

Parish Council Update - Naseby March 2026:

I'm sorry that I won't be at your meeting on Thursday evening - it's one of those days where I need to be in several places at once and I shall be at the Non Strategic Planning Committee as you meet. Please do let me have your meeting minutes and do get in touch if you have any questions for me. In the meantime here's an update from me.

The focus at WNC is on the budget and the Local Plan.

Budget - The 2026/2027 budget has been out for public consultation and it was resolved to adopt it at full council on 26 February by 38 votes to 31.

Council tax increase will be 4.95% and an increase in green bin charges to £69.

It was proposed that the market towns of Daventry and Towcester start to charge for parking, with Brackley charges proposed for later in the year. This idea was withdrawn at the last cabinet meeting so will not happen. However, removal of free period parking on a Sunday and parking charge increases for Northampton will go ahead. As will charging Blue Badge holders for parking and the removal of the free parking for those taking part in Park Run or Open Water Swimming at Brixworth Country Park. All opposition councillor amendments were outrightly dismissed by the administration.

Local Plan - as you know the draft Local Plan is now out for consultation. You can find this online at <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/local-plan>. A printed copy is available in all libraries.

As you know Naseby has a draft allocation of 33, Creaton 22, Spratton 54 new sites Welford 53, Naseby 33, and Guilsborough 31. So our ward is being asked for an additional 193 sites in total.

We are on a timeline - the plan has to get through Reg 19 (final formal public consultation which publishes the final version which will go to 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. You can do this as an individual and/or as a Parish Council.

There was a roadshow today (4 March) at the Library in Long Buckby. The final WNC roadshow is on 9 March, 5pm-8pm - Sikh Community Centre & Youth Club, Northampton (NN5 5JW).

You did mention that council would be interested in holding a public meeting for residents in the village and I will be please to be actively involved with this. Please let me know if you have any date in mind and remembering of course that the consultation deadline is 27 March.

There is another consultation I would like to draw your attention to - *Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)* - the LNRS is out for consultation with a close date of the 25 March.

Highways issues: You will be aware of the increasing number of potholes causing drivers problems including punctures and wheel damage. The A5199 is particularly treacherous at present. If not reporting fly tipping then I seen to be reporting potholes! Please do continue to report issues via Street Doctor. If there are specific issues that residents want to make me aware of then please do pass on my contact details.

West Northants Rubbish Bins in the village

If you have any WNC rubbish bins that have 'failed', for example, metal ones that have rusted away, broken in some way or otherwise in need of replacement there was good news from the last Cabinet meeting.

Cllr Harris asked what could be done for WNC rubbish bins that were no longer fit for purpose but still a WNC asset. The Portfolio holder for Waste, Cllr Stansfield, publicly and on record said that bins that have 'failed' should be reported for replacement or repair. Please note that this refers to WNC bins, not those already owned by the parish.

Kind regards
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