

SOUTH LENCHES PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillors are summoned to attend an Ordinary Parish Council meeting of South Lenches Parish Council to take place on Monday March 9th 2026 at 7.00pm in Church Lench Village Hall. The meeting is open to the press and members of the public to ask questions or raise concerns regarding matters on this agenda or for future consideration.

AGENDA

1.	To receive and approve apologies of absence.
2.	Declarations of Interests: With reference to items on the agenda members are reminded of their responsibility to declare interests as defined in the Code of Conduct. 4.1 <u>Register of Interests</u> – Councillors are reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests held with Wychavon District Council. 4.2 <u>To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</u> in items on the Agenda and their nature. Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence. 4.3 <u>To declare any Other Disclosable Interests</u> in items on the Agenda and their nature Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of Paragraph 12(4) (b) of the Code of Conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items. 4.4 <u>To consider any written Dispensations received from members who have declared an interest but wish to stay in the meeting during that time to aid discussion / speak / vote.</u> Requests to be submitted to the Clerk prior to a meeting. (S33 of the Localism Act 2011).
The meeting will be adjourned for Public Question time: The time allocated is at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration.	
3.	To receive reports from County, District Cllrs. And Police.
4.	Minutes of the previous meeting: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12.01.26.
5.	To receive Clerk report: a) <u>Phone mast</u> b) <u>Update on audit</u> i) <u>Policies</u> ii) <u>Financial regs and standing orders</u> iii) <u>Risk assessment</u> iv) <u>Code of conduct</u> v) <u>Play area inspection</u> c) <u>Neighbourhood Watch report</u> d) <u>Annual Appraisal</u> e) <u>Parish lengthsman</u> f) <u>Dropbox</u> g) <u>New format budget spreadsheet</u>

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	To receive Cllrs. reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) <u>Neighbourhood Plan update.</u> (Cllr. Mrs. Hodges).b) <u>Pool/play area.</u> (Cllr. Mr. Seabourne).c) <u>Asset Inspection report.</u> (Cllr. Mrs. Tyrell).d) <u>Traffic survey</u> (Cllr. Mr Seabourne).e) <u>Severn Trent workts</u> (Cllr. Mr Seabourne).
7.	Council Matters: to consider the following:
7.1	Parish Lengthsmen: contract and pay increase request for 2026-2027
7.2	Quotes for disabled access to the play areas
7.3	Publication of traffic survey results
8.	Finance.
8.1	<u>To consider:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) <u>To approve</u> payments.b) <u>To approve</u> summary of accounts to 28.02.26.
8.2	To approve full budget for 26/27
9.	Planning Matters.
9.1	<u>To consider commenting on the following applications:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) <u>W/25/00131/HP</u> Pipers Gate, Atch Lench Road, Church Lench, Evesham, WR11 4UG. Proposal: Side extension.b) <u>W/25/00308/FUL</u> Associated Ref: <u>W/22/00436/FUL</u> The Hanger, Badgers Hill, Sheriffs Lench, Evesham, WR11 4SN. Proposal: Removal of the existing two bedroom static home and former commercial building and replacement with a live/work unit (Variation of condition 5 (external materials)).

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9.2	<p><u>To note the following decisions and matters dealt with by delegation:</u></p> <p>a) <u>W/25/02647/HP.6</u> The Croft, Church Lench, Evesham, WR11 4UD. Proposal: Two storey side and rear extension and new carport Decision: Approved. b) <u>W/26/00098/HP</u> The Willows, Sheriffs Lench, Evesham, WR11 4SN. Proposal: Replacement single storey rear extension. The council had no comment.</p> <p>c) <u>W/26/00197/FUL</u>, Hill Barn Orchard, Evesham Road, Church Lench, Evesham, WR11 4UB. Proposal: Erection of a self-build live-work dwelling and 4no. holiday cabins together with ancillary works. Comments: Church Lench Parish Council request that the planning department consider this application at the same time as application: W/25/02529/FUL which is adjacent to this proposal, so the full implications can be understood.</p> <p>The proposed self-build live/work dwelling is located outside the defined development boundary, within open countryside. The Parish Council considers the proposal to be contrary to adopted Wychavon Local Plan policies which strictly limit new residential development in such locations and seek to protect the countryside from inappropriate development.</p> <p>The Parish Council also raises strong concerns regarding the excessive height and scale of the proposed dwelling. Due to its size and prominence, the development would appear visually intrusive and out of keeping with the rural character of the area, resulting in harm to the landscape and countryside setting.</p> <p>While the Parish Council is in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan (currently at Regulation 14 consultation stage), it considers this proposal to conflict with emerging local objectives to maintain the rural character and prevent inappropriate development in the open countryside.</p> <p>For these reasons, South Lenches Parish Council requests that the application be refused.</p>
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Circulation: **All members of the Parish Council; District and County Councillors.**

Dated: 28th February 2026

Signed by the Clerk: K. Lee

Supporting notes to agenda for meeting March 2026.

	Meeting notes with further information in Dropbox link.	
Agenda No: 4	Minutes of the meeting held on 12.01.25.	For approval.
Agenda No: 7.1	Lengthsmen contract and email re. pay	To note.
Agenda No: 8.1	Payments and account summary.	For approval.
Agenda No: 8.2	New budget spreadsheet	For approval.