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Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 26th January 2026, in the Methodist Chapel, School Lane at 7.00pm.

Present – Cllrs F Smethers (chair), J Gibbins, S Philips, G Taylor

Also present – Clerk, Clement Nnadozie,

Meeting Start: 7pm

247/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies accepted for Cllrs Hayes and Bess

248/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr Gibbins advised he has an allotment plot

249/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of public present.

250/25 MINUTES

Councillors **APPROVED** the minutes of Planning, Highways & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 24th November 2025.

251/25 PLANNING

- a) There were no objections to planning application 2026/022/LBC – Replace three existing timber windows (two on the ground floor and one on the first floor) of the property – 5 Larkhall Lane

252/25 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) 2 quotes had been received for removal of the tree. It was proposed to contract Bear Valley Timber.
- b) There had been concern at bend on Upper High Street as parked cars mean there may be cars on the wrong side of the road on a bend. Highways have suggested that the only option is for a sharp bend sign or waiting restrictions. They couldn't advise of potential hazard as it is not a permanent hazard. It was thought that waiting restrictions would cause issues elsewhere. Clerk to investigate sharp bend signs further.
- c) Following the snow and ice earlier this month residents on Western Gate were asking about Grit bins. Clerk to apply to WNC for grit bin at entrance to Western Gate. Others to be considered by Parish Council at a later date.
- d) Clerk met with Highways regarding building a footpath between the entrance and exit of the Playing fields and a crossing to the school. This is possible and would cost about £150,000. There was a discussion about whether the crossing would be needed. It was proposed that it is recommended to Full Council that this is added to the CIL project list and investigated further.



- e) Clerk had reported issue on bridleway on Larkhall Lane which has been resolved. There was a discussion about bridleway at Pegasus crossing being closed. Clerk to chase.

253/25 ALLOTMENTS

- a) Two tenants have been active on the allotments helping clear off unused plots to make them more attractive to new tenants. It was proposed that they can have their plots free this year as a thank you.
- b) During Covid community plots were set up. These did not really take off and since the allotment association have maintained and sublet as raised beds. The allotment association do not want to take these on any longer. Clerk to look and see how we advertise and let out the plots.
- c) There is more rubbish on site. Most from clearing of plots. Clerk to book a skip
- d) It had been proposed by a tenant that the road through the site could be tarmacked or resurfaced. It was thought that it is accessible at the moment and this is not a priority, but we could speak to the developer when they are building the new pavilion and carpark.
- e) Clerk advised she had received a couple of comments regarding the proposed increases for 2027.

254/25 STREET FURNITURE

Clerk advised dog bin have arrived and that she had walked Western Gate with the village maintenance man and locations have been agreed. These will be installed when the weather is better for cementing in the posts. VAS have also arrived. Clerk to contact Cllr Madle about installation in the village. Post for Sandy Lane has been ordered and confirmation from WNC is being awaited. Clerk to produce a short list of benches that could be purchased as a roll out plan to replace benches around the village.

255/25 CHURCH

- a) Church have an area of the churchyard that they think is suitable for ash interments but needs some work. The maintenance contractor has been asked to quote. Clerk to confirm what works have been quoted for and to get another quote. It was proposed that the Parish Council would match fund the project 50/50 with the Church.
- b) No further updates on new burial ground, but this is something that should be added to a wish list for S106 on any future development in the village.

256/25 COMMUNITY

St Johns Ambulance have offered free defibrillator training in the village. It was proposed to support this and to work with them to provide an event or 2 for the parish.

257/25 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No items at this time

Meeting closed 8.45pm



DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 23rd February 2026 at 7pm

Signed

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