

LONGFIELD & NEW BARN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Meeting on Tuesday 22nd July 2025

at Church Hall, Main Road, Longfield

Meeting commenced at 7.35pm

Those present: Cllr. Steve Brown (Chair), Cllr. Catherine Stollery, Cllr. Catherine Stafford, Cllr. Jennifer MacDonald, Cllr. Tony Mack

Clerk: Paula Henney

Apologies accepted for absence: Cllr. J. Kite, Cllr. G. Sandher, Cllr. M. Tamber, Cllr. R. Perfitt, Cllr. P. Denman

Absent: Cllr. P. Smith

Members of the public present: One

78/2025 Declarations of Interest:

- Cllr. Brown is a member of Dartford Borough Council, a member of the DBC cabinet and member of the Development Control Board at DBC.
- Cllrs. Stafford, MacDonald, Stollery and Mack had none to declare.

79/2025 Minutes of last meeting: 24th June 2025

Minutes of last meeting approved by all present. Proposed by Cllr. Stafford and seconded by Cllr. Brown.

80/2025 Matters arising not recorded elsewhere: None.

81/2025: Chairman's Report:

Cllr. Brown welcomed the member of the public. The member of the public raised concerns with regards regarding speed of traffic at Whitehill Road and especially motorbike noise. Cllr. Brown advised the latest data from KCC Highways does not identify issues with speed in this area and that any dangerous driving should continue to be reported to KCC Highways and the Police.

82/2025: Correspondence:

The Clerk provided further clarification on correspondence **Items 5, 9 and 13** No further action was required.

83/2025 Public Question Time: One present – traffic Whitehill Road see minute 81/2025.

84/2025 Committee Reports and Recommendations

Finances and General purpose: Payments and receipts, proposed by Cllr. Stafford, seconded by Cllr. Stollery. and approved by all present.

Planning: Cllr. Stafford presented on behalf of the Planning group and agreed by the full council meeting.

Date	Reference	Property	Description	Comments
25/06/2025	25/00709/TPO	1 The Maples Longfield Kent DA3 7JW	Application for T1 Field Maple – crown reduce by no more than 2m, existing height approx. 15m, proposed new height 13m, existing width approx. 10m, proposed new width 6m. T2 Field Maple – cut back branches overhanging lawn by 1m to a height of 4m from ground level, T3 and T4 Field Maple – Fell, subject to Tree Preservation Order No. 1 1988	No objection to the felling of T3 and T4 subject to replanting or to the work on T1. Concerned that the proposed work on T2 will leave the tree looking unsightly
25/06/2025	25/00598/TPO	29 Pincroft Wood Longfield Kent DA3 7HB	Application to prune tree (selective pruning of branches directly overhanging roof) as pre annotated photo, removal of limbs leaning towards the neighbouring property and clearing of any dead or weakened branches that may fall unpredictably, particularly those over pedestrian areas, subject to Tree Preservation Order No.2 2024	Object to the removal of limbs leaning towards the neighbouring property on 1 Beech Tree. Not sufficient evidence to justify the work, and insufficient detail. No objection to the other elements of the application
30/06/2025	25/00397/TPO	Anchorage The Drive Longfield Kent DA3 7LX	Demolition of existing conservatory, single garage, and utility room for the erection of a two x two storey side extensions, with installation of a balcony on the eastern side extension.	This is a revised plan following the submission of new drawings. No objection
21/07/25	25/00661/FUL	Tudor Lodge, New Barn Road, Longfield, DA3 7LT	Erection of part two/part single storey extension	No objection

85/2025 Lighting/Street Scenes and Allotments:

Allotments: The Clerk and Cllr Stafford visited member of the community with regards to overgrown ivy entering property and damaging fencing at Nurstead Lane Allotments. **Action:** Clerk to obtain quotes for both clearing back the ivy and if possible, total removal of ivy roots.

Cllr. MacDonald enquired on piece of land next to plots 30/31/32. **Action:** Clerk to investigate usage.

Cllr. Brown noted that there had been further fly tipping on the verge next to allotments at Whitehill and Main Road. Clerk confirmed this was the second time and that request to collect with Dartford Borough Council had been raised.

All allotment tenants have been notified of hose pipe ban. Overgrown plot at Whitehill has been cutback to a reasonable ground level with support from Landscape Services.

86/2025 Grants and Community

Long Valley Hall: Noted by all present that the statutory electrical reports had been completed on 16th July 2025 by Volmech. **Action:** Clerk to obtain quotes for items identified in report for next meeting.

Parish Community Event 2025: Clerk confirmed agreed date of 8th November 2025 for the Parish Firework display. **Action:** Clerk to progress event planning and costings and arrange a site visit with Cllr Sandher, Stafford and Stollery.

Whitehill Road Closure/Wood Yard Water Supply: Closure of road notice 8th September for three working days noted by all present. Notice posted on website for information.

Play Areas/ROSPA Report: Noted that inspections for four play areas had been completed during July and invoice for £388.80 Playsafety Limited had been received and paid (budgeted and delegated Clerk approval).

87/2025 Kent Association of Local Councils: None

88/2025 Borough and Parish Councils Forum: None

89/2025 Dartford Borough Council: Cllr. Stafford enquired on updates with regards to disabled parking bays at Kent Road. **Action:** Clerk/Cllr Brown to progress.

90/2025 Kent County Council: Latest speed data from KCC Highways shared with Councillor. No further updates at present.

Meeting closed at 8.32pm.

Next meeting: 7.30pm Tuesday 23rd September 2025
(No meeting held in August)