



ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 5th February 2026 at 07:00pm

Held at The Methodist Chapel, Gynwell, Naseby, Northamptonshire

Present:

Chair: Cllr Reedman
 Vice Chair: Cllr Davies
 Councillors: Cllr Rodi, Cllr Williams, Cllr Collins and Cllr Harrison
 Public: One

MINUTES

OPENING PROCEDURES

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The Chair, Cllr Reedman, opened and welcomed all present to the meeting.

25/884 APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies to receive and accept.

25/885 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- a) There were no declarations of any Disclosable Pecuniary or other interests reported.
- b) There were no dispensations or written requests for dispensation of DPI to consider.

25/886 MINUTES

Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 4th of December 2025, as a true and accurate record. The minutes were duly approved by the Chairman, Cllr Reedman.

25/887 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (OPEN SESSION)

WNC Ward Cllr Christine Ware could not make the meeting but issued a report which was read out by her colleague Cllr Tony Nixon as follows:

- a) Cllr Tony Nixon introduced himself as a Focus Team colleague of Cllr Ware (Liberal Democrats) and who is also a Parish Councillor of Brixworth Parish Council.
- b) WNC Local Plan - the local plan is now out for consultation and can be found online at the West Northants Council website consultation page, a printed copy is also available in all libraries. Naseby has been issued a draft allocation of housing numbers of 33. In the wider Naseby Ward, Creaton, Guilsborough, Spratton and Welford also have draft allocations. Brixworth has a draft allocation of 242 houses. The plan has to get through Regulation 19, which is the final formal public consultation at which stage the final version is published and is reviewed by planning inspectors before the end of the year. Once 'made', the local plan will take West Northants through to 2043.

Please do respond to the consultation and this can be as an individual and or as a parish council.

There will be several roadshows in the coming weeks, however, the nearest for this area is in Long Buckby. If the council wishes to hold a public meeting for residents in the village, then Cllr Ware is happy to be actively involved.

- c) West Northants 2026-27 Budget – this has been out for consultation and will go to Cabinet on the 16th of February before going to Full Council for approval on the 26th of February. The headlines are a maximum 4.99% council tax increase, 33% increase on green bins from £60 pounds to £80 pounds, car parking increases which include new car parking charges in the market towns, of Towcester and Daventry. Stuart Andrews MP attended the Cabinet meeting to object, and in December alone, between Daventry and Towcester, there are over 8,000 signatories raising objections; it is, therefore, suspected that these charges will be removed. More locally, the proposal is to remove free car parking for the Parkruns at Brixworth Country Park. We as Liberal Democrat councillors are putting together amendments for the budget.
- d) Bus Shelter Improvements – Naseby will be getting a new improved bus shelter through securing capital funding from the Central Government Bus Improvement Plan. This will be located on the High Street and will be supplied and maintained by Bower Media, so there'll be no cost to the parish either now or in the future. There is no choice in design (a picture has been circulated prior to the meeting) and will have solar lighting, seating and an electronic timetable. Naseby Parish Council just need to contact Jason Ball at WNC (via email) to approve the installation. A timescale for the installation will be investigated and information passed on to the Clerk.
This project has been in fruition for 15 months and culminated in securing 4 bus shelters at a cost of £56,000, with the aim to help towards a better passenger experience and grow patronage, to help sustain the current rural bus routes.
- e) Highways Issues (Cottesbrook Road) – WNC Highways have committed to permanent repairs within 28 days from the 24th of January. There have been two separate fly tips on this road with potentially more, which would suggest there is an affect / backlash from the new HRWC booking system for the local waste sites.

Please could residents be reminded that there is email address for this purpose, which is HWRCservices@westnorthants.gov.uk

Please continue to report issues via FixMYStreet [West Northamptonshire Council FixMyStreet](https://www.fixmystreet.com) / www.fixmystreet.com

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

25/888 WNC Grant – Litter Picking

Council considered a report concerning the litter picking grant and that there is £1,500 grant available from WNC to all councils to help towards the cost of litter picking or replacement litter bins.

Current bin locations, styles of bins and conditions of said bins that are parish owned around the village were also discussed with all agreeing that further information needs to be garnered before a full resolution can be made. Council RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next parish council meeting.

25/889 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2026

Council RESOLVED to hold the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 4th of March at the Methodist Church with a budget of £30 for refreshments. The Clerk is to create a poster to promote this event on Facebook and the Village WhatsApp group by Cllr Collins.

25/890 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

The West Northants Local Plan draft has been issued for a second time and out for consultation again. It covers the whole of the West Northants area which includes the former Daventry District, Northampton Borough and South Northants Council areas.

Northampton town will be hit by the largest housing numbers/development targets, with the large towns such as: Daventry, Towcester and Brackley also having substantial targets.

Within the rural areas the larger villages such as Brixworth, Long Buckby, Crick and others, are classed as Primary Service Villages and have large housing targets to meet, whilst 48 villages such as Naseby and Welford are Secondary Service Villages with more limited housing targets. There are approximately 3,800 homes allocated across all of the Primary (excluding Long Buckby) and Secondary Service Villages for the period of 1st of April 2025 through to 2043. The Housing target for Naseby has been set at a minimum of 33 houses including an undisclosed number of windfall plots generated from garden infill plots, barn conversions or dividing up a large house.

Overall, 1,900 rural windfall houses have been included, spread across the Primary and Secondary Service Villages, together with other villages such as Clipston, and hamlets such as Haselbech and Kelmarsh.

The Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan consultant has written to West Northants Council proposing that Naseby allocates land for 20 houses with the balance of the 33 to come from windfall sites. Two qualifying windfall sites which have already been granted permission are a 'Grand Designs' house off Cottesbrooke Road and a garage to house conversion on the High Street.

A Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting took place on the 4th February concerning sites which can accommodate 20 houses, following which further discussions/ correspondence with relevant landowners is to take place.

25/891 NASEBY NEWS

Council RESOLVED to agree Wednesday the 11th of March as the deadline for the next issue of the newsletter for it to be delivered to all homes ahead of the beginning of April and Easter.

25/892 CAFÉ 1645 ADVERTISING

Council RESOLVED to consider permitting Café 1645 the use of council owned assets and street furniture to place modest advertising boards and directional signage as long as it is sympathetic to its surroundings.

It was discussed that Prince Rupert Farm have asked for similar for the month of November to promote their Christmas Tree business – Council agreed subject to highways rules and regulations being followed.

25/893 TREE WORK (Obelisk)

All tree works at the obelisk have been completed with the landowner surrounding the obelisk very happy with the condition the land was left in and for the deliver of the free wood, by Treeworx's.

25/894 CHURCH CLOCK ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

Council NOTED the annual service was carried out on Thursday the 22nd of January.

25/895 BLEED KITS AND EXTERNAL CABINET

It was reported that the Council's KWCB grant application for £500 towards the bleed kit was successful. Cllr Collins agreed to take on this project and to find a qualified electrician to fit the external light.

25/896 CAN CHAMPION (Climate, Action and Nature)

The CAN Champion, Claire Booth, was unable to attend the first online CAN meeting but has requested copies of the slides and will report back to council in due course.

25/897 PLAY AREA ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

- a) Council NOTED the contents of the 76-page annual inspection report and all 96 actions. Out of 96 findings, 19 had a very low rating, 66 with a low-risk rating and one with a medium rating, which relates to the tennis court area, which is the responsibility of the Village Hall - there were 20 findings for that area alone. Most findings are in relation to loose fittings on the play equipment and there's a chain crossing on one of the swings at the top, which is a safety device. The skateboard area also has issues concerning welding/engineering actions. Another recommendation is for contact information to be added to the play area signage, so users know who to contact to report repairs issues. It was agreed the Clerk's contact details be added to this
- A copy of the inspection report is to be forward to the Village Hall Committee.
- b) Council considered how to progress the remedial works as follows:
- Council RESOLVED to hold a site meeting to discuss all remedial works and to create an action plan and invite the Village Hall Trustees to attend.
 - Hole in tennis court area – Village Hall are already aware of this issue.
 - Toddler Tunnel – this has been given a low-risk rating, with the works needing to be completed during the summer months. One quote has been received thus far, but as there are at least 40 posts to be replaced and plastic (non-rot) is more expensive but will last longer, Council RESOLVED to hold a site meeting to decide the best plan of action for this piece of equipment before commencing with obtaining further quotes. A visit to Clipston play area is also required to view what the parish council have done with their tunnel and play area surface.
- c) Ditch Clearance – council received all information from Cllr Reedman concerning clearance of the ditch and freeing up buried drainage outfalls from the Village Hall, sports court and play area and agreed to the Clerk obtaining quotes.
- d) Ash Tree Stump – Council considered having the tree stump causing a partial blockage of the drainage ground and removed and RESOLVED to approve the quote from Treeworx at a cost of £380.00 (exc. VAT).

25/898 HIGHWAYS (FIXMYSTREET REPORTS)

- a) Cllr Williams reported that the drainage issues have been resolved at the junction of Haslebech Road. The pothole on Thornby Road has also been resolved. All other reports will be completed within 4-5 weeks.
- Due to the A14 closures, HGV lorries are coming through the village instead and the condition of Haslebech Road is starting to deteriorate quickly, with deep potholes and damage to the side of the road where sections of it have collapsed. Too dangerous to take photos but as this is now a safety issue for motorists, this needs to be reported to Highways and Ward Cllr Christine Ware.
- b) Cllr Williams reported that the Anglian Water bursts water pipe issues at Nutcote have now been resolved.
- c) Cllr Reedman reported that the fly tipping on Cottesbroke Road had been removed very promptly.

25/900 WNC BUS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME – NEW BUS SHELTER

This item was reported under minute reference 25/887(d). Council RESOLVED to approve West Northants Council (WNC) to install a new bus shelter adjacent to the boundary hedge fronting no. 2 the High Street.

25/901 WEST NORTHANTS LOCAL PLAN REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION

Council received a progress report under minute reference 25/890, however, did also NOTE that the deadline for response is the 27th of March. A request by the Council for

Hammonds Mew POS to be designated as green local space through the last consultation has been rejected.
Council RESOLVED to add this to the next meeting agenda to agree a comments response.

25/902 CCTV – ANNUAL SERVICE

Council RESOLVED to conduct an annual service to the CCTV system at the Village Hall with Cllr Collins organising this.

25/903 PLANNING APPLICATION – 2026/0020/FULL LAND OFF THORNBY ROAD

Council considered the following application: Detached dwelling, self-contained annexe, stables, barn, access and landscaping as follows:

The landowner originally submitted an application in 2019, under the Planning Act for a single dwelling in the countryside of outstanding architectural signatures. The site is classed as a special landscape area/character and the current design is not considered outstanding or innovative – as described in paragraph 79, hence why it was refused. A second application was submitted in February 2024 which did not go to appeal due to procedural issues.

This application is a new application, so needs to be reviewed and commented as such.

Council RESOLVED to object again using the same grounds as previously and for Cllr Reedman to write a draft objection letter, circulate it to council for comment in order for the Clerk to submit this by the deadline of the 17th of February.

25/904 2026-27 MEETING DATES

Council RESOLVED to approve the list of meeting dates for the 2026/27year, as circulated prior to the meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & INTERNAL CONTROL

25/905 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (CURRENT ACCOUNT)

Council RESOLVED to approve all payments being made via BACS, Standing Order and Direct Debit, as set out in the table on the next page.

ONLINE PAYMENTS VIA BACS TRANSFER

Ref.	Payee	Description	Amount
S/O	Josie Flavell	Clerk's January Salary and home working allowance (Salary £618.93 – Allowance £37.50)	£656.23
BACS	Josie Flavell	Reimbursement for payment of monthly mobile phone fee (Vodafone January)	£25.98
S/O	Josie Flavell	Clerk's February Salary and home working allowance (Salary £618.93 – Allowance £37.50)	£656.23
BACS	Josie Flavell	Reimbursement for payment of monthly mobile phone fee (Vodafone February)	£25.98
BACS	HMRC	Missing NI payment for December (09/25)	£53.48
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BACS	HMRC	PAYE (Tax and NI) January	£154.80
BACS	HMRC	PAYE (Tax and NI) February	£208.28

BACS	DCK Payroll Services	January payroll Service Fee – Inv. 26558	£18.00
BACS	DCK Payroll Services	February payroll Service Fee – Inv. 26713	£18.00
BACS	Naseby Methodist Church	Hall hire fees – Parish Council meeting February Inv. TBC	£18.00
BACS	Naseby Methodist Church	Hall hire fees – NHP Committee meeting February 4th – Inv. TBC	£18.00
BACS	Northants ACRE	Annual subscription fee	£42.00
BACS	E.on Energy Solutions	Quarterly street lighting maintenance fee Inv. 6018813959	£135.60
BACS	Treeworx	Obelisk tree surgery works Inv. 966	£3,900.00
BACS	Rugby Pest Control	Quarterly fee for pest control services. Inv. 15373	£82.80
Direct Debit Payments			
D/D	Valda Energy	Street lighting unmetered supply (January) Inv. 1649729	£112.86
D/D	Valda Energy	Street lighting unmetered supply (February) Inv. 1688807	£124.61

25/906 INCOME (RESERVES ACCOUNT)

Council NOTED all income as detailed in the below table.

Date	Income Received	Amount
29/12/25	Bank Interest – December	£29.60

25/907 BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS & EARMARKED RESERVES

Council NOTED all balances and earmarked reserves as detailed in the below tables. Council also discussed the potential year-end reserves position with there only being circa £27k in the bank at present and agreed that as VAT refunds are yet to be accrued, it's a good position to end the financial year.

Date	Bank Account	Account Balance
01/02/26	Current Account	£0.00
01/02/26	Reserves Account	£26,988.60

Earmarked Reserves	Amount
General Reserves	£21,988.00
Play Area	£1,000.00
Streetlighting	£1,000.00
TOTAL	£26,988.00

COUNCIL MEMBERS AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

25/908 HIGHWAYS AND SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SIDs)

- a) Cllr Williams and Cllr Harrison reported that they do not think the SID pole is leaning as reported a few meetings ago. Photographs have been taken and

- compared, and it is deemed to be okay, but will be monitored going forward.
- b) Clipston Road SID – it seems to be working well. Cllr Harrison will download the speed data so this can be reported in the next Naseby News.
 - c) FixMyStreet is the best way to report any highways related issues – all issues reported in the last few weeks have been reviewed or completed.

25/909 STREETLIGHTING

Cllr Williams reported that the streetlight by the woodyard/top of High Street now has all the parts ready for it to be fixed, with E.on confirming this will be completed the next time they are in Naseby.

25/910 POLICE & FIRE LIAISON AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REP.

Cllr Rodi reported that he has signed up for the next Police conference in the summer and that the current PCSO is retiring and will send over the name of his replacement in due course.

25/911 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr Collins reported that the pantomime was well attended. They currently have a healthy bank balance and plenty of bookings. There are a lot of issues concerning the roof, which need to be reviewed and sorted before it becomes a major health and safety concern. Estimates have been sought for hedge cutting.

25/912 VILLAGE HALL CCTV

Please refer to 25/902 of these minutes.

25/913 PLAY AREA

Please refer to minute reference 25/897.

25/914 MOWING WARDEN

- Cllr Williams asked for confirmation of what he needs to be doing when the new contracts commence – this was confirmed.
- Both contractors have been notified of the new contracts by the Clerk.

25/915 TREES AND FOOTPATH WARDEN

There were no new reports to receive.

25/916 VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS

It was reported that the Clerk has ordered a replacement set of pads for the Chapel defib due to the use by date for the current pads being the 27th of February 2026.

25/917 VILLAGE WELCOME BOOKLET

The Clerk is to add an article to the next Naseby News concerning new residents arriving in the village and requesting a welcome booklet.

25/918 WINDFARM COMMUNITY FUND

- a) Cllr Davies reported that the Village school were successful in their bid for play equipment at £1,200. Maidwell School were successful in their bid for £9,000 towards laptops and Clipston Recreational Field Trust were awarded some money towards solar panels for their hub roof.
£36,000 is the total funding pot for each financial year and currently, there is £3k left in the allocation until the end of this financial year.
- b) Cllr Davies reported that Naseby Parish Council was successful on all bids, for the

new village bench, bleed kit.

25/919 MOWING CONTRACT (2026 – 2028)

- a) Council RESOLVED to close the meeting to members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 2(d) and The Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 s2 and s3, to permit the Council to discuss items of either a prejudicial or confidential nature.
- b) Council considered all tender applications received and RESOLVED to approve the following tender applications for the new contracts, covering the next 3 years (2026 to 2028):
 - I. Thompson Groundcare for all council owned areas of POS around the parish, including highways verges.
 - II. Maximow for the Playing field (Village Hall) areas.

Council re-opened the meeting to members of the public

CLOSING PROCEDURES

25/920 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

There were no items reported for inclusion on the March meeting agenda.

25/921 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (ONLY)

Council NOTED the following items for information only:

- a) Cllr Reedman reported that a request to West Northants to remove the redundant grit bin in School Lane resulted in a response that ownership was gifted to the Parish Council when it ceased being used some years ago.

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In the absence of further business, the meeting was closed at 20:31pm

Signed:
Paul Reedman - Chairman

Date: 5th March 2026