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Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 30th March 2026, in the Methodist Chapel, School Lane at 7.00pm.

Present – Cllrs F Smethers (chair), N Bess, J Gibbins, I Haynes, S Philips, G Taylor
Also present – Clerk, 2 members of the public

Meeting Start: 7pm

311/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies accepted for Cllr Nnadozie

312/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr Gibbins advised he has an allotment plot

313/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2 members of the public were present to introduce themselves as the new flood wardens. They had attended training last week. They will do walkaround of the village to identify the key areas that need to be monitored. It was agreed they could introduce themselves on facebook, and to have details on Parish council website. They believe their role is to report to the Parish Council but to have the support of West Northants Council. They have contacts for any issues they find.

It was noted that a similar project was done several years ago. Clerk to see if the information is available to share.

Cllrs Bess and Philips join
1 member of the public leaves.

314/25 MINUTES

Councillors **APPROVED** the minutes of Planning, Highways & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 23rd February 2026.

315/25 PLANNING

Planning application 2026/0815/FULL – proposed rear extension, replacement storage building and replacement windows – 36 Upper High Street – was considered and it was proposed there were no objections to the application.

Application 2026/1146/LBC – replacement of 9 windows – 33 High Street had been received since the publication of the agenda. All agreed that as this is a listed building consent and this would improve the building there would be no objection as long as heritage were happy. It was agreed that an extension was not needed to discuss at another meeting.

316/25 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) Drawings and costings of a new post on Sandy Lane to allow a speed monitor to be installed had been received from Highways. It was agreed to go ahead with the project. Clerk to contact resident to notify them of the works.
- b) Clerk had asked developers for updates on road closures. There had not been a response yet from Davidsons regarding Nobottle Road. Vistry had responded saying they were not sure when the link road would reopen. They believe it is still unsafe to do so. The reason was queried as there are construction vehicles throughout the site including where there are residents.

It was asked if the crossing on Sandy Lane could be installed whilst the road is closed to prevent other closures down the line. Question to be asked.

There was a discussion about the Pegasus crossing on the Sandy Lane Relief Road and if this was now complete. Chairman offered to walk the site.

317/25 ALLOTMENTS

- a) Revised pricing had been submitted. Cllr Bess offered to get alternative pricing.
- b) Clerk advised that there are lots of new tenants and not many plots left

318/25 STREET FURNITURE

- a) Several bench options were tabled. A style was chosen in Holly Green. It was proposed to recommend the spend to Full Council from CIL funding to replace all but the memorial benches in the village. Phased installation was discussed. Clerk to contact supplier to try to get bulk discount, or price freeze.
- b) The school has asked the council if we would like to take on their defibrillator. They believe theirs is not needed as there are 2 at the playing field opposite. Council felt that it was important that there is one at the school and offered to consider grant application for servicing fees.
- c) Prices for printing of map were discussed. Whilst the map is inside a case it needs to be on a material that will not get damaged. It was agreed to use a laminated foamex. The map at Northampton Road also needs replacing.
- d) There had been a couple of requests for a litter bin near the benches on flagpole green. It was proposed that a recommendation is made to full council for a pot of funds to be approved to allow installation of bins as needed.
- e) No further updates

Member of public leaves

319/25 CHURCH

No further updates on a burial Ground

320/25 OPEN SPACE

There had been a request that the playing field be opened up for dog walking. Whilst the parish council are not yet owners of the land the request had been made to us. All present agreed that due to the use of the field – sports, play area, school field – it was not appropriate to allow dogs on there. Suitable areas will become available as part of the development.

321/25 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA



For council to consider if they would like to purchase extra land to extend the sports field.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 27th April 2026 at 7pm

Signed:

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