LONG CRENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2025 at 19.30

PRESENT: -

Paul Davies	Councillor & Chairman Parish Council (Chairman of this meeting)
Alex Griffiths	Councillor
Sandy Hooper	Councillor
Candy Cozens	Councillor
Nigel Allen	Councillor
Greg Lismore	Parish Clerk

2025.19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Helen Passingham-Hughes Councillor

2025.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - None

2025.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - 7 members of the public was present. The Parish Council received a presentation from Mr Doug Kennedy on biodiversity and Nature Recovery Strategy. His presentation and meeting notes has been posted on the Parish Council website along with these minutes for those interested.

2025.22 MINUTES and MATTERS ARISING. The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2025 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings.

2025.23 CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION LIST.

- The transaction to transfer the public open space at Wainwrights to the Parish Council is still in progress with our conveyancing solicitor.
- The depleted salt boxes replenishment at Elm Trees, Coltman Avenue and Highfield has been ordered from Buckinghamshire Council but STILL NOT been done. The PC have expressed the concern to Buckinghamshire Council that they appear to be working against us rather than with us with their convoluted processes.
- The Parish Council is working with SPITFIRE BESPOKE HOMES Ltd to complete the transfer of ownership of street lights on adopted parts of the new housing estate at Chearsley Road are completed. Some of the street lights are on un-adopted parts of the estate and will remain in private ownership.
- The complete tree survey for the recreation grounds has been completed and the report is expected in the coming weeks from the contractor.
- The Parish Council sent their supportive reply to Thame Town Council in an attempt to get a "Banking Hub" in Thame. The organisation responsible for making the decision had already decided that a few cash machines would suffice and Thame Council requested all local Parish Councils for support in their lobbying to have this decision overturned.
- Street light repairs that were ordered prior to this meeting have not yet been carried out by the contractors.
- The new public bench for the Wainwrights Meadow (paid for by personal donation) has been delivered to the Pc and is awaiting installation.

- The broken handrail at the entrance to the car park for the library and village centre which was reported to the Parish Council has been communicated to the responsible parties.
- The hedges at the Skate Park and The Dog Walking Field have been trimmed in line with our bio-diversity approach. During the works it was discovered that a neighbouring landowner had dumped and fly-tipped spoil from their land onto the Parish Council land whilst clearing ditches and removing hedges on their own land. The Parish Council has chosen to ignore the un-neighbourly actions and let nature absorb the nutrient rich spoil.
- The Devolved Services legal agreement from Buckinghamshire Council has been received. Buckinghamshire Council will contribute a nett £5,120 to the Parish Council in the next financial year 2025-2026 and Parish Councilors were informed that this (as usual) is no where near enough to carry out what is required. As previously decided by the Parish Council the balance required is funded from precept.
- We are engaged with our Accounting Software supplier to transfer the accounting system to the new Parish Council computer. Technical matters are not yet resolved.

2025.24 PLANNING - None

2025.25 FINANCE

The disbursements for February 2025 were approved.

The balance on the current account as at the time of the meeting was £72,461.57

2025.26 PROJECT UPDATES

- **2025.26.1 Road Safety** - We are still awaiting contractor action to install the new Speed Indicating Devices. We will look at an alternative supplier. There are now 14 village volunteers to man the village led SPEEDWATCH activity which is much appreciated by the PC.
- **2025.26.2 S106 Sports & Leisure Project at Recreation Grounds -** Project Approval from Buckinghamshire Council. Funding release is under discussion with the administrator. Costings from UK Power Networks and them Water are in progress. Carry forward.
- **2025.26.3 Medical facility on Parish Council land at Chearsley Rd**. We are still awaiting a response from the local Integrated Care Board for this area (part of NHS governance). In progress. Carry forward.
- **2025.26.4 Improved access to amenity field at Harroell.** In progress. Carry forward.
- **2025.26.5 LED Street Light Project.** No update due to Councillor absence. Carry Forward.

2025.27 ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

The Clerk was authorised to go ahead and order the non-mains powered pressure washer to allow more regular cleaning of the U14 playground equipment in the recreation grounds, and for other uses within the

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Parish.

A request to provide recycling bins at the square was discussed by the Parish Council. It was concluded that due to the reality of the general public's ability to differentiate between different types of bins already provided by the Parish Council (general litter versus dog poo) it is unlikely that our refuse collection contractors would be able to recycle a full bin due to contamination. The public should be advised to take their litter home and use their home domestic recycling facilities.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:34

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