



Chairman – Mr F Smethers

Clerk – Mrs S Willis

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Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026, in the Methodist Chapel at 7pm.

Present – Cllrs F Smethers (Chair), N Bess, J Gibbins, B Hancy, I Haynes, C Nnadozie, S Phillips,
S Roberts, D Starmer, G Taylor, C Wallace,

Also present – Clerk, Parish Administrator, WNC Cllr Bignell (part), WNC Cllr King (Part)

Meeting start: 7pm

258/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies approved for Cllr Garnder. Cllr Madle was not present.

259/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

None

260/25 REPORTS FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Cllr King reminded council of consultations open – local plan, school term dates, social housing policy.

There is a health and wellbeing grant for community groups.

There was a discussion about potholes. There is a priority for those considered dangerous. All should be logged with the WNC app. Cllr King to ask about who is monitoring the work of the contractor and if anything is being done following WNC being classed as red on the list of how well councils are performing on filling potholes.

Cllr Bignell congratulated the council for getting the public open space we were asking for as part of the new development.

Cllr Bignell Leaves

It was noted that roads are being closed with no notice to repair potholes, it was asked if this is proper policy. Cllr King to check and advise.

Cllr King leaves.

261/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present

262/25 COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 12th January was approved and signed.

263/25 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of Planning, Highways and Infrastructure Committee of 26th January 2026

264/25 QUESTIONS FOR CHAIRMAN RELATED TO RECEIVED MINUTES

Contractor has been contacted about removal of tree on flagpole green and are looking at their schedule. They will advise the council when they will be in the village.

265/25 RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) It was approved that the clerk express an interest to get further details and costings for a footpath between the entrance and exit of the playing fields and a crossing to the school. There was a discussion about which contractor but this will probably be down to highways preferred list. This is to be added to the CIL list. Council to consider again once confirmation of costs has been received.
- b) It was approved that the clerk investigate and put in an expression of interest for taking on the country park element of Norwood Farm SUE, which will pass to West Northants.

266/25 MEETINGS

Dates of meetings for 2026/27 were approved, including the Parish Meeting in May

267/25 PCSO

- a) A copy of the existing contract had been forwarded to the council, but the contract we would sign with our details and amounts in has not yet been received. It was proposed that we could not approve to sign a contract we had not fully seen and this is to be brought back to the next meeting. It was approved that the clerk, as proper officer, will sign the contract once approved.
- b) Contract with PCSO allows for quarterly meetings for updates. It was approved that Cllrs Taylor, Gibbins and Phillips, and the clerk would be main contacts for these meetings and would attend as time would allow.

268/25 WEBSITE

Proposal for changes to the website had been forwarded. All changes were approved. It was proposed that presentation of agendas and minutes be a priority. It was also suggested that there be a policy on what businesses or community groups we have links for on the site.

269/25 PLANNING

- a) Street names had been suggested by children at the school. A map of field names had also been shared. It was proposed that the main road through the site be Stone Pit Road after a field in the area and the list be forwarded to WNC for them to pick others as appropriate for the Davidsons site.
- b) There are 2 current S106 documents and another being developed that we will need to monitor. Each developer should be handled differently for enforcement so that good relationships are kept. Priority to be given to those that chronologically have passed trigger points already.

270/25 FINANCE

- a) Cllr Gibbins wanted to query the R&G invoice. All other invoices were approved. R&G invoice could be paid once checked and approved.

Description	Supplier	Amount	VAT	Total
Bank Charges	Unity Trust Bank	10.50		10.50
IT	Scribe	99.00	19.80	118.80
Dog bins	Shield Maintenance Ltd	143.00	28.60	171.60
Telephone and Broadband	Gigaclear	30.00	6.00	36.00
Maintenance churchyard	R&G Groundworks	750.00	150.00	900.00
Maintenance churchyard	R&G Groundworks	210.00	42.00	252.00
Flagpole	Nickolls Landscaping	100.00		100.00
Grass Cutting allotment	R&G Groundworks	458.00	91.60	549.60
Stationery	SLCC	4.50	0.90	5.40

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IT	Laptops Direct	439.10	87.82	526.92
Buildings	Viking	88.93	17.79	106.72
Telephone and Broadband	ID Mobile	5.00	1.00	6.00
Street Light Electric	Valda Energy	580.15	116.03	696.18
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Staff Salary	Sally Willis	2,736.33		2,736.33
NI and Tax E'rs and EE's	HMRC	1,172.28		1,172.28
Pension E'rs and EE's	Nest	248.80		248.80
Buildings	Viking	384.98	77.00	461.98
Office Electric	British Gas	60.12	3.01	63.13
Subscription and Memberships	Northants ACRE	35.00	7.00	42.00
Maintenance	Paul Thomas	346.60		346.60
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CIL Spend	Elan City	4,678.98	935.80	5,614.78
Stationery	Viking	93.15	18.65	111.80
IT	Scribe	63.00	12.60	75.60
IT	Scribe	36.00	7.20	43.20
Loan Repayment	Salix	3,505.20		3,505.20

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b)

Current Account	263,923.17
CCLA Savings	1,009,808.13
Metrobank savers	2,046.69
Credit card	5.74
Outstanding payments	-11,349.51
Total	1,264,434.22

Opening Balance	1,030,434.22
Expenditure to date	116,822.37
Income to Date	350,822.37
Cashbook balance	1,264,434.22

c) It was approved that Jessica Dunk be added to the bank mandate.

271/25 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Newsletter will be published in February.

Clerk to look at a public meeting in March – maybe an evening rather than Saturday morning.

Litterpick and highways issues noted to be added to Planning, Highways and Infrastructure meeting.

Meeting closed 9pm

Signed

Date