LONG CRENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st September 2025 at 19.30

PRESENT: -

Paul Davies	Councillor & Chairman Parish Council (Chairman of this meeting**)**
Paul Norman	Councillor
Sandy Hooper	Councillor
Candy Cozens	Councillor
David Cooper	Councillor
Helen Passingham-Hughes	Councillor
Nigel Allen	Councillor
Trevor Bullock	Special Advisor (Conservation)
Greg Lismore	Parish Clerk

2025.83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - Alex Griffiths - Councillor, Clive Harriss – ward member on BC

2025.84 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - None

2025.85 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - No members of the public present.

2025.86 MINUTES and MATTERS ARISING. The minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 2025 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings.

2025.87 CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION LIST.

- The Clerk gave a short verbal update as he had been on annual leave.
- In respect of the land at Wainwrights Meadow for public use when the land is transferred to the Parish Council for use as Public Open space - the Clerk is awaiting the conveyancers and advised nothing will happen till after the summer holiday period.
- We have now received the backlog of street light electricity bills from NPOWER as they have managed to update their system.
- The organisers of Crendon Fest 2026 have requested use of the recreation grounds for the proposed event. The decision is elsewhere in these minutes.
- A resident has requested Parish Council support for a 20 MPH speed limit on Frogmore Lane
- There are some detail matters in respect of our 2025-2026 insurance renewal which the Clerk is working with the Brokers to resolve.
- We have received the bill form Buckinghamshire Council for the running of the non-contested Parish elections earlier this year.
- The revised quote for the Harroell entrance has been received and the decision is in the Finance section of these minutes.
- Due to other priorities there is no progress reported on the new PC website

2025.88 PLANNING –

A) Consultation on PL/25/2762/KA - 118 High Street Long Crendon Buckinghamshire HP18 9AN – NO OBJECTION to tree works

B) Planning Consultation CM/0022/22 for Re-consultation - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED ON APPLICATION REF: CM/0022/22.

Proposal: Erection of anaerobic digestion facility, comprising silage clamps, digester tanks, lagoons, administrative buildings, ancillary development including gas grid connection, landscaping and access. Location: Land To South East Of Hornage Farm, Bicester Road, Chilton, Buckinghamshire Applicant: Acorn Bioenergy Ltd.

Amended/additional plans/information have been received in relation to the above and you may wish to amend comments that you have already made or provide additional comments on the application which is to be determined by the Buckinghamshire Council. Please forward your observations by 17 September 2025.

The Parish Council continues to **STRONGLY OBJECT** to this application and is disappointed by the dismissive report included in the data pack from the Highways statutory consultee.

C) Application for a new premises licence received - Lopemead Farm, Thame Road, Long Crendon, Aylesbury, OX9 3SH – The reference for this application is PR202507-368743 . Parish Council comments due back by 8th September 2025. The Parish Council has no comments

D) For information: The call for sites for LC Neighbourhood Plan has now completed and the analysis of the responses commenced.

2025.89 FINANCE

The disbursements for August 2025 were approved.

The balance on the current account as at the time of the meeting was £91,918.08

The Parish Council noted the bill from Buckimghamshire Council for the charges for running the PC election in 2025.

The Parish Council received and accepted the revised quote for the entrance works at Harroell dog walking field and adjacent fencing.

The 2024-2025 AGAR is still with the external auditors. One query have yet been received and is being dealt with relating to the accounting treatment in the period of some perceived capital purchases.

2025.90 PROJECT UPDATES

- **2025.90.1 S106 Sports & Leisure Project at Recreation Grounds -** Cllr. David Cooper provided a written report to the Council and continues to work on the project. Carry forward.

- **2025.90.2 Medical facility on Parish Council land at Chearsley Rd**. MP Greg Smith has confirmed a meeting with the Minister of State in the Department of Health and Social Care responsible for estates to further brief them as requested in the HoC last month by Secretary of State Wes Streeting MP. The PC will

prepare a detailed 'building pack' for Greg to take to that meeting to demonstrate the physicality of our proposals and that they are achievable in a short timescale to encourage the Government to support us. Carry forward.

- **2025.90.3 Improved access to amenity field at Harroell.** Work should commence as soon as our contractor can make arrangements. Carry forward.

- **2025.90.4 LED Street Light Project.** Cllr. Helen Passingham-Hughes explained the on/off default timings agreed with our contractor. The PC approved some limited emergency repairs to some lamps that have failed prior to the project implementation. Helen will work with the Clerk to act on this. Carry Forward.

- **2025.90.5 Play Areas.** Cllr. Sandy Hooper confirmed our contractors has indicated that the bird fouling in the U13 play area is limited to one small area and that no tree removal is now anticipated. The seating bench will be re-located to a less "bird sensitive2 area. provided a written report to the Parish Council. Further quotes are being obtained for surface replacement works. The remainder of the works is mainly painting and localised repairs. Parts are still available from HUSSON. A revised action plan is now being identified and the details are being filled in. Carry forward.

- **2025.90.6 Parish Council Process Review.** Cllr. David Cooper and Cllr. Helen Passingham-Hughes have drawn up an interview structure for the forthcoming work with Councillors and the Clerk and it ws noted that this activity will start to gain traction after the summer holidays. Carry Forward.

2025.91 PARISH BUSINESS –

The Crendon Crier has taken over WWW.LONG-CRENDON.COM . No significant progress on the replacement due to other priority workload. Carry forward.

The Buckinghamshire Council new "One Uniform" planning system is/was inaccessible to the Parish Council. There is apparently a growing backlog of cases and Buckinghamshire Council is working to resolve. The inability to see ANY planning comments from the public is a cause of concern to the Parish Council as it implements a Democratic Deficit that is not supportable. The County Monitoring Officer (Lawyer) has defended the Bucks Council actions and refuses to accept that this is anything other than necessary to secure their obligations under GDPR. Pointing out that other local LPAs do not take this approach is falling on deaf ears. We await developments.

The Parish Council reviewed the written request from the organisers of "Crendon Fest 2026" to fence off and use our recreation grounds for a few days in July 2026 for this event.. the Parish Council agrees in principle and will work with the organisers to secure any legal requirements for the event. The organisers will attend a future meeting of the P to brief more fully.

2025.92 ANY OTHER BUSINESS and potential future agenda items–

Cllr. Paul Norman informed the PC that some of the trees on Wainwrights new Public Open space are dead. The owner of the land has been informed.

FUTURE - Review & Resolve to adopt updated Parish Council standing orders.

FUTURE - Review & Resolve to adopt updated Parish Council Financial Regulations

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:17

Print Name: ….....

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