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Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 27th April 2026, in the Methodist Chapel, School Lane at 7.00pm.

Present – Cllrs F Smethers (chair), N Bess, J Gibbins, I Haynes, C Nnadozie, G Taylor
Also present – Clerk and Parish administrator

Meeting Start: 7pm

335/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies accepted for Cllr Phillips

336/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr Gibbins advised he has an allotment plot

337/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present

338/25 MINUTES

Councillors **APPROVED** the minutes of Planning, Highways & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 30th March 2026.

339/25 PLANNING

Planning application 2026/1319/FULL – proposed two storey side extension to create annexe and part two storey, part single storey extension to the rear and widen window to the front elevation – Lower Park House, Park Lane, was considered. It was proposed that there are no objections as long as Heritage have responded.

340/25 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) West Northants Council had sent over details of a Road Safety Questionnaire for town and parish councils to complete. The questionnaire was discussed and a response submitted.
- b) It was asked if there was any update on the reopening of Nobottle Road and Sandy Lane Link Road. Vistry have advised that the Sandy Lane link road is closed for health and safety reasons and will remain so until it is safe to open. Davidsons have advised that they have had some issues but this will be resolved soon and they should be able to get back to work. It was suggested that Davidsons are invited to a meeting to update council on the works.

341/25 ALLOTMENTS

- a) New pricing for numbers was approved. Cllr Gibbins offered to get screws.
- b) There has been interest in the raised beds. Clerk has started to offer these for £3 each which is what the allotment association were advertising for. School are interested in 4. It was proposed that the school could have these free of charge.



There will be ongoing maintenance of these raised beds, but ploholders may take this on.

- c) There had been an issue on Sunday where ploholders were locked in as the chain on the gate had been tied to the gate. It appears that the chain was loose and a plot holder had thought they were helping out.

342/25 STREET FURNITURE

- a) There was a proposal that there are labels for our bins with a QR code to allow people to know where to report a full or damaged bin. It was agreed a simple label was best.
- b) Supplier of benches has agreed to a bulk cost with split deliveries, but payment for all up front. Maintenance person is able to fit, though some will be trickier than others so had asked for a priority list. It was agreed that the easier to fit benches should be installed first. Whilst there will be a need for benches on Western Gate the landscaping needs to be completed by the developer first.
- c) The 2 VAS signs were installed today. There has already been a complaint about the location of 1. It was advised that there are other preferred locations that this will move to once roads open.

343/25 CHURCH

No further updates on a burial Ground, though this may be a discussion for future S106 negotiations.

344/25 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

For council to consider if they would like to purchase extra land to extend the sports field, this will be on the next Full Council agenda.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7pm

Signed: