

Parish Council Update - Naseby 3 September 2026:

I am sorry that I won't be at Naseby Parish Council meeting this month. Please accept my apologies. Here's an update from me and I will be grateful if you will share it with Council. Please do get in touch if there is anything you need from me.

WNC Latest

Recruitment now complete for New chief exec - Martin Henry and New Section 151 Officer (Finance) - James Hill. These appointments were approved by full council at an extraordinary meeting called for 13 August.

New Director of Place - David Harris will start on 1 October.

Recruitment is underway for a new Director of Resources. Interviews are planned for October. I shall be a member of the Members panel involved in the recruitment process.

Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee last night heard that finances are still challenging with a £24m overspend. After £11m contingency and technical adjustments the over spend is forecast as £13m.

The Lib Dem group at council has increased by another councillor. One of the Independent Councillors, Kathryn Shaw (Upton Ward) has joined our group. This move puts Lib Dems and Labour on 8 councillors each.

Planning Changes

You will have seen that the new NPPF is now live and takes immediate effect. There are multiple changes but a specific one to note relates to Developments within the confines of a village. These have become difficult to object to under the new framework.

The latest figures are out for WN land supply which is confirmed at 4.3 years. This means we are in a period of 'tilted balance'. All Policies still apply but decisions are taken tilted towards approval unless it can be proven that 'serious' harm will occur as a result.

So far as we know, we are expecting the outcomes of the regulation 18 consultation on the Local Plan this month. This will be necessary in order to meet the deadline of 31 December for submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

Brixworth Community Repair Shed - Update

The Community Repair Shed in Brixworth has started well. Out of the 30 plus items brought for the team to repair only 2 have failed to be resurrected! The team has worked on a variety of things - everything from armchairs with broken arms to a number of electrical items and torn clothing. We took a few weeks off in August but the pop up will be back in front of the Community Centre on Spratton Road in Brixworth from 10 until 12 noon on the Saturdays in September. Through Cllr Harris the Repair Shed has received sponsorship from Keir in Brixworth who are providing an actual shed for the team to use. It will give them a base and a place to work and meet. WNC have agreed for this to be sited in the Boniface House car park (behind the Community Centre).

Update from Cllr Ware

The team want to bring the Shed 'on tour' around some of the surrounding villages and Naseby has been suggested. The idea is for the pop up gazebo to visit on a Saturday, between 10 and 12 noon to allow people from the village and surrounding area to bring along their items for repair. The items won't be repaired on the spot but rather they will be triaged and allocated to the most appropriate repairer before being returned. If this is something that Council are interested in then please let me know and we can arrange a 'pop up'!

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