

LOXTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON TUESDAY 2nd September 2025 AT 7.00PM

In attendance: Chairman I. Shipton, Cllr S. Bassett, Cllr P. Davies, Cllr A. Eden and 7 members of the Public.

The Minutes were taken by Clerk Sally Ferguson. The meeting opened at 6.55 pm

31/25 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

32/25 Apologies for absence- Unitary Cllr Tristram- Accepted.

33/25 Declaration of Interests – Chairman Shipton declared an interest in planning for a tree felling at this property (25/P/1648).

34/25 Minutes of Last Meeting – The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 1st July 2025 were resolved as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

35/25 Public Speaking-

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.02 pm to allow the Public to speak.

There was concern expressed about the recent repair to the bridge on Whitehouse Lane. One resident reported the hedgerow on Christon Lane was overgrown, the Clerk would report to North Somerset to get a resolution. The drain outside Loxton garage was still blocked, and the Clerk would report this again to North Somerset Council. There were reports on the Church maintenance and thanks were given to volunteers, and more sought for general cleaning and churchyard tidying. The Harvest Home is being held on 20th September and an Octoberfest on 3rd October. The potholes on Church Road and Hillview had been repaired; the Clerk would express thanks to North Somerset for this. The planning application 25/P/1308/FUL was discussed as being of historical importance to the Parish, and it was noted that there was considerable local support.

The meeting opened at 7.42 pm.

36/25 Planning:

- 25/P/1308/FUL Former Miners Cottage, Shiplate Road, Bleadon. Proposed reconstruction of an existing cottage to form a 2no. bed holiday let. It was resolved to support this renovation. - Unanimous.
- 25/P/1648/TRCA Old Rectory, Banwell Road, Christon. BS2W6 2XX. Maple -Fell-Concern regarding proximity to house and drains. It was resolved leave the decision to the tree Officer at North Somerset.

37/25 Correspondence

Most correspondence sent to Members by email. The Chairman and Councillors had received an email from John Kiely regarding support for a radiography machine at Weston Hospital. This was noted. There was an email about funding for trees on Parish and privately owned land. This would be shared via WhatsApp.

38/25 Annual Pay Award

The Annual Pay award which was backdated to 1st April was noted

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Finance and to approve payments since last meeting-

The Clerk provided a brief update on revenue and expenditure so far this year. The second half of the precept is due this month.

It was resolved to approve the payments shown below since the last meeting and acknowledge those due before the next meeting in November 2025.

- Clerk Salary August (+ backpay) =£185.40
- Home Allowance= £20.00
- N.I/Tax HMRC August =£46.20
- Annual Insurance= £490.36
- Malwarebytes = £29.99
- Bank Charge=£4.25
- Clerk Salary September = £164.96
- NI/Tax HMRC= £41.20
- Home Allowance = £20.00
- Bank Charge=£4.25
- Vision ICT (Website hosting) = £228.90
- Npower (Street light) = TBC
- Clerk salary October = £164.96
- Home Allowance= £20.00
- N.I./Tax= £41.20

Bank Balances after August payments:

- Current Account = £385.85
- Reserves Account = £7,441.42

40/25 Reports:

1. **District Councillor** –No report.
2. **Highways/Footpaths** –Nothing to report.
3. **Parish Acre** – Nothing to report.
4. **Parish Orderly** -Nothing to report.
5. **Community Hub** -The new build was progressing well. A second part time Cook had been employed. A newsletter had been produced to update locals and visitors alike on the history and progress of the Hub project

for the next agenda-

- Draft Budget 2026-2027
- Email Domain (@ Gov.Uk) consideration and Assertion 10 Compliance.
- To consider free trees needed for Parish Acre, and elsewhere in Parish.

Next meeting: Meeting of the Parish Council 11th November 2025 at 7.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.08 pm.