



Chairman – Mr F Smethers

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

Present – Cllrs F Smethers (chair), J Gibbins, C Nnadozie, G Taylor

Also present – Clerk

Meeting Start: 7pm

20/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies accepted for Cllrs Bess and Phillips

21/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr Gibbins advised he has an allotment plot

22/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present

23/26 MINUTES

Councillors **APPROVED** the minutes of Planning, Highways & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 27th April 2026.

24/26 PLANNING

Planning application 2026/1876/S73 - Variation of condition 2 [Material, Finishes and Design] to further extend the existing driveway by approx 2.5 metres and the lowered curb by approx 2 metres to application 2024/5483/FULL [Widening of existing driveway and replacement of loose gravel with a resin bound gravel. Replacement of front door, removal of railings on right side of drive and left side of house. Removal of double garage central pillar and installation of new supporting steel lintel. Removal of existing two garage up-and-over doors and replacement with one full width sectional garage door]. - Jubilee House 55 Garners Way was considered. There was a discussion about an extended drop kerb but council had no objections if Highways are happy to approve.

25/26 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) There was consideration whether Harpole should join the Community Speed Watch initiative. At least 6 volunteers would be needed. It was proposed that there is a request for volunteers via the website and Facebook.
- b) Those present were all keen to try to see if an application for a 20mph zone in the village was possible. Exact areas in the village would need to be agreed. Data from the speed monitors would be useful. Clerk to contact Highways to ascertain the process and what information is needed. Poll to be put on Facebook to see if the residents are in favour of the idea.



- c) Council had been advised that Sandy Lane would be closed for a week in June for Anglian Water to do works. This would leave only Northampton Road as a way in and out of the village. Clerk has escalated to director level at WNC via the ward councillors and they are reassessing. It was asked if Vistry could open Underborough way if needed.

Meeting is to be had with Davidsons about the closure of Nobottle Road and how this is likely to be extended.

Cllr Gibbins is current footpath warden and is happy to continue. He will walk the routes and give brief update to council.

26/26 ALLOTMENTS

- a) There was a plotholder meeting last Thursday that was well attended. It seems that there is interest in re-establishing the Allotment Association. An AGM is to be called to elect new committee members.

There are not many plots left and there was a discussion about the potential of a waiting list. To be discussed in Autumn as notice may need to be given to paddock tenant.

27/26 STREET FURNITURE

- a) It appears that the dog bin on South Way has been knocked over. On inspection the post may snap if brought upright again and the base of the bin is rotting. It was proposed to replace the bin and post with new.
- b) A resident of the village has been looking after the defib for about 20 years. It was agreed a small token of appreciation could be purchased.
- c) Benches are on order and we are awaiting first delivery date. The bench on Carrs Way has been removed in preparation.

It was suggested that the tree on Carrs Way should be looked at. Clerk to check if this is on the survey list.

28/26 CHURCH

No further updates on a burial Ground, though this is being considered as part of a land feasibility study.

29/26 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Update on Benches

Meeting closed 8.30pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 29th June 2026 at 7pm

Signed: