

# SOUTH LENCHES PARISH COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES of Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

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| <b>1.</b>                                                            | Present: Cllr DR M Morgan (vice-chair), Cllr Mrs Buxton, Cllr Tyrrell, Cllr Soderman, Cllr T. Doyle<br>Apologies received from Cllr Chris Seabourne (Chair) & Cllr Carolyn Hodges, & Kate Lee (Clerk).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>2.</b>                                                            | <b>Declarations of Interests:</b><br>4.1 Register of Interests – Cllr Buxton to be excluded from the discussion of glamping site.<br>4.2 To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - None<br>4.3 To declare any Other Disclosable Interests -None<br>4.4 To consider any written Dispensations received - None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Public Question time:</b> No members of the public in attendance. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>3.</b>                                                            | <b>To receive reports from County, District Cllrs &amp; Police.</b><br>No report received from County Councillor.<br>Report received from Ben Hurdman, Wychavon District Council, which was discussed by councillors.<br><b>Action:</b> Clerk to go back to Cllr Hurdman to request further information on the 'We are Wychavon Fund', particularly in relation to replacement of a bench in the playground (see discussion below).<br><br>No report received from the police.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>4.</b>                                                            | <b>Minutes of the previous meeting:</b> Approved – proposed by Tom Doyle & seconded by David Soderman.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>5.</b>                                                            | <b>To receive Clerk report:</b><br>a) See-saw repair in the play area has been done by Dave Burns & Paul Davey. A message of thanks (& photo) to be put on Facebook<br>b) Kate is away on holiday from July 15 <sup>th</sup> for 1 week.<br>c) Kate needs an appraisal. Lucy Buxton to organise.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>6.</b>                                                            | <b>To receive Cllrs. reports:</b><br>a) <u>Neighbourhood Plan update.</u> (Cllr. Mrs. Hodges). The next stage of the process (Regulation 16) is now underway.<br>b) Chairman's report (Cllr. Mr. Seabourne) Bishampton PC have invited other PCs affected by the solar farm to form a panel to decide how the CiL money will be spent. Tom Doyle volunteered to be our representative. Proposed by Morgan Murray and seconded David Soderman.<br>c) <u>Pool/play area.</u> (Cllr. Mr. Soderman). David has now taken on the play area, and we discussed a new bench to replace the old one, which fell apart. Cllr Bell may have a fund for such items, or we could try the 'We are Wychavon fund' via Ben Hurdman. Cllr Seabourne to contact Cllr Bell to enquire about funding, and also try Severn Trent, who might make a donation for the bench.<br>d) <u>Asset Inspection report.</u> (Cllr. Mrs. Tyrrell). Received. Nothing to report.<br>e) <u>Defibrillator.</u> (Cllr. Mrs. Tyrrell) The pads need to be replaced in November. Cost £60.<br>f) Streetcheck Crime Reports. No reports received. |

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| <b>7.</b> | <b>Council Matters: to consider the following:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 7.1       | Parishioner contact regarding pop-up glamping site in Sheriffs Lench. A number of sheds, on skids, have been dragged into the field at the back of Sheriffs Lench Manor. The sheds contain kitchens, showers and toilets (compost). They have been joined by about 8 large white tents. There has been no consultation with the neighbours whose gardens back onto the glamping field. Also, a new hedge has been planted on the perimeter of the field. The parish council agreed to consult with Wychavon about planning permission requirements – proposed by Morgan and seconded by Julia. |
| 7.2       | Parishioner contact regarding Motocross meetings at weekends on King Hill, Church Lench. They are allowed 13 such meetings per year. Clerk to ask the landowners (Gills) for a schedule of the meetings to be published on SLPC FB page and in Arch Messenger, to diffuse the tension.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 7.3       | Training Costs for 2026-27. Clerk training for Kate (Level 2) and new councillor training (CALC sessions) for both Tom and Cllr Soderman needed. Kate to investigate costs. Training budget to be increased by £2000 from reserves.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7.4       | Lengthsman discussion- postponed to next meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <b>8.</b>                   | <b>Finance.</b>                                                                                                                                      |
| 8.1                         | a) To approve payments. Approved. Proposed by Julia & seconded by Tom.                                                                               |
| 8.2<br>&<br>8.3<br>&<br>8.4 | No payments to approve, and bank reconciliation approved by Morgan and seconded by Julia.<br><br>Summary of accounts to be approved at next meeting. |

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| <b>9.</b> | <b>Planning Matters.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9.1       | The following applications were dealt with by delegation and were noted at the meeting:<br>a) W/26/01181/HP- No 1, The Croft, Church Lench.<br>b) W/26/01225/FUL – Agricultural Barn at Ab Lench.<br>c) W/26/01216/FUL – Willow Tree Barn, Atch Lench.<br>d)W/26/00654/HP – Old Threshing Barn Atch Lench.                                                                                                                  |
| 9.2       | a) W/26/00734/PIP Erection of Single Dwelling on Low Rd Church Lench. This was a separate application in addition to the 9 existing houses, that was approved by Wychavon.<br>b) W/26/02529/FUL – Hill Barn Orchard, Church Lench – refusal. Decision noted.                                                                                                                                                                |
|           | <b>AOB:</b> The application at Greenlands, Church Lench (W/26/00935/TDC5) was discussed. We need to reply to Wychavon by July 20 <sup>th</sup> . Julia or Chris to write our response to Wychavon, and to SW Land Drainage Partnership, based on the drainage problems that exist on this site. The public sewer and storm drain is marked on the location map and runs through the development of 6 houses and 1 bungalow. |

Meeting closed: 8.45pm

**Dated:** July 13<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Signed by the Clerk:** K. Lee

## **Supporting notes to agenda for meeting July 2026**

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