



Chairman – Mr F Smethers

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Minutes of the Strategy, Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 6th July 2026, in the Methodist Chapel, School Lane at 7.00pm.

Present – Cllrs S Roberts (Chair), B Hancy, F Smethers, D Starmer, G Madle

Meeting Start: 7pm

73/26 TO ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed that Cllr Roberts is chairman.

74/26 TO ELECT COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed that Cllr Smethers is vice chairman.

75/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were apologies received from Cllr Wallis.

Unable to obtain Clerks emails to confirm Cllr Gardener Absence.

76/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

No declarations were made.

77/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Four members of the public were present. No members of the public decided to speak.

78/26 MINUTES

Councillors **APPROVED** the minutes of the Strategy, Finance and Policy Committee of 5th May 2026.

79/26 NORTHAMPTON WEST SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSION

Transfer of open green space – Parish awaiting updates from Bloors/WNC.

80/26 NORWOOD FARM SUSTAINABLE EXTENSION

- a) Approved
- b) EIA document is missing from **2026/0334/RM**. Ask for extension due to documents missing.
- c) Updates given that Vistry are in consultation with WNC regarding the transfer of the open green space, and hopeful to include the Parish Council on the inspection. Awaiting a date.

81/26 SPORTS PROVISION

- a) Parish Council refuse to comment on the offer until further meetings with WNC.
- b) Vistry refusing to build new pavilion – Offered 550k for the Parish Council to build.

82/26 FINANCE

- a) Payments for July

Supplier	Description	Amount
Staff Costs	staff costs	5352.35
Harpole Primary School	Grant	980.00
Scribe	IT software	99.00
Northants CALC	Subscriptions	70.00
Harpole Bowls Club	Portacabin Rent	25.00
Gigaclear	Broadband	30.00
British Gas	Office Electric	34.48
R&G Groundworks	Grass cutting	1,041.00
Shield Maintenance	Dog bins	420.34
Valda Energy	Street lighting electric	212.76
Glasdon	Dog Waste Bin	188.67
Paul Thomas	Ground Maintenance	711.19
Harpole Allotment Association	Association Fees	38.50
Nickolls Landscaping	Flagpole Green	105
R J Farmer Electrical	Defib Electrician	248.51
		9556.80

b) Budget was received with update until the end of June.

83/26 POLICIES

- a) Retention and Disposal received and approved.
- b) Data Breach received and approved.
- c) Publication Scheme received and approved.
- d) Lone Worker Policy received and approved.

84/26 VILLAGE

The Parish Council currently does not have the capacity to support/run this service at present time.

85/26 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr Starmer sends apologies for next meeting 07/09/2026.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 7th September at 7pm

Signed

Date