

LOXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON TUESDAY 28TH JULY 2026 AT 7.00PM

In attendance: Chairman Shipton, Cllr Bassett, Cllr Davies, Cllr Eden, Unitary Cllr. Tristram and 3 members of the Public (2 joined at 7.23 p.m.)

The Minutes were taken by Clerk Sally Ferguson. The meeting opened at 7.02 p.m.

21/26 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

22/26 Apologies for absence-Mr D. Southwood sent apologies.

23/26 Declaration of Interests – None declared.

24/26 Minutes of Last Meeting – The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 18th May 2026 were resolved as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

25/26 Public Speaking-

This was reordered as 2 residents had not yet arrived.

The meeting was closed at 7:23 p.m. to allow members of the public to speak.

Three members of the public spoke at length to express their frustration regarding the continued use of vehicles (cars and campervans), other than those permitted, travelling along the bridleways to access the wild-camping site at Loxton Farm. The landowner stated that he had not directed campers to use the track; however, video evidence was reported showing assistance being given on more than one occasion. Concerns were raised about why large trailer loads of hardcore are being transported to the farm, and questions were asked about sanitation arrangements, with no obvious toilet facilities in place. The speed of some vehicle movements was considered excessive, and the bridleway surface was reported to be deteriorating because of this use. Reports have been submitted to the Police, Public Rights of Way, and the Planning Department at North Somerset Council. One sign has so far been installed indicating that there is no vehicular access from Weston Lane to the campsite, and a further one is yet to be installed. Formal complaints have now been submitted to the CEO of North Somerset Council and to the Police. Residents expressed a strong desire to see whether a 20-mph speed limit could be introduced, due to concerns that a walker, horse-rider or cyclist could be injured. There was also information on an advertisement for the campsite showing parking available in Loxton which seemed to be the Community Hub carpark, according to the W3W location.

The meeting opened at 8.10 p.m. and Cllr S. Bassett left the meeting. The three residents thanked the Council for their time and left shortly afterwards.

26/26 Planning:

There were no planning applications for consideration.

27/26 Update on Planning Enforcement

There had been several email updates from Officers at North Somerset pertaining to the bridleway and wild campsite at Loxton Hill farm. The situation is ongoing, pending a planning application being submitted by the Landowner.

28/26

It was resolved to approve the required Gov.uk domain and new website.

29/26

It was resolved to approve the payments since last meeting and acknowledge those due before the next meeting in September 2026.

Finance and to approve payments since last meeting-

- Salary June =£167.64
- Microsoft Computer software= £59.99
- Clerk Home Allowance and expenses= £45.25

- Tax/N.I.=£42.00
- Bank Charges= £4.25
- Replacement bench= £456.00
- Salary July =£167.84
- Parish Online -New website and Email domain = £240.00
- Clerk Home Allowance and expenses= £26.00
- Tax/N.I.=£41.80
- Npower= (back charges for streetlight) = £117.69
- Bank Charges= £4.25
- Those due in August:
- Salary August =£TBC (4 hours overtime from July to be added)
- Clerk Home Allowance = £26.00
- Tax/N.I.= £TBC
- Cllr. P Davies (expenses for fingerpost work= £30.00 - £10.00 from collection box) = £20.00 to be paid.
- Bank Charges= £4.25
- Clear Councils -Annual Insurance = £545.36
- Malwarebytes= £29.99

Bank Balances after July payments are:

- Current Account = £580.27
- Deposit Account = £10,389.59
- VAT (To reclaim) = £152.88

30/26 Reports:

1. **Unitary Councillor** –Cllr Tristram would investigate any progress with the fallen wall In Loxton, and speak to North Somerset about issues raised during public speaking
2. **Highways/Footpaths** – Some cutting back of hedgerows reported. The Clerk had received an email regarding the condition of the footpath from Biddesham to Loxton.
3. **Parish Acre** – The collection box had been checked and a sum of over £8.00 was made up to £10.00 by Cllr Davies. See more detail in Minute 29/26.
4. **Parish Orderly** -Nothing to report.
5. **Community Hub** – Cllr Davies reported that trade at the Community Hub has increased following its official opening by Dame Joanna Lumley. The fingerpost has been repainted by Harley Walker, and the Parish Council recorded its thanks for his contribution.

31/26 Items not covered elsewhere and items for the next agenda:

- To review works needed on trees after inspection form Tree surgeon (quotation not yet received).

Next meeting: of the Parish Council,
Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 7 p.m

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m

These Minutes were signed as a true record on 9th September 2026