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Minutes of the meeting of **Loggerheads Parish Council** to be held at **Loggerheads Fire Station on Thursday 16 October 2025 at 7pm**

Members of the public - 11

Present: - Chairman Swetman, Cllr Swan, Cllr Love, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Wellard, Cllr Lee, Cllr Butterworth, Cllr Sheard, Cllr Fox, Cllr Hodkinson

Borough Cllr Northcott, Borough Cllr Turnock , PCSO Colin

1. To receive and consider apologies for absence.

   Cllr Sedgley, Cllr Beales.

2. To note declarations of Members' interests – None to report.

3. To approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on September 11th 2025

   Proposed Cllr Swan
   Seconded Cllr Roberts
   Unanimous

4. Public Question Time

   Members of the public addressed the Council regarding their concerns over speeding, traffic and road safety. Their concerns included:-
   The Parish growing and therefore traffic increasing
   speeding, noisy motor bikes, unsafe mini roundabouts, signage obscured by hedgerows, lack of signs, lack of speed control signs, lack of pedestrian crossing, unsafe junctions with no sight lines, especially Mucklestone Wood Lane. Serious overgrown hedges obscuring sight lines.

An email had been received from the County Councillor Helen Williams which read:-

The road at Loggerheads in National Speed Limit with a 50MPH buffer, before coming 30MPH.

Dragons Teeth road markings, together with SLOW signage is present on the roadway.

The speed limit signage in transition to 30 appears to be in order and visible, and this signage is also endorsed by the 30MPH markings on the road.

Speeding at speed limit transitions is a common issue.
Having checked the location, the does appear to be a speeding issue present from studying the SCT tool.

Highways are going to contact Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership SSRP to enquire as to whether this is an existing enforcement site. I will update you once I obtain a response.

Chairman Swetman explained about the extraordinary amount of planning applications and building that had taken place in the Parish which was clearly adding to this problem. The responsibility of Highways is with SCC. Their budgets were stretched and things that needed doing were not happening. The Parish was trying to utilise their ground maintenance officer to do a portion of work without leaving him in danger.

The condition of the Tadgdale estate was that a pedestrian crossing was installed, to date NBC have not chased this up.

The S106 contributions for highway safety was a convoluted issue between SCC and NBC.

The Chairman went onto explain that SCC would not take action unless a fatality took place. An extension of the pavement opposite the Coop had not taken place and was a failing of NBC.

The Parish Council has been investigating installing more SID. The Parish Council has also asked SCC about the possibility of the speed camera van.

Borough Councillor Northcott explained about the community speed watch and how it requires more volunteers. This data was important to inform the decisions on speed camera van locations. Chairman Swetman urged members of the public to join the community speed watch.

Mucklestone Road was requested as a SID location.

Unanimously agreed to move the next item up the agenda.

PCSO Colin addressed the Council, he explained that their was very few residents who were complaining to the Police about speeding. He went on to explain that he was the only PCSO on duty for the area and staffing numbers were stretched. He went onto give a report for the area. He urged people to report the speeding.

5. Cooption of Councillors
   Deferred

6. Updates from committee chairs (Finance & Planning) – Minutes attached.
   Proposed to accept the actions from the finance committee - Chairman Lee

Seconded Cllr Swan
Unanimous

Proposed to accept the actions from the planning committee Chairman Love
Seconded Cllr Swan

7. To approve the payments for October
Proposed Chairman Swetman
Seconded Cllr Lee
Unanimous

8. To approve the Health and Safety training Policy for the role of Maintenance Officer.

Proposed Chairman Swetman
Seconded Cllr Roberts

Unanimous

9. LV1 lease and update
To add to this to the discussions with the MP next week.

10. Dog waste bins – update on locations required

An email from NBC had stated that they could only accommodate 4 of the extra 19 bins that Loggerheads suggested were required. Loggerheads Parish Council were willing to provide the bins.
NBC would also charge £6 per week to answer these. Borough Councillor Northcott asked that LPC forward the email to the portfolio holder Cllr David Hutchinson and David Bird the manager.
Chairman Swetman asked how much extra Council Tax had been raised by the 300 houses built and why could NBC could not provide the infrastructure required.

11. Budget projects
Chairman Swetman asked if anyone had any ideas for projects they would like to be included in the budget.

12. Bell Orchard update

The installation is now complete; there is some small tidying issues for Graeme to do. The playground would be opened on 27.10.2025
Clerk to contact local media.

13. To receive reports from Staffordshire County Council, Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council and Staffordshire Police
Police report received further up the agenda.
Email from County Councillor Williams read out in the public session.

Borough Councillor Turnock – The Willowbridge Lodge Poultry Farm application had been discussed at planning. The NBC planning offices supported the application. The application was successful by one vote.

Borough Councillor Northcott have an update on the local plan and its progress, this was a slow process. NBC are looking to revise the housing requirements.

14. To receive updates from Members on outside committees and bodies

Cllr Fox – gave an update on St Marys school progress.

Meeting ended 20:15

Minutes of the **Planning and Environment Committee** meeting of **Loggerheads Parish Council** held at **7pm on Monday 6 October 2025** at Loggerheads Community Fire Station, Market Drayton Road, Loggerheads, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 4EZ.

In attendance. Chairman Love, Cllr Swetman, Cllr Love, Cllr Butterworth, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Hodgkins, Cllr Fox, Cllr Swan

1. **To receive and consider apologies for absence. Cllr Wellard, Cllr Beales, Cllr Lee. Accepted**

2. **To note declarations of Members' interests - None**

3. **To approve and sign the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting** held on 01.09.2025

   Proposed Cllr Swetman, Seconded Cllr Swan. Unanimous

4. **Public Question Time – Non present**

5. **To consider the planning applications received for comment.**

   25/00579/REM – No comments
   25/00513/FUL – No objections
   25/00647/FUL – No objections
   25/00672/FUL – No comments

6. **To note any planning applications having been decided by NuLBC:**
   None to report.

7. **Gritting contract and grit bins for 25/26**
   Proposal Cllr Roberts
   Seconded Cllr Butterworth
   Unanimously agreed to accept the contract for gritting by Adrian Marsh and to purchase the extra grit bins required.

8. **Response letter to Leigh Ingham MP regarding S106 contributions**
   A letter had been sent to the MP in response to the letter from Graham Mole. This had been circulated to the Councillors before the meeting. The Council awaited the response. The letter questioned the S106 contributions and the long-term plan for Loggerheads and its infrastructure. The footpath next to the Loggerheads had also been raised and questioned why NBC have not enforced the lack of the pavement, it was also a condition of the planning for a pedestrian crossing. The education contribution from the S106 to education is 1.9 million.

9. **Knighton Play area**

   Revised quotes for different play equipment, the Clerk has asked for a deferment on the matter until Bell Orchard has been completed.

10. **To consider the following Member Items:**

    Cllr Swetman explained that he and the Clerk had undertaken an audit of the dog waste bins in the Parish. The Clerk had circulated a list of the areas where extra bins were needed. There were 19 in total. The Clerk was going to liase with NBC to suggest if the

Parish Council purchase the bins, can NBC empty them.

Cllr Fox attended the meeting regarding the A53/51 Blackbrook Junction update.

Bellway Homes have now applied to have a change of conditions to 100 homes to be built before the junction needs improvement.

11. To note the date of the next **Planning and Environment Committee 03.11.2025**

Meeting closed – 19:50

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Dear Councillor,

Minutes of the **Finance and General Purposes Committee** meeting of **Loggerheads Parish Council** held at **7pm on Monday 13 October 2025** at the Loggerheads Community Fire Station.

Present: Chairman Lee, Cllr Fox, Cllr Swetman. Cllr Swan, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Butterworth, Cllr Wellard,

Minutes

1. To receive and consider apologies for absence

   Cllr Love, Cllr Hodgkins, Cllr Beales, Cllr Sedgley

2. To note declarations of Members' interests
   None to report
   Cllr Butterworth for S1037 application for befrienders

3. To approve and sign the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting for September 2025
   Proposed Cllr Swan
   Seconded Cllr Roberts
   Unanimous

4. Public Question Time – None present
5. To authorise the list of payments for October
   No invoices to prepare. Salary costs will be updated at Full Council.

6. To note the accounts statements provided by Cllr Lee. The account statements were circulated.

7. **S137 application for Loggerheads befrienders £760**
   Proposal Cllr Swetman
   Seconded Cllr Roberts
   Unanimous

8. **S137 application for Pickers and planters £412**
   Proposal Cllr Swan
   Seconded Cllr Roberts
   Unanimous

   To ask for a list of the projects that the P&P so that they could be advertised on the web

site.

9. Update on Bell Orchard.
   Cllr Swetman gave an update on the project; the grass is now suitably grown so that the matting can go ahead. The cost for the company to return to site to install the matting and slide is £695

10. Knighton play area

    The Clerk would investigate companies for the equipment at Knighton.

11. Date of next meeting – 10.11.2025
12. Member items – Goal Posts from Cllr Swetman, these were being manufactured.

    Meeting ended 19:30