

Longridge Life Savers

A Town Council Working Group



Minutes – 11 June 2025

Place:	Station Buildings, Berry Lane, Longridge.		
Present:	Councillors: D. Jackson, N. Eccles and Cllr. Smith via phone		
In attendance:	Town Clerk.		
Comments:			
Meeting started:	10:00	Meeting closed:	11:35

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1. Welcome.

The Clerk welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Terms of Reference.

The Clerk submitted a draft Terms of Reference for consideration.

RESOLVED THAT THE WORKING GROUP:

Approve the Terms of Reference.

3. Nomination for Chair and Vice Chair.

RESOLVED THAT THE WORKING GROUP.

Approve the nomination of Cllr. Jackson as Chair and Cllr. Smith as Vice-Chair

4. To receive apologies.

There were no apologies.

5. Defibrillators.

RESOLVED THAT THE WORKING GROUP:

- Authorise the Clerk to invite the Rowe Family to future meetings of the Group.
- Request Cllr. Eccles to map all the existing defib. locations for placing on the Council's website and notice board.
- Authorise the Clerk to contact neighbouring councils as to the locations of their defibs.
- Agree that members contact local business in the immediate vicinity of the defib. located on the Station Building to garner their interest in defib. training.
- Agree, that depending on the level of interest from local businesses, Cllr. Jackson to organise training sessions.

- f. Agree that Cllr. Eccles contact Cllr. Wallbank regarding use of the GoodSAM phone app.

Post meeting note. *The Mardale Road phone box is to be removed by BT.*

6. CCTV.

The Clerk confirmed that all the RVBC CCTV cameras were operational, as were those operated and owned by the Town Council.

RESOLVED THAT THE WORKING GROUP.

- a. Request the Clerk to contact RVBC to see if a live stream is available to Longridge Police Station, if members can visit the operational room at RVBC, if the system can be extended to more locations, and if there any statistics on the number of requests made by the Police to access CCTV footage.

Post meeting note, update from RVBC received 24/06/2025:

The police currently have remote feed access via the Clitheroe CCTV monitoring office for all of our system (including Longridge and Whalley) RVBC have never been against this, in my experience the Police have usually just been wary of their own data protection rules and who would be able to access the footage.

Any feed setup at Longridge station is in the Police's hands. As you will be aware Police staff removed the CCTV setup from their building without notifying RVBC resulting in a very lengthy process to have that reinstated, and even then, it has had to be housed outside the police station.

RVBC are more than happy to accommodate any request from the police for a feed but at the moment we have not been asked.

- b. Agree that members assess whether the current RVBC cameras are fit for purpose.
- c. Reject the use of signage indicating CCTV is in use.

7. Knife Box / Weapon Amnesty Bins / Surrender bins

RESOLVED THAT THE WORKING GROUP:

- a. Request the Clerk to prepare a report for submission to a Council meeting requesting the purchase and installation of a 'Knife Box'.
- b. Agree that members look to identify suitable locations for siting the 'knife box' and how deposited knives would be dealt with.
- c. Agree that members consult with the Police and RVBC before procurement and installation.

8. Initiating Pub Watch.

RESOLVED THAT THE WORKING GROUP:

Request Cllr. Eccles to take the lead on this initiative.

9. Bleed Kit.

RESOLVED THAT THE WORKING GROUP:

Agree to take no further action on this initiative

10. Dark Areas.

RESOLVED THAT THE WORKING GROUP:

Defer this Agenda Item to the next meeting

11. Ask Angela / Safe Space

RESOLVED THAT THE WORKING GROUP:

Agree to continue with this initiative and discuss more fully at the next meeting

12. Keeping Warm During Winter

RESOLVED THAT THE WORKING GROUP:

Agree for members to liaise with Sarah Welles at RVBC regarding preparations for winter, including available grants.

13. Suicide Awareness.

There was no progress update

14. Dog Fouling /linked to CCTV.

RESOLVED THAT THE WORKING GROUP:

Agree that this Item should be discussed at the Estates Committee.

15. Weep Holes below Spade Mill Reservoir No1.

Members were reminded that both LCC and RVBC had been informed of the potential issues.

RESOLVED THAT THE WORKING GROUP:

Agree that going forward this item is for discussion at the Estates Committee.

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

Members were reminded that the issue has been reported to LCC via Love Clean Streets and that going forward it is for discussion at the Estates Committee.

17. Strap Line under Longridge Life Savers Heading.

RESOLVED THAT THE WORKING GROUP:

Defer this Agenda Item to the next meeting

18. Suggested Topics/Agenda Item for future meeting.

There were no suggestions.