LONG CRENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2025 at 19.30

PRESENT: -

Paul Davies	Councillor & Chairman Parish Council **(Chair)**
Alex Griffiths	Councillor
Candy Cozens	Councillor
Sandy Hooper	Councillor
Helen-Passingham-Hughes	Councillor
Nigel Allen	Councillor
Trevor Bullock	Advisor to Council
Greg Lismore	Parish Clerk

2025.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None required – all members present

2025.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - None

2025.03 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - 2 members of the public were present

2025.04 MINUTES and MATTERS ARISING. The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2024 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings.

2025.05 CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION LIST.

The Clerk verbally updated the Council on urgent matters.

2025.06 PLANNING –

24/03572/ALB	31 Bicester Road	No objection

The Land transfer for future Public Open Space at Wainwrights – work is in progress. Meeting with our Solicitors/conveyancer scheduled. Briefing note prepared. Cllr. Helen Passingham-Hughes offered to participate if available. Cllr. Alex Griffiths also offered to attend.

Re Planning Application for Hornage Farm Green Gas (Biomethane) Generation Facility. We are being consulted by Buckinghamshire Council Waste & Minerals department on the latest versions of documents from the applicant. Following Council discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Helen Passingham-Hughes would draft the form of words to be used and call a meeting of all available Parish Councillors to finalise and ensure we submit prior to the Local Planning Authority deadline of 18th January 2025. The Parish Council agreed to continue to object to the application.

2025.07 FINANCE

The disbursements for December 2024 were approved and the bank balances noted.

The balance on the current account as at the time of the meeting was read out.

The Parish Council reviewed the request to provide funding (£1000 out of £5000 total) for subject matter expert consultant support to the Parish Council (in conjunction with other Parish Councils) to allow a considered response to the planning application amendment related to Hornage Farm Biodigester Project. Unfortunately the terms of reference for the study received by this Parish Council assumed support for the existing objections to the application proposals (predetermination) and the Parish Council were not in a position to support the use of public funds in these circumstances. The Parish Council agreed to provide a consultation response after they consider the matter at their next scheduled planning committee meeting.

The estimate (£1,300 + VAT) to reduce the crown to previous cut points and lift crown to 5M on the lime tree in the recreation grounds behind Stratton Cottage was approved. The tree was planted around 1920 and the present height is 23.3m +/- 1m

The 2024-2025 budget and actuals to date were further reviewed. Outlook to 2025-2026 budget was further discussed and the consideration for Parish spending requirements needed in the budget submission in January 2025 was continued. The 2025-2026 precept requirements were further discussed. The budgets will be finalised in a special Parish Council meeting to be held on 20th January 2025 immediately after the scheduled Planning Committee meeting.

2025.08 POJECT UPDATES

- **2025.08.1 Road Safety -**

Cllr. Sandra Hooper confirmed that the mounting poles for the new Speed Indication Devices have been ordered.

2025.08.2 S106 Sports & Leisure Project at Recreation Grounds

The request for funding documentation has been sent to Buckinghamshire Council for stakeholder approvals per the process. Carry forward.

- **2025.08.3 Medical facility on Parish Council land at Chearsley Rd**.
  The Parish Council has not yet had a response from the NHS Integrated Care Board following the engagement by the Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care. Cllr. Alex Griffiths will follow up. Carry Forward.

- **2025.08.4 Improved access to amenity field at Harroell.** No Progress. Carry forward.

- **2025.08.5 Street Lights LED Project. -**
  The Parish Council are informed that the company "E-Energy" will commence their project survey from 14th January 2025 covering over 200 street lights.

2025.09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

* Parish Salt Boxes – The Parish Council agreed to use Buckinghamshire Council to refill empty salt boxes at a cost of £100 a time per box.

* The bespoke Iroko wood to carry out repairs to public bench on Chilton Road is to be ordered.

* Update on new bench for Wainwrights meadow – the catalog is being sent to the donor for them to choose.

* It was agreed that the Parish Council will provide a new dog poo bin and a general use waste bin for Wainwrights meadow when it becomes Parish Council owned for use as Public Open Space. Budget is to be included in the 2025-2026 schedule.

* The Parish Council were advised that the Clerk is commissioning a full tree survey of the trees in the recreation grounds.

* The Parish Council were reminded that the Neighbourhood Plan lead "Village Showcase" is scheduled to take place on Saturday 1st February 2025 at the school.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:54

Print Name: ….....

Signed..... Date.....