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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2025

Sports Pavilion Harrington Road Loddington NN14 1JZ

Present: Cllr Alan Durn (Chair), Cllr Lora Lawman,

Cllr Kate Reneerkens, Cllr Mark Reneerkens, Cllr Lorraine Wensor

Jane Mann (Clerk) NNC Cllr Brian Benneyworth, NNC Cllr Chris Kellett, 5 members of the public

	Decisions	Action																																																						
25/31	Apologies for absence: Apologies were accepted from Cllr Joby Simson.																																																							
25/32	Declaration of Interests: Cllr Durn declared a non-pecuniary interest in his Playing Field Manager, Village Hall and Poor land roles.																																																							
25/33	Public Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns were raised about dog mess in the village. This is difficult to enforce as usually early morning or late evening. • The Tree Warden raised concerns regarding Planning Enforcement not following up reports of unauthorised tree work in the conservation area. He then reported that further tree work had been carried out before approval had been granted. Planning is operating a new system of reporting. Cllr Durn will contact Planning Enforcement. • Concerns were raised regarding parking when cricket events were taking place. Cricketers will be asked to place cones at the junction of Main Street. 	AD AD																																																						
25/34	Minutes: It was resolved to approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 3 July 2025.																																																							
25/35	Accounts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The financial situation at 20 August 2025 was reported, with a balance of £11,332.01 in the precept account and £8,657.71 in the recreation account. ii. The Parish Council received confirmation that internal controls had been followed. iii. Payments made prior to the meeting in accordance with financial regulations which have been previously authorised and paid by BACS were reported: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tbody> <tr><td style="width: 25%;">10 July 2025</td><td style="width: 50%;">Valda Energy</td><td style="width: 25%; text-align: right;">119.69</td></tr> <tr><td>21 July 2025</td><td>Morrisons materials</td><td style="text-align: right;">28.96</td></tr> <tr><td>22 July 2025</td><td>Clerk's salary</td><td style="text-align: right;">527.17</td></tr> <tr><td>22 July 2025</td><td>HMRC</td><td style="text-align: right;">168.09</td></tr> <tr><td>22 July 2025</td><td>Clerk's expenses</td><td style="text-align: right;">20.58</td></tr> <tr><td>23 July 2025</td><td>Royal British Legion</td><td style="text-align: right;">57.31</td></tr> <tr><td>30 July 2025</td><td>Anglian Water</td><td style="text-align: right;">8.05</td></tr> <tr><td>11 August 2025</td><td>Valda Energy</td><td style="text-align: right;">146.55</td></tr> <tr><td>18 August 2025</td><td>Bookers</td><td style="text-align: right;">142.06</td></tr> <tr><td>19 August 2025</td><td>Alan Durn-village picnic</td><td style="text-align: right;">50.50</td></tr> <tr><td>19 August 2025</td><td>Mark Reneerkens-village picnic</td><td style="text-align: right;">9.42</td></tr> <tr><td>19 August 2025</td><td>Mark Reneerkens-speed sign</td><td style="text-align: right;">11.98</td></tr> <tr><td>19 August 2025</td><td>Smith's Fire</td><td style="text-align: right;">85.20</td></tr> <tr><td>19 August 2025</td><td>Smith's Fire</td><td style="text-align: right;">138.60</td></tr> <tr><td>19 August 2025</td><td>Clerk's salary & pay arrears</td><td style="text-align: right;">612.22</td></tr> <tr><td>19 August 2025</td><td>Clerk's expenses</td><td style="text-align: right;">20.58</td></tr> <tr><td>20 August 2025</td><td>HMRC</td><td style="text-align: right;">205.46</td></tr> <tr><td>20 August 2025</td><td>Police & Fire Commissioner</td><td style="text-align: right;">675.69</td></tr> </tbody> </table> 	10 July 2025	Valda Energy	119.69	21 July 2025	Morrisons materials	28.96	22 July 2025	Clerk's salary	527.17	22 July 2025	HMRC	168.09	22 July 2025	Clerk's expenses	20.58	23 July 2025	Royal British Legion	57.31	30 July 2025	Anglian Water	8.05	11 August 2025	Valda Energy	146.55	18 August 2025	Bookers	142.06	19 August 2025	Alan Durn-village picnic	50.50	19 August 2025	Mark Reneerkens-village picnic	9.42	19 August 2025	Mark Reneerkens-speed sign	11.98	19 August 2025	Smith's Fire	85.20	19 August 2025	Smith's Fire	138.60	19 August 2025	Clerk's salary & pay arrears	612.22	19 August 2025	Clerk's expenses	20.58	20 August 2025	HMRC	205.46	20 August 2025	Police & Fire Commissioner	675.69	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. No further payments required approval. v. The clerk had been notified by the Churchwarden that she would be withdrawing her request to use the playing field for Loddfest next year. Quote: 'We have listened to a lot of feedback received from Villagers as to how we can at least maintain if not improve the event. One of the main feedback was that the Glebe Field was by far the best venue for the event'. Councillors were disappointed that this was the third occasion that the Loddfest committee had failed to fulfil their commitment/agreement. 	
25/36	<p>Governance:</p> <p>The clerk provided an update on the annual audit. The certificate of exemption had been sent off to the external auditor. All audit documents had been published on the website. The Exercise of Public rights had now ended and no requests to view financial documents had been received.</p>	
25/37	<p>Progress reports from previous meetings:</p> <p>The new solar speed equipment has been installed on a new post at the eastern end of Harrington Road. This should be publicised on the website and in The Messenger acknowledging that it was paid for via a grant from Northamptonshire's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Road Safety Community Fund.</p>	JM
25/38	<p>Councillor roles and responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cllr Wensor was appointed as Climate & Nature Champion to represent the council in matters relating to the climate, nature, and the environment. ii. There were no updates on joint working initiatives with the school. iii. Cllr Kate Reneerkens provided an update on Highways issues. Patching works have been completed on the road between Thorpe Malsor and Kettering. It is disappointing that the defects between Loddington and Thorpe Malsor have not been repaired. Many of the issues raised with Ben Wright at the last site meeting on 29 May are still outstanding. A further meeting will be arranged in September/October. iv. Cllr Kate Reneerkens provided an update on Safeguarding issues. Concerns received from residents of smell arising from Cannabis smoking. This has been reported to the Police who will intervene if it continues to cause offence. v. Cllr Mark Reneerkens provided an update on his Police Liaison role. Suspicious activity on 4 August in Mawsley Lane was reported to the Police, however there was no reported crime in the area at that time. The Police have also been made aware of ongoing issues with occupants of the traveller's site fraudulently using addresses in Cransley Road for registering vehicles, healthcare, benefits and credit cards; resulting in residents receiving debt collecting letters and bailiff visits. vi. Cllr Lawman provided an update on NNC Liaison. She had made contact with George Candler and was now on several NNC distribution lists and was sharing information with councillors. vii. The Parish Council were pleased to announce that Cllr Lawman had been co-opted to the role of Parish Councillor for Code of Conduct. 	KR
25/39	<p>Village matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. An update was received on the unauthorised traveller's site. The Working Party held and presented a meeting on 18 August with our NNC Ward Councillors and the Council Leader at the Village Hall to raise awareness of frustrations, the history, ongoing issues and slow progress with enforcement action. NNC Cllrs Brian Benneyworth and Chris Kellett felt that this had been very informative. ii. An update was received on the manure issues. Unfortunately, NNC Environmental Health have not responded to the last three emails dated 22.7.25, 29.7.25 and 7.8.25 asking for an update on this issue. Cllr Kate Reneerkens to escalate this to Stage 1 complaint as it has been ongoing since 29.4.25. iii. The village picnic went ahead on Sunday 17th August in conjunction with a 12 team under 11's Cricket Tournament. Net Cost to the Parish council was £39.98. Thank you to everyone who helped. iv. Following residents' feedback the use of Facebook to promote council business was considered and it was felt that the current arrangements for communication by the website were sufficient. 	KR

25/40	Planning applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The clerk provided an update on existing applications. ii. There was a new planning application for tree work at the Hare. The Tree Warden felt that the application was reasonable given that the garden had been neglected for some time. iii. Next actions were considered in respect of the Loddington School complaint – reference AOC 0423/2201/ENFO 2023/00085. It was agreed to escalate the complaint to the Ombudsman. iv. There were no updates on other planning enforcement issues. 	AA
25/41	Playing Field Report: The grounds have suffered with the hot weather but still have managed to play the Cricket games scheduled. The Club has once again won the T20 tournament but was knocked out in the Village competition in the last sixteen round. Under 11's won both the League and Cup competitions and the six/side tournament. Home games are currently being up streamed and can be seen live on U Tube. Summer camp has gone ahead for Cricket and Football and finishes at the end of August.	
25/42	Training: There were no further training requirements.	
25/43	Date of next meeting: 6 November 2025. The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.	

Signed Chairman: **Date**.....