calming and Volume**
(i) Working group - Update
Cllr Gibson gave a verbal update. There will be a meeting of the working group on 18th August at the Village Hall.
- 122/26 Update on Enforcement**
Buckinghamshire Council have closed three long outstanding enforcement reports, that are unsurprising given the long passage of time.
- Community Activities**
- 123/26 Events in conjunction with school.**
Awaiting discussion with school for an event in December.
- 124/26 Longueville Hall events.**
After a three month break over summer, the next LHP ... event is on Friday 18th September with author Philomena Liggins "Agents Aliens and Spies". Steve Heath will be talking about Kitty and electric vehicles on 13th November.
- 125/26 Update on activities over summer holiday period.**
MUGA and toilets in a changing room are open Monday to Friday 9 to 5 during the school holidays.
- 126/26 Consider other events.**
Village Show and Fete is on 5th September.
- Property**
- 127/26 Additional defibrillator - update (Cllr Hunter)**
No update on new defibrillator at the shops, but it was that an electrical supply is required for low level heating of the pads. There are five existing units which now need to be replaced at a cost of around £1,350 each. Cllr Hunter to explore other options.
- 128/26 Additional benches in Hammond Park (Clerk)**
Report circulated with details of options. It was resolved that five benches be purchased as a cost of £300 each, as well as fitting as appropriate, with exact locations to be mapped and agreed.
- Finance**
- 129/26 To consider grant applications.**
None.
- 130/26 To agree payments in line with presentation of invoices for payment and any payments made between meetings**
Accounts approved. Payments made between meetings noted. Payment of Insurance renewal agreed.
- 131/26 Budget v actual v forecast.**
Not available.
- 132/26 Exclusion of Press & Public**
Resolved to exclude press and public.

133/26 To consider planning matters

No updates.

134/26 To consider personnel matters

Resolved that the appointment of Linda Fensom as Deputy Clerk (Finance and Facilities) be made permanent.

Agreed that Councillor profiles be produced and published on website.

135/26 To consider property matters

No updates.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:30.

Signed: _____ Date: _____