



Chairman – Mr F Smethers

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Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Monday 13th July 2026, in the Methodist Chapel at 7pm.

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

Also present – Parish Administrator, WNC Cllr Bignell (part), 2 Members of the Public

Meeting start: 7pm

86/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies approved for Cllrs Roberts and Gardner.

87/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr Starmer and Cllr Smethers – Playing fields

88/26 REPORTS FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Bignell confirmed parking charges in the 3 major towns will keep free blue badge parking.
Cllr Bignell opens up questions. Cllr Wallace raises Vistry refusing to build pavilion – WNC haven't enforced anything to date. PC have a meeting with WNC next month.

Cllr Bignell Leaves

89/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public present

Field up Sandy Lane (3rd lane up) from Kislingbury roundabout. Bottom of the field – lots of golf balls – concerns for livestock safety. Same issue in John Frost land – they believe they know which house its coming from.

Second issue – on the road going up Sandy Lane (opposite entrance to western gate), getting lots of grass trimming dumped into the ditch - member of the public has informed land owners it's the contractor on Western Gate – whom have asked for camera footage of this. On Friday Western Gate had their grass cut and then the same day they had grass cutting in the ditch. Cllr Smethers informed member of the public that the Beat Bus is visiting Harpole this week Wednesday at 1.30pm and for the member of the public to attend and ask PCSO for further assistance. He will also raise is with Vistry when they meet in August.

90/26 COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of Full Council Meeting of 13th April 2026 were approved and signed.

91/26 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of Planning, Highways and Infrastructure Committee of 29th June 2026, Staffing Committee 1st June and Community Facilities Committee on 15th June 2026 minutes were all approved and signed.

92/26 QUESTIONS FOR CHAIRMAN RELATED TO RECEIVED MINUTES

There were no questions

93/26 COMMITTEES RECOMENDATIONS

- a) Terms of Reference for Community Facilities Committee were approved.
- b) The recommendation from Strategy, Finance and Policy Committee have recommended that Parish Council writes a letter to WNC, to ask them to enforce their statutory S106 obligations.

Cllr Smethers explains we have a meeting with WNC on 8th August with multiple members of WNC, to discuss WNC legal obligations to enforce. Report back to Full Council in September, then agree a response to Vistry at the September Full Council Meeting.

94/26 CIL RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) Crossing at Larkhall Lane survey at the cost of £18,275. Putting it back to Highways Committee to request more options at the crossing location: Raised crossing, zebra crossing, lights, speed bumps, double yellow, lights. Full Council to approved an uplift on the consultancy fee up to a value of that pre installation to £25,000.

95/26 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT

Budget set of £1500 to purchase a 3X3X2 metres unbranded gazebo (turquoise), one banner, weights and table.

96/26 SPORTS PAVILLION

Parish Council agrees to write a letter of intent on the established use for the football club to continue using the sports pitches/pavilion, if the Parish Council takes on the land.

97/26 STAFFING

Update received on appraisal. Approved pay rise to pay point 36 from current pay point of 34 as soon as practical.

98/26 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No further items to add at this time.

Meeting closed 9.16pm
Next meeting Monday 14th September.

Signed

Date