

LONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 18th May 2026, following the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Longham Parish Council welcomes the public and press to its meetings. You may address the Council during the public participation session but standing orders do not allow participation in the debates.

AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman and signing of declaration of acceptance of office.
2. Election of Vice Chairman and signing of declaration of acceptance of office.
3. Welcome and apologies for absence (apologies received from Cllr Paul O'Brien and District Cllr Roger Atterwill).
4. To receive any declarations of interest.
5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2026.
6. To receive an update regarding the one council vacancy and consider the co-option of a new Council member.
7. Meeting open for public participation.
8. To receive County and District Councillors reports.
9. Planning Matters.
 - a) Applications for consideration.
 - Any applications received after the agenda has been published (<http://planning.breckland.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>)
 - b) Decisions to note.
 - PL/2025/0998/FMAJ – land at Dykewood Farm, Beeston - proposed construction of ground mounted solar panel arrays and associated infrastructure.
 - PL/2026/0390/HOU – Chalfont, Chapel Road - demolition of substandard conservatory and construction of single storey flat roof extension to rear
 - c) To receive an update regarding the Breckland Local Plan.
10. Highway Matters - to receive updates on any matters previously reported and to consider any new highway issues.
 - Overgrown hedge on Honey-pot Lane – now cut back.
11. To receive a report in respect of the Playing Field and Play Area.

12. To receive an update regarding the Clay Pits (a county wildlife site).
13. To receive an update in respect of the Village Defibrillator.
14. To receive an update regarding the proposed High Grove Solar Farm, the Regener8 site at Beeston, and the George Freeman Action Group.
15. To receive an update regarding matters raised in the annual inspection of assets:
- Backless benches on Playing Field.
 - Bench on the Green, Chapel Road.

16. Finance and Governance

- a) To receive a financial report for the years ending 31st March 2026 and 31st March 2027.
- b) To receive an update regarding the annual insurance renewal.
- c) To note the new website address – www.longhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.
- d) To receive the internal auditors report and consider any recommendations.
- e) To approve the certification of exemption from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.
- f) To approve the annual governance statement in the 2025-26 Annual Return.
- g) To approve the Statement of Accounts in the 2025-26 Annual Return.
- h) To authorise financial payments as set out below and note any receipts.

PAYMENTS

P6	Annual Insurance Renewal	£tbc
P5	The Conservation Volunteers	£432.00
P7	Internal Auditor	£40.00
P8	Grass Contractor (1 of 3)	£721.00
	Bank Charges (Apr/May)	£14.00

**, (SO) or (DD) indicates payment has been made.*

RECEIPTS

	Bank Interest	£43.57
R1	Breckland – Precept (1 of 2)	£4,150.00
R2	HMRC VAT Return year ending 31 st March 2026	£360.55

17. Correspondence for circulation

(anything received after the agenda has been published will be circulated at the meeting)

18. To receive any new items for the next agenda.

19. To note the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20th July 2026, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Sheryl Irving
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Thursday 7th May 2026