

Longridge Life Savers

A Town Council Working Group



Agenda – 11 June 2025 – 10:00

1. Welcome.

2. Terms of Reference.

For members to review and approve the Working Group's Terms of Reference.

3. Nomination for Chair and Vice Chair.

For members of the Working Group to nominate a Chair and Vice Chair.

4. To receive apologies.

5. Defibrillators

- Consider engaging the 'Ian Rowes Community Fund' – to better understand their service and plan going forward and look at how we can work together or in the same direction meeting common goals
- Consider updating Longridge Town Council website with a map of locations within Longridge
- Consider what we are going to do with the 2 phone boxes, Kestor Lane and Mardale Road. Are we going to adopt or return either of these
- Advertise the FREE defibrillator training on LTC website and Facebook page and look at other ways to publicise to ensure maximum take up
- Arrange group Defib training
- Train the trainer
- GoodSAM app
- Start initiative in readiness for winter. Heart attacks are more likely to kill you in the winter than in the summer according to BHF

6. CCTV

- Are all cameras up and running including RVBC Longridge Cameras and LTC system around Towneley Gardens and Council Offices
- Is there a live feed in Longridge Police Station
- Are the cameras at all locations fit for purpose or do they need to pivot for example?
- Do we want to extend the system for example, the recreation park to cover up to the pump track (Drivers Walk), Mardale Park.

- Are any statistics available about how many investigations Longridge CCTV have assisted in? Is this something we can request on a monthly / quarterly basis?
- Consideration for signage – Smile you are being filmed



7. Knife Box / Weapon Amnesty Bins / Surrender bins

- Is this something we want to introduce?
- Usually placed in easily accessible locations like police stations, supermarkets, and high streets – thoughts on location
- Consider not just implementing but publicising on social media and local news / local schools / Youth Workers / Churches etc.
- Consider using professional groups to support initiatives for example Victim Support, Word 4 Weapons W4W, Lancashire County Council
- Educate plan to support the initiative



8. Initiating Pub Watch

- Consider adopting a Longridge Pub Watch Scheme
- With LTC to support meetings
- Work with LCC and local public houses to plan, support and promote safe drinking environments for customers and secure working environments for staff and the public.

Note: new independent research reveals pub watch schemes are key to tackling disorder and creating safer drinking environments

86% believe the local schemes encouraged the sharing of good practice and 85% said that the scheme helped to create better partnerships between the licensed trade and official bodies.

9. Bleed Kit

- Progress update
- Training Initiatives?

10. Dark Areas

- Improve lighting behind the Council Offices & Sidings to Stone Bridge
- Progress update?

11. Ask Angela / Safe Space

- Progress update

12. Keeping Warm During Winter

- Linked to Defibrillator as – Consider starting initiative in readiness for winter. Heart attacks are more likely to kill you in the winter than in the summer according to BHF
- Support for Winter Fuel Payment – Longridge Library?
- Warm Spaces list in Longridge
- Hot meals list in Longridge
- Any other support

13. Suicide Awareness

Progress update

14. Dog Fouling / linked to CCTV

Consider Signage on Towneley Gardens / Recreation Area

15. Weep Holes below Spade Mill Reservoir No1

For consideration



16. Road Safety at the junction of Forty Acre Lane with Higher Road

For Consideration

17. Strap Line under Longridge Life Savers Heading

Consider strap line 'Longridge Life Savers – Creating a Safer and Healthier Environment' or something similar

18. Suggested Topics/Agenda Item for future meeting.



Draft Terms of Reference

Longridge Life Savers Working Group



Adopted:

Chair:

Minute Ref:

1. Purpose of the Working Group

The Longridge Town Council Lifesavers Working Group (LWG) is established to identify, assess, and address personal safety issues affecting residents, workers, and visitors in Longridge. The group aims to enhance safety across all public and private spaces, reduce risks, and promote a secure and safe environment through collaborative action and community engagement.

2. Objectives.

The LWG will focus on the following objectives:

- Identify key personal safety concerns, including but not limited to:
 - Crime prevention (e.g., theft, vandalism, assault).
 - Road and pedestrian safety (e.g., traffic hazards, safe crossings).
 - Public space safety (e.g., parks, pathways, lighting).
 - Safety for vulnerable groups (e.g., elderly, children, disabled individuals).
 - Anti-social behaviour (e.g., noise, loitering, substance misuse).
 - Emergency preparedness (e.g., response to accidents and emergencies, (installation of defibs etc).
- Assess current safety measures and their effectiveness.
- Develop and recommend practical solutions, policies, and initiatives to improve safety.
- Engage with the community to raise awareness and gather feedback on safety concerns.
- Collaborate with external stakeholders (e.g., RVBC, police, CCA, community groups) to implement solutions.
- Monitor and evaluate the impact of implemented safety measures.

3. Scope

The LWG will address all aspects of personal safety within the Longridge Town boundaries, including:

- Public spaces (e.g., streets, parks, town centre, Townley Gardens).
- Residential areas (e.g., housing estates, private properties).
- Commercial areas (e.g., shops, pubs, restaurants).
- Transport infrastructure (e.g., roads, footpaths, cycleways, public transport stops).
- Community centres, and recreational facilities.

The group will consider physical, social, and environmental factors affecting safety, lighting and signage.

4. Membership

The LWG will consist of:

- Up to 3 Longridge Town Councillors (one to serve as Chair). For 2025/2026 these are Cllrs. Eccles, Smith and Jackson.
- 2+ community representatives (e.g., residents, business owners, or local organisation members).
- 1+ representative from Lancashire Constabulary (invited).
- 1+ representative from RVBC.
- Optional: Ad-hoc members with relevant expertise as needed.

5. Governance and Operation

The Chair, appointed by the Working Group, will lead meetings, set agendas, and ensure objectives are met.

Meetings:

- Frequency: As required.
- Format: In-person at Longridge Council Offices.
- Quorum: At least 3 members, including two councillors and one community representative.
- Minutes: Recorded by a designated secretary.
- Decision-Making: Decisions will be made by consensus where possible. If a vote is required, a simple majority will suffice, with the Chair holding a casting vote.
- Reporting: LWG will provide quarterly updates to Longridge Town Council and an annual report summarising activities, findings, and recommendations.
- Budget: The LWG will operate within a budget allocated by the Town Council, with any additional funding requests submitted for approval.

6. Responsibilities

The LWG will:

- Conduct a baseline safety audit using data from police reports, community surveys, and site visits.
- Organise public consultations (e.g., meetings, online surveys) to gather input on safety concerns.
- Develop an action plan with prioritised initiatives, timelines, and resource requirements.
- Propose changes or infrastructure improvements to the Town Council and RVBC (e.g., better lighting and additional CCTV).
- Promote safety campaigns (e.g., road safety education, crime prevention workshops).
- Monitor progress through key performance indicators (e.g., crime rates, incident reports, community feedback).
- Ensure inclusivity by addressing the needs of diverse groups, including children, elderly, disabled, and minority communities.

7. Stakeholder Engagement.

The LWG will collaborate with:

- **Residents:** Through surveys, focus groups, and public events to understand concerns and share updates.
- **Local Businesses:** To address safety in commercial areas and encourage private sector support (e.g., security measures).
- **Police and Emergency Services:** To align with crime prevention strategies and emergency response plans.
- **CCA and RVBC:** For infrastructure-related improvements (e.g., CCTV, lighting, road repairs, pedestrian crossings).
- **Community Groups:** To leverage local knowledge and promote safety initiatives (e.g., neighbourhood watch, youth programs and pub watch schemes).

8. Deliverables

- **Within 3 months:** Initial safety audit report identifying key issues and priorities.
- **Within 6 months:** Draft action plan with proposed solutions and cost estimates.
- **Within 12 months:** Implementation of at least 2-3 priority initiatives (e.g., improved lighting, more CCTV and defib training).
- **Ongoing:** Regular community updates via newsletters, social media, and the Town Council website.

9. Review and Dissolution

- The LWG's progress will be reviewed annually by the Longridge Town Council.
- The group may be dissolved if its objectives are met, if it is no longer required, or if it fails to deliver meaningful outcomes.
- Upon dissolution, a final report will be submitted, detailing achievements and recommendations for future safety efforts.

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