Chairman – Mr F Smethers

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Monday 19th October 2026, in the Methodist Chapel at 7pm.

Present – Cllrs F Smethers (Chair), N Bess, J Gibbins, I Haynes, C Nnadozie, D Starmer, G Taylor,
Also present – Clerk, 1 Member of the Public

Meeting start: 7pm

168/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies approved for Cllrs Wallace, Roberts and Philips.
Not present were Cllrs Gardner, Madle and Hancy

169/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr Gibbins is a trustee of the Old School Hall

170/26 OLD SCHOOL HALL

Following the refusal of funding from Harpole Charities for works required to improve drainage at the Old School Hall, trustees had asked the Council to reconsider their offer and if they could contribute the full amount. Cllr Smethers wished to make a statement that trustees should fulfil maintenance and associated costs. Old School Trustees should try to recruit more trustees to help or think of other funding options moving forward.
There was a discussion about how much the Old School Hall and Pre-school were contributing to the works. They have done many improvements over the years, and making good after the works will be their responsibility. They have applied for many grants but often get refused.
It was proposed that the Parish Council contribute £20,000 of CIL monies for the works. All voted in favour. **Approved**

Meeting closed 7.17pm
Next meeting Monday 9th November.

Signed Date

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