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

Present – Cllrs F Smethers (chair), N Bess, J Gibbins, I Haynes (part), C Nnadozie, S Phillips

Also present – Clerk, Administrator and 3 members of public

Meeting Start: 7pm

99/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies accepted for Cllr Taylor

100/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllrs Gibbins and Phillips advised they have an allotment plot

101/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Member of the public asking if there were any updates on closed road and council plans for speed limit reduction / traffic calming. He had received an email from Highways regarding Sandy Lane Link Road which he offered to share with the council. Another member of the public believed that speeding tends to be from delivery vehicles.

102/26 MINUTES

Councillors **APPROVED** the minutes of Planning, Highways & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 29th June 2026.

103/26 PLANNING

a) There were no objections to the planning application 2026/0334/RM – Reserved Matters (Access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for detailed design of community building and external areas, including car parking and servicing areas that will serve the wider local centre area – Land to East of Sandy Lane. However, there were a couple of comments council wished to make – very few car park spaces in relation to size of building and that it was thought that there was a wasted opportunity to not have solar panels installed.

b) There no objection to the planning application 2026/2257/HH – First floor side extension and single storey rear extension – 16 High Street

c) It was noted that there had been a notification of tree works – 2026/2765/TCA – Removal of large foxglove tree – Brytten-Collier House 44 High Street.

Cllr Haynes joins the meeting

104/26 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) The PCSO had suggested purchase of traffic cones that could be put on Larkhall Lane to provide passing places when the football gets busy at weekends. Cllr Haynes advised that there are cones in a lockup at the pavilion that were used for car boot sales. He will check quantity and advise clerk who will then ask football club to use them.
- b) A tree was removed from Flagpole Green in the Spring because it was dying. Options for a replacement were tabled. It was proposed that Cllrs Gibbins and Bess work with the administrator to find a large native tree. A budget of £400 was agreed to cover cost of tree, delivery and stakes etc.
- c) Clerk advised there will be a questionnaire in the next newsletter asking for opinions on 20mph zones in the village.
It was advised that there is a 30mph sign on Sandy Lane that is hidden in a residential hedge. Cllr Gibbins to confirm address and clerk to contact.
Highways do not have any record of double yellow lines being requested in South View. Clerk to investigate and see if we can reapply.
There was a discussion about the new pavilion and sports pitches and S106 obligations in general.

1 member of the public leaves

105/26 ALLOTMENTS

- a) Anglian Water have put a hosepipe ban in place. On hearing this the council advised ploholders and asked everyone to use watering cans to water their plots. There seems to be some contradictory advice coming from Anglian Water as to when a hosepipe can be used. It was agreed that as there is a ban all ploholders should not be using a hosepipe. If a tenant feels they have an exemption they should contact the clerk. A reminder email to be sent out.
- b) Plot inspections have taken place and letters sent out. There will be a second inspection towards the end of August. Some have responded and advised ill health. It was agreed that these should be offered help. The Allotment Association say there are people willing to help.
- c) It was agreed that 50 posts can be ordered to complete the plot marking project.
- d) There is a hole in the back fence / hedge and the only things stopping horses leaving the field is a ditch and electric fence. Quotes have been received for £260. Administrator advised that there is another smaller hole. It was proposed that there is a budget of £400 to have a post and rail fence to cover both holes. Hedging to be considered in the autumn.
- e) Some stand pipes have 2 taps others have 1. A ploholder who is a plumber has offered to add extra taps to the single stand pipes at the cost of parts. This was approved. There had also been a request for a new tap near the horses. This to be properly costed and brought to next meeting.
- f) Pricing for new noticeboards had been tabled. It was thought that these were too expensive. New ploholder is a carpenter and has offered to refurbish existing boards.
- g) Type 1 had been approved at previous meeting



h) A skip needs to be hired to clear the rubbish pile. Allotment association believes that the pile needs working though as not all can or should be in a skip. To be discussed at allotment association meeting.

Cllr Gibbins had offered to clear unassigned plots but asked for £60 towards diesel costs. This was approved as part of clerks delegated powers.

106/26 STREET FURNITURE

Benches have been received but the contractor is concerned that the hot weather will impact the concrete beds so will install when the weather is a little cooler.

The village sign has been taken down from Northampton Road and is at the office.

Future of the sign to be considered at next meeting.

107/26 CHURCH

No update on new burial ground

108/26 COMMUNITY

Good Food West Northants had asked if the council would be willing to sign the Food Sustainability Pledge. It was thought that a lot of this was already included in our own sustainability policy. Many of the suggestions are personal rather than something the council could pledge to do. It was proposed that the council would support any other village organisation that wished to take the pledge.

109/26 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

It had been noted that despite the grass not growing because of the hot weather the grounds contractor was out cutting today. Clerk to query why.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 28th September 2026 at 7pm

Signed: