



Date & Time:	Venue:	Clerk to the Council:
Wed 7 th January 2026 - 7.30pm	Memorial Hall, Great Doddington	L Walton (LW)

Present:	
Cllr C Davies (Chair) (CD)	Cllr S Sharp (SS)
Cllr L Ross (LR)	Cllr D Kelly (DK)
Cllr K Howes (KH)	North Northants Councillor, Cllr Gordon Dunsmuir
Cllr E Kilsby (EK)	Clerk to the Council
Cllr P Cunningham (PVC)	2 x members of the public

Apologies received:
Cllr A Smith (AS)
Cllr J Sharp (Vice-Chair) (JS)

Item No.		Action By:
01	Apologies for Absence	
	Apologies received as recorded above.	
02	Declarations of Interest	
	Nothing to report.	
03	Approval of minutes of previous meeting	
	The minutes were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting and signed by the chair.	
04	Highways and Footpaths	
	a) Lamps - all previously reported faults have been repaired. Residents have reported the following streetlights, and these have been reported by the clerk to be fixed: - Street light outside 98 Glenfield Drive only works intermittently and has done so for some weeks now - Street light opposite 6 Earls Barton Road is not working - Broken streetlight on Earls Barton Road, opposite John Gray Road entrance	
	b) Speeding and Traffic Survey Results – Clerk LW to chase CM if any speed stickers for wheelie bins have been sourced.	LW
	c) Primrose Lining, fading lining in Church Lane outside the school – Council believes the lining has not been done. Clerk LW to chase CM to find out the latest about the lining works.	LW
	d) Hardwater Crossroads – Improvements to the white lining have been completed therefore no further issues to report.	
04	e) Pavement broken – 37 Glenfield Drive, pavement is broken up due to vehicle driving over it. Clerk to report on FMS.	LW

	f)	Hardwater Road – near to the bridge. Situation being progressed by council authorities.	
	g)	Crumbling kerb – It had been previously reported that outside High Street/35 Lower Street – the footpath had been damaged by a large HGV. LW to report on FMS.	LW
05	Planning Applications		
		Plastic Recycling Plant near Wollaston - NN/24/00021/WASFUL The Council were concerned regarding the volume of traffic and the impact on the local environment if this was to go ahead. It was RESOLVED to object to this application with the following comments: - Concerns over the volume of traffic and increased HGV traffic on rural roads that are not designed for heavy industrial use - The impact on the local environment including potential noise, dust, and odour impacts affecting nearby homes and farmland - The effect on the rural character and landscape setting of the village - Possible / probable environmental and highway safety implications.	LW
06	Health and Safety Reports		
	a)	Swing - needs works	
	b)	Plastic bench - needs foundations. PVC to ask for quote for four concrete posts not a slab. Metal bench like the others with poppy and solders.	
	c)	Fencing – this is to be reviewed to see if it is a requirement.	CD/ PVC
	d)	Seesaw – needs steel structure not wood.	
	e)	Trim trail - four balance beams are rotten, two to be replaced. Does the area need to be cordoned off. Rope swing possibly installed 10 years ago.	
	f)	PVC to gather further quotes. Ask the cost of one year maintenance for him to treat wood.	PVC
07	Police Matters		
		There were 2 reports of crime in December 2025.	
08	Social Media Report		
	a)	Dog fouling – 3 reported incidents. Stickers – clerk to look into to see if Council have fine stickers for dog fouling which could be placed around the village.	LW
	b)	New Clerk Email Address and www Address – Clerk (LW) to provide PVC a post for social media with new contact email address and www address.	LW
	c)	Social Media – Clerk to do a post for PVC to post on social media of new Clerk email address and www.	LW

09	Finance																																												
	a)	Precept 2026/2027 – RESOLVED It was agreed UNANIMOUSLY to increase the £30,000 Precept by 3%.																																											
	b)	Budget considerations																																											
		1. Grass cutting quotes – LW to liaise with CM. Approval was given that if the proposed increase is within 3% both contracts to be extended.		LW/CM																																									
		2. Swing, trim trail and seesaw (as per H&S Reports) – PVC to look into grants but feels the PC needs certain policies etc before can apply for any grants.		PVC																																									
	c)	Invoices and Expenses – It was RESOLVED the following invoices and expenses were approved for payment:																																											
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		Local Government Transparency Code – it is not a requirement for information pertaining to an individual's salary to be published in the public domain.																																											
	d)	Banking - signatures for NatWest Bank account – New Clerk still to be added onto the current bank account. Awaiting signed minutes. LW to chase CM.		LW																																									
	e)	Future bank account – LW still to investigate options of opening a new bank account as NatWest in Wellingborough was no longer open and it was considered prudent to move to online banking. Each invoice no longer needed to be signed by PC.		LW																																									
10	North Northamptonshire Council – Ward Cllr Report																																												
	The chair welcomed Councillor Dunsmuir to the meeting and thanked him for attending.																																												

	Cllr Dunsmuir asked for quotes for the memorial bench, and he could investigate possible ward funding half of the cost. He would need the quotes as soon as possible to meet the March deadline.	PVC
11	Correspondence Received	
	a) Annual Governance and Accountability Return AGAR - LW to chase CM regarding the annual return and potential outstanding costs.	LW/CM
	b) Highways Briefing Reminder 19 th Jan 2026 in Corby – circulated to the PC prior to the meeting by email.	
12	Any other business	
	a) Waendel Walk – 8th-10th May 2026 – date confirmed for Waendel Walk.	
	b) Village Clean Up – Sunday 17th May 2026 – RESOLVED date agreed of village clean up after Waendel walk weekend. To ask the scouts and school if can assist.	
	c) Christmas lights - resident has thanked the Parish Council for the lights which have been put up around the village.	
	d) Pensions Lunch – request for a contribution towards the pensions lunch of £150. UNANIMOUSLY agreed by the Parish Council. Clerk LW to ask CM to raise cheque.	LW/CM
	e) Address of the Parish Council – RESOLVED it was UNANIMOUSLY agreed by the Parish Council that the registered address of the Parish Council will now be at Great Doddington Memorial Hall 42b High Street, Great Doddington, Wellingborough, NN29 7TQ. The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Ryder and the committee for allowing this and for installing a letterbox.	
	f) Burial Records - Clerk investigated into Scribe for burial records but the costs were too high for the Parish Council. Clerk to investigate other software so burial records can be electronic.	LW
	g) Future PC Dates – It was RESOLVED all PC futures dates are to be the first Wednesday of each month and the next dates for the PC meetings are 4 th February and 4 th March 2026 at 7.30pm.	
13	Close of Meeting	
	The meeting closed at 8.26pm.	
Next Meeting:		
Wednesday 4 th February 2026 at 7.30pm.		

Signed:	Date:
Chairman	