LOXTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2026 AT 7.00PM

In attendance: Chairman Shipton, Cllr Davies, Cllr Eden.
and 5 members of the Public.
The Minutes were taken by Clerk, Sally Ferguson. The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m.

47/26 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
48/26 Apologies for absence-Cllr. Bassett, Unitary Cllr. Tristram and Mr D. Southwood sent apologies**.**
49/26 Declaration of Interests – None declared.
49/26 Minutes of Last Meeting – The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 28th July 2026 were resolved as accurate and signed by the Chairman.
50/26 Public Speaking-
The meeting was closed at 7:01 p.m**.** to allow members of the public to speak. An update was provided on the Church. The organ had been tuned and adjusted, a family service was due to take place that weekend, and grounds maintenance costs were discussed. There was also an update regarding the continued misuse of the bridleway by vehicles travelling to the campsite at Loxton Farm. Residents expressed concern about the lack of response from the Planning Department. The Clerk offered to write requesting an update on the extension of time granted for a decision on the application for a Certificate of Lawfulness and on the completion of the signage stating that there was no access to the campsite, both of which remained outstanding. The meeting opened at 7.28 p.m.
51/38 Correspondence
All correspondence was sent by email.
52/26 Planning:

- 26/P/2054/AOC Former Miners' cottages, Shiplate Road. Bleadon . Request to discharge conditions 3 (archaeological scheme of work)4, (arboriculture method statement), 5, (materials), 6, (tiles), 7, (windows) and 9 (Lighting) on application 25/P/1308/FUL. It was resolved to offer no observations on this application.

53/26 Update on Planning/ Enforcement
There had been no email updates from Officers at North Somerset pertaining to the bridleway and wild campsite at Loxton Hill farm: the decision date on the application had been extended as above.
54/26
The proposed Somerset Energy Park was discussed. The Clerk would send Members further information she had received from other parishes.
55/26
It was resolved to increase the Clerk's hours from 12 to 14 hours a month with effect from 1st October 2026.
56/26
The Clerk had prepared a draft Budget for 2027/28 and circulated it to Councillors prior to the meeting. The budget was discussed, and it was resolved to increase the allocation for tree works to reflect the rise in expenditure over the previous two years. It was also agreed to retain £400.00 within the reserves budget line in order to maintain general reserves at an appropriate level, providing financial security should services be devolved from North Somerset Council in the future. It was decided to finalise the Budget at the meeting in January and to set the Precept required on the same evening.

57/26 Finance and to approve payments since last meeting-

It was resolved to approve the payments since last meeting, those due this month, and acknowledge those due before the next meeting in January 2027.

- Clerk Salary October = £201.96
- Home Allowance= £26.00
- N.I/Tax HMRC October =£50.60
- Scribe (Starboard Systems) = £207.36
- Contact Magazine Donation= £100.00
- Npower (D.D) = £14.85
- Bank Charge=£4.25
- Clerk Salary November = 202.16
- NI/Tax HMRC= £50.40
- Home Allowance /postage/ stationary = £37.80
- Bank Charge=£4.25

Bank Balances after October payments are:

- Current Account = £926.76
- Deposit Account = £12,153.65
- VAT (To reclaim) = £193.15

58/26 Reports:

1. **Unitary Councillor** –There was no report this month.
2. **Highways/Footpaths** – Cllr. Davies reported that the drain near Loxton Garage and The Hub was now flowing freely following work by the Highways team.
3. **Parish Acre** – No report.
4. **Parish Orderly** -Nothing to report. The Clerk asked Cllr. Davies to ask the Orderly for his annual invoice.
5. **Community Hub** – Cllr Davies had nothing to report this month.

59/26 Items not covered elsewhere and items for the next agenda:

- To consider grants for both churches for grounds maintenance

Next meeting: of the Parish Council,
Tuesday 12th January 2027 at 7 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.08 p.m.