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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Held at the Sports Pavilion, Harrington Road Loddington**

**On Thursday 7 May 2026 at 7pm**

**Present:**

Cllr Alan Durn (Chair), Cllr Alice Ablett, Cllr Lora Lawman,  
Cllr Kate Reneerkens, Cllr Mark Reneerkens,  
Cllr Joby Simson and Cllr Lorraine Wensor,  
Jane Mann (Clerk), NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill  
6 members of the public

| Item no | Reports/Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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|         | Cllr Durn welcomed residents and NNC Cllr Hakewill to the Annual Parish meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1.      | <b>Approval of minutes:</b><br>The minutes from the annual meeting held on 3 April 2025 were approved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2.      | <b>Annual Report from Loddington Parish Council:</b><br>The Chair provided the annual report (published separately).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3.      | <b>Annual Accounts Report 2025/26 from Loddington Parish Council:</b><br>The Clerk provided the financial report for the year ended 31 March 2026 (published separately). She explained variances in income and expenditure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 4.      | <b>Police Liaison report from Cllr Mark Reneerkens:</b><br>During the last 12 months we have been in contact with our local neighbourhood policing team on a number of matters including vandalism in the recreation ground, children trespassing on the school premises outside school hours and issues concerning the unauthorised traveller site. Responses have been mixed and somewhat frustrating, nevertheless we feel we have a satisfactory working relationship with the Police. We were advised recently that there is a new a member on the local team, PC Izzy Nottage, whom we have invited to attend any of our forthcoming meetings including the one this evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5.      | <b>Report on School Liaison from Cllr Joby Simson:</b><br>Cllr Simson was in regular contact with the Headteacher. The school had provided refreshments for the very successful firework evening. They had been keen to help with the village litter pick and their Eco committee were able to test their new litter picking equipment. It was hoped that the children would help with the planting of the saplings in the recreation ground. It was agreed that the school could continue to park their minibus at the recreation ground.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 6.      | <b>Report on Highways from Cllr Kate Reneerkens:</b><br>Being the Highways rep for the Parish Council continues to be a challenge and often a battle with NNC and Kier.<br>Fortunately, a good relationship has been built with Ben Wright (Kier) and there are some successes to report. Meeting with him on a regular basis, defects are highlighted and are dealt with as soon as possible. He is quick to respond to any concerns in the meantime and stated that Loddington is by far, the most pro-active Parish Council in North Northamptonshire!<br>Harrington Road (Long Lane) has been chosen as one of only a few locations to be surfaced dressed this year. The preparatory work has been completed and, although some areas are failing, these will be rectified before the surface dressing commences.<br>Earlier this year, Cllr Kate Reneerkens attended the Highways Briefing at |

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|     | <p>Corby Cube and quite clearly pointed out many of Kier's failings regarding their quality of repairs, street signage cleaning and the general poor state of much of NNC's road network.</p> <p>Following on from this she, together with Cllr Mark Reneerkens, met with portfolio holder for Highways NNC Councillor Chris McGiffin and drove him around the area highlighting poor repairs and areas in urgent need of maintenance. This proved to be a useful connection with an Executive member, further putting Loddington on the map!</p> <p>Unfortunately, a Stage 1 and a Stage 2 complaints are outstanding and these concern various specific issues.</p>                                                                                                                             |
| 7.  | <p><b>Report on NNC Liaison from Cllr Lora Lawman:</b></p> <p>Prior to joining Loddington Parish Council Lora had just retired as the 4th chairman from North Northants Council. Her previous unitary ward was Earls Barton, which covered 11 parish councils, and she was a Wellingborough Town Councillor too. She has spent 22 years in total in local politics and hopes to be able to help fellow residents with issues relating to our beautiful village. With her wealth of experience, it seemed apt to utilise her skills in a liaison role. Lora is in regular contact with NNC and keeps her colleagues up to date with NNC matters. She also intervenes in difficult situations.</p>                                                                                                  |
| 8.  | <p><b>Report on Neighbourhood Watch from Cllr Mark Reneerkens:</b></p> <p>We are very lucky to live in a village with a very low crime rate. Members of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme should be receiving regular online updates via Northamptonshire Talking. Earlier this year we showed an interest in the OFPCC's "Crime Prevention in a Box" scheme, an initiative designed to strengthen local engagement and promote consistent crime prevention messaging. To this end, we are supposed to be receiving some boxes of leaflets for distribution to residents.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9.  | <p><b>Report on Safeguarding from Cllr Kate Reneerkens:</b></p> <p>There have been no concerns regarding Safeguarding this year.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10. | <p><b>Report from Climate and Nature Champion Lorraine Wensor:</b></p> <p>The role of Climate and Nature Champion is a new role and is evolving. This involves attending regular meetings via Zoom with other Climate and Nature Champions across the county and a host of speakers passionate about Climate and Nature issues.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 11. | <p><b>Report from Litter Warden Cllr Mark Reneerkens:</b></p> <p>Cllr Mark Reneerkens wishes to thank those villagers who have contributed to keeping Loddington and the surrounding area free of litter during the past year, particularly during the early part of 2026 while he was unable to go out litter picking himself. We held our annual litter pick on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Many thanks to the 14 villagers that attended. We litter picked the village and the approach roads, as well making a start on tidying up Jubilee Walk, which Cllrs Durn and M. Reneerkens together with Robert Durn completed the following day. It is disappointing that someone felt the need to report the bags of debris, left in Main Street awaiting collection, to NNC as fly tipping.</p> |
| 12. | <p><b>Report from Path Warden Robert Durn:</b></p> <p>Most footpaths and walks in Loddington are walked every six months.</p> <p>The majority are easy to walk but bear in mind that they belong to the farmers of the area and some have badger/rabbit holes. I will get help to report issues with problems with public footpaths on NNC fixmystreet.</p> <p>There is a map/board up in the pavilion with all footpaths marked.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 13. | <p><b>Report from Tree Warden Phil Sutcliffe:</b></p> <p>Over the last 12 months I have had several phone calls, a few that I could resolve on the phone and a few where I visited the resident to give advice to them. Most of the problems arise from poor accessibility to NNC's online maps.</p> <p>One phone call last year was via a solicitor carrying out a survey on a house due to be purchased. The solicitor had contacted North Northamptonshire Council for confirmation</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|            | <p>and was told by them that are no TPOs present at that address. After supplying my own copies of old TPO maps and copies of old TPO planning applications to the solicitor, the problem was resolved.</p> <p>I still have an ongoing case of tree removal from a property in the conservation area. This case is from 2024, and this is still not resolved.</p> <p>To conclude can I ask all villagers to be vigilant when you hear a chainsaw. It takes minutes to fell a tree that has taken years to grow.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>14.</b> | <p><b>Report from Playing Field Manager Alan Durn:</b></p> <p>The Cricket and Football teams did an excellent job in maintaining the ground over the year especially as the weather was against them. An extremely dry summer with the ground having to be watered daily by the Cricketers and long wet period for the Footballers limiting the games they could play. Cricketers had successfully season with being promoted to the Premier league and winning the T20 trophy once again. Junior teams had a successful year also.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>15.</b> | <p><b>Volunteer positions were confirmed:</b></p> <p>Alan Durn: Playing Field Manager<br/> Lora Lawman: NNC Liaison<br/> Mark Reneerkens: Police Liaison Officer<br/> Kate Reneerkens: Highways<br/> Robert Durn: Path Warden<br/> Kate Reneerkens: Safeguarding Officer<br/> Mark Reneerkens: Litter Warden<br/> Phil Sutcliffe: Tree Warden<br/> Mark Reneerkens: Neighbourhood Watch<br/> Joby Simson: School Liaison<br/> Lorraine Wensor: Climate and Nature Champion</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>16.</b> | <p><b>Public question/discussion time on any other village issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A question was raised regarding why additional CCTV was required in the playing field. It was explained that there had been attempted break ins at the pavilion; cricket and playground equipment had been vandalised; motorbikes had been driven around the playing field and there were instances of anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>• A resident mentioned an anonymous Facebook post regarding the meeting.</li> <li>• A resident asked whether there were separate bank accounts for administration and playing field. It was explained that there was now only one bank account operated by the Parish Council.</li> </ul> |

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