



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 1st October 2026 at 7:00pm

Held at The Methodist Chapel, Gynwell, Naseby, Northamptonshire

Present:

Chair: Cllr Reedman

Councillors: Cllr Williams, Cllr Collins, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Rodi and Cllr Davies

Public: Two

DRAFT MINUTES

OPENING PROCEDURES

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

26/142 APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies to receive.

26/143 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.

26/144 MINUTES

Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes from the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd of September 2026 and agreed to the Chairman, Cllr Reedman, authorising these as a true and accurate record. The minutes were duly signed.

26/145 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (OPEN SESSION)

- a) Two members of public (residents) reported that the field adjacent to the Fairfax View platform near to New House Farm is being lived on illegally. A former resident of New House Farm bought the field to use for livestock. However, no there is no livestock, only a bright orange 40ft container that appeared at the beginning of the year and since then, a new access to the field has been added, hardstanding installed, a 40ft curtain side lorry, derelict cars and tractors, Portaloo's and an American style mobile home (which is occupied and has been since the beginning of the year). No planning has been applied for, there is no livestock living in the field and they have illegally connected the site to water via

the animal troughs. Evidence has been and continues to be collected. The Council agreed that this is in contravention of planning regulations needs to be reported to the Planning Authority (West Northants Council) and agreed for the Proper Officer to contact the Enforcement Officer and to update the residents in due course.

- b) Council received and NOTED WNC Ward Cllr Ware's report as follows:
- Local Plan Regulation 19 - the WNC Planning Policy Committee held a meeting on the 14 September to discuss and agree whether to continue with Regulation 19 and get the Plan made. It is an executive committee, which means only 3 members of the Cabinet get to make the vote. Due to this, the Administration decided to withdraw the Local Plan in its entirety and to commence the creation of a new plan under the 2026 revised NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework). As this would leave West Northants open to speculative development as there is currently no 5-year land plan, on the 15th of September, the Government blocked this course of action, citing it was unlawful and confirmed that if WNC want to complete a Local Plan, they must create a new plan and run it alongside the current Regulation 19 plan under the 2024 version of the NPPF at the same time. Unfortunately, the current plan has cost in excess of £4m and creating the new place will add an additional cost of £700k.
The Council's Administration does not believe the National Grid can cope with the proposals from an electricity viewpoint and are also not satisfied with the rural housing allocations and in particular, that Long Buckby is being forecast for another thousand houses, due to having a train station.
WNC were given the deadline of the 29th of September to appeal, which they did but it is doubtful the appeal will be successful. Regardless of the current situation, the current Local Plan still needs to go to public consultation (Regulation 19) on the 5th of October, with a deadline of 27th of November for comment, so please comment.
 - Planning Rule Changes – under the new Schedule 1 planning rules via the NPPF, on the 31st of October 2026, Cllr Ware loses right to call in any planning application. All application will be determined via delegated authority. Only written representations will be allowed.
 - Budget Overspend – WNC are still overspent on the usual areas: temporary accommodation, child services, adult and social care. As these are statutory services there isn't anything the Council can do about it.
 - WNC Recruitment – the new CEO, Finance Director and Director of Place started their new appointments today. Interviews for the Director of Resources are imminent.
 - Remembrance Sunday – it was agreed that Cllr Earl Harrison will lay the WNC Ward wreath on behalf of Cllr Ware's on Remembrance Sunday, along with the Parish Council Chair, Cllr Reedman, who will lay the Parish wreath at the same time.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

26/146 VILLAGE SPEEDING ISSUES

Council received a report from Cllr Roberts and considered resident feedback concerning speeding traffic through the village. It was NOTED that the Council are not the Highways Authority so there is little that can be actioned. However, Cllr Roberts reported he is soon to meet with PC Lee Stevens to discuss the issues experienced and who has agreed to bring the speed van to Naseby. A resident also reported that they'd received a parking ticket from WNC Traffic Officer for parking on double yellow lines on Cottesbroke Road and has queried if removal of

the lines and allowing parking in this location would slow speeding vehicles.

26/147 PLAY AREA

- a) Lease Re-execution Update – Council NOTED the Village Hall Trustees had not yet found a solicitor to undertake the Land Registry checks and approval of the lease documents and queried why this needs to be done. The Trustees also confirmed the process cannot be completed by the deadline of the 28 September 2026. Given these issues, the Council's legal firm (Pathfinder) offered to undertake the approval on Monday, 5th of October 2026. Pathfinder have arranged for the Trustees to visit their Northampton office to undertake all necessary checks and approval. Due to this, Cllr Reedman has delivered a clean copy of the lease and the plan to the Trustees for this purpose.
- b) Toddler Area Repairs – Council NOTED the repairs to the play equipment and railings have been completed satisfactorily by Reids, who have also undertaken the repairs to the twin set of swings at an additional cost of £222.00, as previously agreed at the September meeting. Turfing is required for the mound – the Proper Officer is to contact Thompson Groundcare to request a quote for this work.

26/148 OBELISK SIGNAGE

Cllr Rodi reported that the KWCB grant application has been submitted ahead of the deadline for submission. An outcome is awaited after the KWCB Trustees have met on the 5th of October.

Council RESOLVED to agree that should the grant not be successful, the Council are to proceed with the project and ratify this decision at the November meeting.

26/149 HIGHWAYS BOLLARDS – CHURCH STREET

- a) The Proper Officer reported that the street works licence is being processed.
- b) The highways bollards were ordered at a cost of £473.93 from UK Timber and delivered to Cllr Davies' residence for safe keeping.
- c) Council considered all quotes received and RESOLVED to approve the quote from Karl Webber Fencing Ltd at a cost of £360.00 (inc. VAT) for the installation of the highway bollards.

26/150 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ROAD SAFETY FUND

- a) Council considered and RESOLVED to apply for funding from the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner Road Safety Fund for 1no. new speed indicator devices (SIDs).
- b) Council RESOLVED to agree Haslebech Road as the location for the new speed indicator should the application be successful. The Proper Officer is to ascertain if the pole for this new speed indicator can be added to the current licence.

26/151 VILLAGE FOOTPATHS/RIGHTS OF WAY

Council considered all feedback received from parishioners concerning issues with current Rights of Way and unofficial footpaths and agreed that as it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council and there are negative legal implications if the council were act, the Proper Officer is to add an article to the next issue of Naseby News explaining this to residents.

26/150 WEST NORTHANTS LOCAL PLAN – REGULATION 19

- a) Council received and NOTED the update from Cllr Ware under minute reference 26/145(b).
- b) Council RESOLVED respond to the WNC Reg 19 Local Plan consultation and for Cllr Reedman to draft a comments response and circulate this to Council for approval prior to submission.

26/151 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Cllr Reedman reported there are no new updates due to the NDP awaiting its review.

26/152 EXTERNAL AUDIT CHANGES

- a) Council NOTED that the external audit process will be online via a new portal from April 2027. All documents will need to be uploaded to the portal going forward.
- b) Council NOTED that the Proper Officer has set up the new portal for the council and has included the details of both her and the Chairman (Cllr Reedman), ahead of the next set of audits.

26/153 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE AND EVENT

Council NOTED all actions taken thus far concerning this event:

- The community Christmas tree has been ordered with Welford Christmas Tree Farm and an invoice already received.
- The Annual Tree Lighting event is due to take place on Sunday 29 November 2026. The event organisers, Kirsty McMullen and Margaret Diak, having been notified of the tree order, budget for refreshments and the date for the Christmas edition of Naseby News to allow for a poster to be created and added at the appropriate time.

26/154 MEETING DATES 2027/28

It was decided to defer this item due to the circulation of the dates not taking place in time for full consideration.

26/155 PROJECT 508 – ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE

Council considered the Project 508 questionnaire and information received from Draughton and Maidwell parishes and agreed to join this initiative and for Cllr Davies to complete the response.

26/156 SCHOOL HIGHWAYS ISSUES AND SIGNAGE REQUEST

- a) Council considered the request from Naseby Primary School to aid them in applying to the Highways Authority for a lower speed restriction to 20mph on School Lane and RESOLVED to request the 20mph limit on their behalf. It was reported that bollards on the corner of School Lane outside the old Post Office would be beneficial to prohibit parking on this corner and stopping traffic from flowing freely and causing a bottleneck.
- b) Council considered and RESOLVED to purchase 2no. temporary speed and school awareness signs and to gift these to the school, for use during school opening and closing times. A budget of £275.00 was agreed.

26/157 GRANT APPLICATION: NASEBY NSA

Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the grant application for the Naseby School Association for £100, to cover the cost of hiring the village hall for their annual funding raising event, utilising the grants budget.

26/158 WEST NORTHANTS COUNCIL ON STREET CONSOLIDATION ORDER P2149 CONSULTATION

Council RESOLVED not to comment on this traffic regulation order.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & INTERNAL CONTROL

26/159 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 October Salary and home working allowance.	£693.63
BACS	Josie Flavell	Reimbursement for payment of monthly mobile phone fee GIFF GAFF (Sept & Oct)	£20.00
BACS	HMRC	PAYE (Tax and NI) October	£224.47
BACS	DCK Payroll Services	October payroll Service Fee – Inv. 27783	£18.00
BACS	Naseby Methodist Church	Hall hire fees – Parish Council meeting October Inv. 85	£18.00
BACS	Naseby Methodist Church	Annual electricity fee for defibrillator. Inv. 83	£45.00
BACS	Josie Flavell	Expenses: Vodafone. Owed balance	£55.79
BACS	Josie Flavell	Payment of 5 no. Highways Bollards from UK Timber. Inv. IN051442	£472.73
BACS	Paul Reedman	Expenses: pins for village noticeboard.	£5.69
BACS	Thompson Ground Care	Grass cutting of village August. Inv. 1232	£389.72
BACS	Thompson Ground Care	Grass cutting of village September. Inv. 1249	£779.45
BACS	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit fees for y.e. 31 st March 2026. Inv. SB20261063	£378.00
BACS	Welford Christmas Tree Farm	Supply and delivery of Christmas tree. Inv. 20201335	£413.00
BACS	Treeworx	Autumn hedge maintenance (playing field) Inv. 1011. (<i>Village Hall invoiced for their portion</i>)	£1,260.00
BACS	Treeworx	Annual Maintenance works. Inv. 1014	£780.00
BACS	Viking Direct (t/a Office International)	Printer ink, A4 lever arch files. Inv. 4411107195	£48.86
BACS	Reids Playground Maintenance	Repairs to Toddler play equipment and play area railings – Inv. 8055	£8,448.00
BACS	Reids Playground Maintenance	Repairs to Kompan swing set. Inv. 8056	£222.00
Direct Debit Payments			
D/D	Valda Energy	Street lighting unmetered supply (August) Inv. 02064981	£140.02

26/160 INCOME (RESERVES ACCOUNT)

Council NOTED all income as detailed in the below table.

Date	Income Received	Amount
30/08/2026	Bank Interest - August	£18.45
05/09/2026	WNC Payment – awaiting payment information	£120.00
30/09/26	Final Precept payment – West Northants Council	£19,562.00

26/161 **BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS & EARMARKED RESERVES**

Council NOTED all balances and earmarked reserves as detailed in the below tables:

Date	Bank Account	Account Balance
25/09/26	Current Account	£0.00
25/09/26	Reserves Account	£22,184.47

Earmarked Reserves	Amount
General Reserves	£16,064.00
Streetlighting	£1600.00
Neighbourhood Plan	£1000.00
Benches	£1000.00
Highways Bollards	£1520.00
Elections (2029)	£1000.00
TOTAL	£22,184.00

COUNCIL MEMBERS AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

26/162 **HIGHWAYS AND SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SIDs)**

Cllr Harrison reported that the analysis for the Church Street speed indicator will be downloaded an article added to the next issue of Naseby News.

26/163 **STREETLIGHTING**

- a) Cllr Williams reported that he will undertake his street lighting check tomorrow evening.
- b) Cllr Reedman reported that the Catton Close lights have been adopted and the unmetered supply updated.
- c) The Proper Officer reported that the Valda Energy refund is awaited.

26/164 **POLICE & FIRE LIAISON AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REP.**

Cllr Roberts reported that he is now linked to Northamptonshire Talking, which is mostly centred around the town centre instead of rural, but still has some useful information. That PC Lee Stevens will be advising on speeding and other crime issues in due course. Information will also be given on how a register doorbells and CCTV footage from villagers can be obtained and used to help gather information. A Naseby News article will be created.

26/165 **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

Cllr Collins reported that the Village Hall recently held their AGM and that the Secretary, Janet Bignell, has stepped down. Amanda Smith is due to take on the role. Jo Hyde is looking at a new booking system, and the Trustees have applied to KWCB for funding for the toilet refurbishments.

26/166 VILLAGE HALL CCTV

Cllr Collins reported that the security light that the Village Hall was asked to install has yet to happen to aid the CCTV and recordings at nighttime.

26/167 MOWING WARDEN

Cllr Williams reported that the contractors are doing a good job.

26/168 TREES AND FOOTPATH WARDEN

Cllr Collins reported that all the annual vegetation maintenance has been completed.

26/169 DEFIBRILLATORS & BLEED KIT

There were no new reports to receive.

26/170 VILLAGE WELCOME BOOKLET

Cllr Collins reported that there was a lot of activity on the village WhatsApp group about new residents, but no one has contacted Cllr Collins with any details, so she has been unable to deliver any booklets.

26/171 WINDFARM COMMUNITY FUND

Cllr Davies reported that the Trustees meet on Monday 5 October 2026, to determine applications received. There is £14,692 of funding available, with approximately £16k of applications having been received.

26/172 CONFIDENTIAL - MOWING CONTRACT

- a) Council **RESOLVED** to close the meeting and exclude members of the press and public, in accordance with the relevant provisions relating to confidential business – Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) - to enable the Council to discuss confidential business in the form of the mowing contract with Thompson Groundcare, as consideration of this matter in public would be prejudicial to the public interest.
- b) Council considered all invoices and payments made relating to the summer period (June to August inclusive) and determined how the contract should be managed in light of the reduced work available due to the unprecedented weather conditions, including arrangements should similar circumstances arise in the future and agreed that a schedule of mowing is required from the contractor.

There were no members of public or press to invite back into the meeting.

CLOSING PROCEDURES

26/173 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

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

26/174 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (ONLY)

Council received and NOTED the following items for information only:

- Planning Application 2026/3594/NMA - 19 Nutcote is a non-material application which appeared on the weekly list from WNC and the appeal for the land at Church Street is awaiting a site inspection.

In the absence of further business, the meeting closed at 20:38pm

Signed:
Paul Reedman - Chairman

Date: 5 November 2026