

LODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

79 Harrington Road, Loddington, NN14 1JZ

T: 01536 710525

Email: clerk@loddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk Website: <https://loddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

MINUTES OF ANNUAL/PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 7 MAY 2026

Sports Pavilion Harrington Road Loddington NN14 1JZ

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

Item no	ANNUAL MEETING
26/01	To elect Chairperson of Loddington Parish Council: Nomination for Cllr Durn received from Cllr Lawman and seconded by Cllr M Reneerkens. Resolved to elect Cllr Durn as Chairperson.
26/02	Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form by Chairperson: Cllr Durn signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.
26/03	To elect Vice Chairperson of Loddington Parish Council: Nomination for Cllr M Reneerkens received from Cllr Durn and seconded by Cllr Wensor. Resolved to elect Cllr M Reneerkens as Vice Chairperson.
26/04	Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form by Vice Chairperson: Cllr M Reneerkens signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.
26/05	To receive councillors' Declaration of interests Cllr Durn declared a non-pecuniary interest in his Playing Field Manager, Poor's Land and Village Hall roles.
26/06	Apologies for absence: Apologies received from NNC Cllr Benneyworth.

Item no	ORDINARY MEETING
26/07	Declaration of Interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.ii. Councillors were reminded of the need to declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature. Cllr Durn declared a non-pecuniary interest in his Playing Field Manager, Poor's Land and Village Hall roles
26/08	Public session: Cllr Durn reminded members of the public that the public session would be in accordance with standing order 3(f), a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the chair of the meeting. There were no further items.
26/09	Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting held on 5 March 2026 were approved for signature.
26/10	Governance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. The Annual Internal Audit report and Internal Audit report for 2025/26 were received and recommendations were noted.ii. The Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26 was reviewed and approved.iii. The Annual Accounting Statement 2025/26 was reviewed and approved.iv. The dates for the Exercise of Public rights were agreed as Wednesday 3 June to Tuesday 14 July 2026.v. Governance Policies and documents were approved and re-adopted: Financial Regulations Standing Orders

	<p>Internal Controls Procedure Planning Committee Terms of Reference NNC Code of Conduct</p>
26/11	<p>i. The financial situation as of 30 April was approved, bank balances were reported: Precept account £21,552.74, Recreation account £10,440.55, Fighting Fund account £12,241.22, Total £44,234.51. It was noted that the precept had been received, £16.060, in addition to income from the Cricket Club £2,250 and Football Clubs £220.</p> <p>ii. Cllr Wensor was appointed as internal control officer. Confirmation that internal controls had been followed were received. Closing balance reconciled with 30 April bank statement. Bank statement was available to view with invoices.</p> <p>iii. Bank signatories were re-approved as Cllrs Alan Durn, Alice Ablett, and Mark Reneerkens. It was noted that the Playing Field Manager was in receipt of a debit card to purchase materials for the Pavilion.</p> <p>iv. Councillors were provided with a list of payments that arose on a regular basis: Salaries and statutory deductions Clerk's expenses: working from home allowance and print plan. Boiler service and repairs Fire safety Pavilion materials and oil. Subscriptions and audit Website costs Training courses Insurance Defibrillator and security maintenance These payments were authorised for the year ahead provided that budgetary controls were adhered to.</p> <p>v. Parish Council suppliers for goods and suppliers under £3,000 were approved: List of current suppliers used: Spendlove Contracting, Wilby Tree Surgeons, Warkton Roofing, Yobco, B & Q, Smiths Fire, LD Plumbing, Bookers, Wickes, Gigaclear and Incognito.</p> <p>vi. Direct debits in place for electricity and water were re-approved.</p> <p>vii. Payments made prior to meeting in accordance with financial regulations authorised either at PC meeting or by two Councillors and paid by BACS were reported: 9 April Valda Energy £91.28 29 April Clerk's April salary £544.26 29 April HMRC £175.49 29 April Clerk's expenses £20.08 30 April Wave £57.92</p> <p>viii. Further outstanding invoices were approved: K Reneerkens meeting refreshments £6.50 A Durn painting materials £84.00 and £49.25 SLCC subscription £100 Church printing £100 Valda Energy £101.20 Fireworks deposit £500 plus VAT</p> <p>ix. Insurance cover was reviewed and approved, £1,103.04</p> <p>x. NCALC £653.47 subscription was approved.</p>
26/12	<p>Highways issues:</p> <p>i. Discussion took place regarding a 7.5-ton limit on the 'Quiet Lane' on Orton Road. NNC Cllr Hakewill was able to explain that there was already a 7.5-ton limit on the lane from the Truck Stop to Gypsy Lane. He also explained modes of transport which were excluded from this restriction.</p> <p>ii. A permanent reduction in speed limit in Main Street around the school was discussed. It was explained that this would not really be an option as traffic calming measures would have to be in place first It was agreed to adhere to the current advisory 20mph speed limit in place.</p>

26/13	<p>Progress reports from previous meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A response was still awaited from Aaron Parry at Kier regarding queries raised about accuracy of NNC maps for verge mowing. Ben Wright has advised that we should receive 3 cuts, in May, July and September. ii. An update on the bus shelter refurbishment was received. The woodwork has been treated and re-stained this week. The grass will be cut around the shelter. We have received village photographs from Elizabeth Taylor to incorporate them on a board to go on the back wall.
26/14	<p>Village matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. An update on the unauthorised traveller's site had been sent out to donors in April. Cllrs M Reneerkens and Durn have a site meeting with NNC officers on 20th May to investigate water draining on to highway. George Candler had provided an update before the meeting which did not give any further information, so was disappointing. ii. 14 villagers took part in the annual litter on 12th April. Many thanks to all concerned. iii. The Parish Council and the Tree Warden know what TPOs are in the village, but NNC need to show them on their system.
26/15	<p>Planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cllr Ablett was proposed as Chairperson of the Planning Committee by Cllr Durn and seconded by Cllr Simson. Committee members remain the same. ii. An update on existing planning applications was received. iii. There were no new applications. iv. There were no updates on enforcement issues.
26/16	<p>Playing Field Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. An update was received from the Playing Field Manager on maintenance, improvements and usage of the playing field and pavilion. Cricketers had received a grant of £15,000. Doors and windows had been replaced, along with composite decking. Showers had been replaced in both home and away changing rooms. Outside there were new composite picnic tables, and benches had been renovated. Fencing around the perimeter has already been removed and has been replaced. ii. The maintenance of the playground was discussed, and it was agreed to carry out an independent survey of the play equipment. Costs £83+VAT for 5 pieces, £4 each for add items and £50 for meeting were approved. Action point JH/MR iii. A second quote was required for increasing security on playing field/pavilion. iv. Expenditure of £3,000 was approved for playing field fencing. The Cricket Club have agreed to contribute to the cost. v. An update was received on tree work in Mawsley Lane. Work had been carried out.
26/17	<p>Future meeting: The next meeting will be held on 2 July. Before the meeting closed NNC Cllr Hakewill provided an update on NNC matters. He was thanked for information provided during the meetings.</p>

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed Chairperson

Date