



Chairman – Mr F Smethers

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Minutes of the Strategy, Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 3rd November 2025, in the Methodist Chapel, School Lane at 7.00pm.

Present – Cllrs S Roberts (Chair), B Hancy, G Madle, F Smethers, D Starmer, C Wallace

Also present – S Willis (Clerk), Cllr N Bess, Clement Nnadozie

Meeting Start: 7pm

187/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies received and accepted for Cllr K Gardner.

188/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

None to declare.

189/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public

190/25 MINUTES

Councillors **APPROVED** the minutes of the Strategy, Finance and Policy Committee of 1st September 2025.

191/25 NORTHAMPTON WEST SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSION

- a) The application has been deferred to consider options. Cllr Smethers, Roberts and the clerk met with WNC Cllr Hastie (portfolio holder for Housing and Community) and Cllr Manning (Portfolio holder for Planning). It thought that there will not be a recommendation to committee but the original option and another that would offer commuted sum to the PC for the open space. The PC need to pull together proposal as to why we should take it on. Clerk has asked our ward councillors to ask if the meeting can be deferred to December or January to allow us time to pull together these figures. A meeting has also been arranged with the MP to discuss.
- b) There had been a request for street names for the Davidsons development. It was thought this was premature as it had not been approved yet. Clerk to contact school regarding name suggestions.
- c) No further updates from Bloor. However, it was noted that the land assigned for the local centre is up for sale. Land agent had suggested that community facility could be swapped for medical centre but was then advised of the terms of the s106.

192/25 NORWOOD FARM SUSTAINABLE EXTENSION

- a) Queries over fence had been answered and it was approved that the council would not allow gates to be added to the access points.
- b) Clerk advised of road closure on link road until into the new year. Clerk had also received a copy of a letter sent to a resident on Western Gate about a management company. Vistry have been asked to comment but no response as yet. Clerk to contact S106 team at West Northants Council and ask them to clarify the legal position and call

the company to account. It was also suggested that we may want to consult legal counsel. A brief would be needed.

193/25 SPORTS PROVISION

- a) Proposals had been circulated but this prompted questions. Clerk to invite Vistry to council office to discuss further.
- b) Cllr Wallace is preparing the application to the Charity Commission and will submit before Christmas. A valuation of the land has been undertaken.

194/25 CIL

Working group have yet to meet.

195/25 FINANCE

- a) Payments for November approved.

Supplier	Description	Amount	VAT	Net
Parish Online	Website	100.00	20.00	120.00
Tomato Energy	Street Light Electric	241.91	12.10	254.01
Gigaclear	Telephone and Broadband	30.00	6.00	36.00
Greener Grave Care	Maintenance	550.00		550.00
R&G Groundworks	Grass Cutting	1,202.00	240.40	1,442.40
Hand Drawn Maps	Noticeboards	750.00		750.00
Staff Salary	Staff Salary	2,736.33		2,736.33
HMRC	NI and Tax E's and EE's	1,172.28		1,172.28
Nest	Pension E's and EE's	248.80		248.80
Berrys	Playing Fields	2,250.00	450.00	2,700.00
Total		9,281.32	728.50	10,009.82

- b) Due to timing of meeting Reconciliation had not yet been completed. Budget to be tabled at Full Council Meeting
- c) Harpole Village Show were asking for £150 grant to cover hall hire costs for the show. This grant was approved.
- d) Various items were discussed including that the council tax will probably go down this year as the number of houses and the amount being requested. Councillors to ask clerk if there are any queries or if they have any items they feel need amending by end of November to be taken to January Meeting.

196/25 CONTRACTS

Due to the administration of Zeta Technologies who had installed the lights and were still repairing under warranty, the clerk requested that a preferred supplier is approved to allow repair requests to be made in a timely manner. 3 quotes were considered and it was agreed that Forde and McHugh are contacted for any repair needs. A new budget line with £1000 to be added to the budget.

197/25 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr Starmer gave his apologies for the next meeting.

Meeting closed 8.25pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 3rd November at 7pm

Signed

Date

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