

**MINUTES OF LODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 27 – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
**Held at Fassage Hall, Lode.**

**Present:** Councillor Rima Page, Councillor Fran Platten, Councillor Sarah Barrett, Councillor Ellis Weinberger, Councillor Tessa Shrubbs.

**In attendance:** District Councillor John Trapp.

**Members of public:** 0

Clerk: Mrs S Chambers-Turner

**Meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.**

**393. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor Shrubbs, seconded by Councillor Page and resolved that Councillor Platten be elected as Chair. Councillor Platten duly signed the acceptance of office. It was proposed by Councillor Platten, seconded by Councillor Page and resolved that Councillor Shrubbs be elected as Vice Chair. Councillor Shrubbs duly signed the acceptance of office.

**394. CHAIRMANS WELCOME**

Councillor Platten opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

**395. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

County Councillor Jonny Edge.

**396. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSTATION**

None

**397. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Councillor Platten, seconded by Councillor Weinberger and resolved by those present that the minutes of meeting 26 held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 be approved and signed as a true record.

**398. COMMUNICATIONS**

It was agreed that Councillor Page would write the Lode Star report for the next edition.

**399. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public was present to discuss

- Events at Lodestar site and Fen Road

**400. MATTERS ARISING/CLERK & COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- The Clerk informed the Council that the cleaners for Fassage Hall had now finished and an alternative would be sought.
- Mr Groundsman will be attending to look at the recreational ground to see if there is any further sports use that could be considered.
- A letter had been received from Kingsway Solar Action group about an alliance with other parish councils. Further information will be sought.
- It was discussed that a letter would be sent to Anglesey Abbey to see if they would consider supporting an application for a bus shelter on B1102.
- It was reported that the new gate had now been installed in the playground.

**401. FINANCES INCLUDING APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS**

- It was proposed by Councillor Shrubbs, seconded by Councillor Weinberger and resolved that the bank reconciliation for December 2025 be approved.
- The following receipts were noted:  
Bank Interest: £253.65

**LLVT: £8987.25**  
**Thalia: £29175.00**

- It was proposed by Councillor Platten, seconded by Councillor Shrubbs and resolved that the outstanding accounts for January 2026 be settled. Action: Clerk to set up payments for authorization.

<b>For this meeting</b>					
BACS	S Chambers-Turner	Clerk Salary December			Confidential
BACS	JCS Bookkeeping	Payroll December	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00
BACS	MCGarden Maintenance	Grass Cutting	£1030.00	£206.00	£1236.00
BACS	MC Garden Maintenance	Grass Cutting	£910.00	£182.00	£1092.00
BACS	Parish Online	Website	£406.00	£81.20	£487.20
BACS	Freethought	Microsoft 365	£492.90	£98.58	£591.48
BACS	Swaffham Bulbeck PC	Part share Arnold Baker	£29.88	£0.00	£29.88

#### **402. PLANNING MATTERS**

##### **Planning Applications**

**25/01384/FUL** Frolic Farm Lode Fen Lode Cambridge CB25 9HF Relocation of access door on Plot 5 to side elevation along with revised car parking – retrospective. The Parish Council have no comments.

#### **403. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**District Councillors Trapp and Cane did not provide a written report due to the Christmas period, but Councillor Trapp was present to answer any questions from the Parish Council.**

**County Councillor Edge provided a written report before the meeting. This included:**

- Full Council Meeting
- Business plan and budget
- Public health strategic plan
- Smoking cessation
- Park and Ride solar panels to help power Addenbrookes
- Cambridgeshire Digital Inclusion Directory
- Local Highways Improvements
- Winter gritting
- Tiger Pass

**Copies of the reports are available from the website or upon request from the Clerk.**

#### **404. COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

- a. It was noted that Lucy Wells had resigned from the Parish Council. The Parish Council wished to give thanks for everything that Lucy has done during her time on the Parish Council.
- b. It was agreed that the clerk would circulate a list of all working groups and their membership.

- c. The Clerk reminded the Council that training was due to take place on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January
- d. The Clerk reported that funds for the playground redevelopment had been received from Thalia and Lode and Longmeadow Village Trust.
- e. A doodle poll for availability would be carried out to arrange a meeting to discuss the action plan.

**405. ENVIRONMENTAL AND OPEN SPACES MATTERS**

- a. The grass cutting on Fassage Green has yet to be carried out, the Clerk indicated that another contractor may be able to assist. Action: Clerk to make contact with another provider to arrange for works to be completed.
- b. It was agreed that quotations should be sought for cutting the hedge in the Cemetery. Action: Clerk to seek quotations and bring to the next meeting.

**406. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- a. Councillor Platten reported that works to clear vegetation over hanging the pathway in Farihaven close has been arranged and that this will be done yearly moving forward.

**407. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

*Any business and payments, to be considered at a Parish Council meeting must be delivered to the Clerk for inclusion on the agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting.*

**408. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will be held 7.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 8<sup>th</sup> at Fassage Hall, Lode.**

**The meeting closed at 8.51pm**