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Present. Chairman Swetman, Cllr Fox, Cllr Hodgins, Cllr Swan, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Wellard, Cllr Lee. Borough Cllr North, Cllr Turnock

Minutes of the meeting of **Loggerheads Parish Council** held at **Loggerheads Community Fire station 7pm Thursday 12 March 2026**

1. To receive and consider apologies for absence

   Cllr Love, Cllr Butterworth, Cllr Beales, , Cllr Sheard, Cllr Sedgley
2. To note declarations of Members' interests – None to report

3. To approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held in February

   Proposed Cllr Swan
   Seconded Cllr Lee
   Unanimous

4. Public Question Time
   Mr Plestead – Thanked the Council for the bench dedicated to the late Iris Plestead

5. Updates from committee chairs (Finance & Planning)

   Cllr Lee gave an update on the finance committee meeting. Minutes available on the web site.

6. To approve the payments for March
   Proposed – Cllr Lee
   Seconded - Chairman Swetman

7. LV1 lease and update – The Solicitors at NBC have confirmed that the last two remaining issues are being work on for the lease.

8. S137 grant for LACE - Awaiting information from the applicant Proposal from Chairman Swetman to defer and Seconded Cllr Roberts
   St Mary's School – No update and this will now be removed form the agenda until further information.

9. Tinkers Lane – Cllr Hodgkins asked if the Maintenance Officer can have a look for what work needs actioning.

10. S106 updates – Chairman Swetman and the Clerk have contacted the MPs office regarding the lack of action and information around the S106 payments. The Clerk has also submitted a FOI for the information.

11. Annual Parish Meeting
Notice to go on the web site to say the Parish Council will not call the meeting but if anyone wishes to call one they can.

12. To receive reports from Staffordshire County Council, Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council and Staffordshire Police

Cllr Turnock – Had emailed the portfolio holder regarding the dog waste bins and they were chasing it with NBC. Chairman Swetman clarified that LPC were willing to purchase the bins if NBC would empty them.

Cllr Turnock – Planning application at School Lane for nine houses is ongoing. This is likely to go to committee 31.03.2026

Application at Warmadine Lane – No objections from the Parish Council. Cllr Turnock has tried to call this in. NBC have informed him that this is not possible at present because it is an in-principle decision.

Cllr Northcott expressed concerns about the planning in principle applications, as it appeared that these were in fact outline. He asked that LPC were mindful of these planning applications.

Cllr Northcott informed the Parish Council that he is retiring at the election, Chairman Swetman thanked him for his service.

13. To receive updates from Members on outside committees and bodies
Cllr Fox updated that St Marys were holding a Tea party, world war 2 workshop, family finish session, and an Easter Service.

That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

14. Ground Maintenance hours

Chairman Swetman explained that the Ground Maintenance Officers hours need increasing from 20 to 30. A financial report had been circulated
Proposed Chairman Swetman to increase the hours from 20 to 30 hours
Seconded Swan
Unanimous

15. Date of next meeting – 16.04.2026

Meeting ended 19:25 hours