

LODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting – May 2026

Introducing current Parish Council: Myself (Chair), Jane Mann (Clerk), Mark Reneerkens, Kate Reneerkens, Alice Ablett, Lorraine Wensor, Joby Simson, and Lora Lawman.

I appreciate the support of the current councillors and the Village officers.

One new member has joined during the year, Lora Lawman to help with the running of the Parish council and any Village needs. There is a need to share the responsibilities and workload carried out by current councillors.

The council has the required seven councillors. We have gone through the election process which was not contested.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Councillors, Village officers and all those who have volunteered their time to support the village.

This includes:

Jane Mann – Clerk of the Parish Council. Covering Finance, policies, communications, and other functions.

Mark Reneerkens: Neighbourhood Watch, Planning Committee, Litter Warden, and Police Liaison Officer. Mark has ensured that the council and the village is kept aware of all known threats that the village may need to protect against.

Alice Ablett: Chairing the Planning Committee, reviewing planning applications related to the Village. Planning Committee consist of: - Alice Ablett, Mark Reneerkens, Joby Simson, Alan Durn

Kate Reneerkens: Highways. This is not an easy task. Pressure on Highways has produced some results. Safeguarding promotes the welfare of children, young people, and adults at risk from abuse and neglect.

Lorraine Wensor: Internal Controls and Climate & Nature Champion. Parish Council compile and review all policies yearly.

Joby Simson: Planning Committee and liaises with Loddington School on various projects.

Lora Lawman: Community Governance and liaison with NNC.

Robert Durn: Footpath Officer.

Phil Sutcliffe: Tree Warden. Parts of Loddington are in a Conservation area and other areas have substantial number of trees which have 'Tree Protection Orders' Work to be conducted on trees must obtain planning permission.

Concerns and reporting on preservation of trees in the Village have been ignored by North Northants Council.

The council holds meetings in public six times a year covering several key areas.

All councillors are volunteers and give their time freely.

The Parish Council organise the traditional Village Annual Fireworks display.

We are careful in letting out the Pavilion and its ground, so it does not take away funding from other village organisations which in turn limits funding for the facility.

The Recreation Ground was acquired in 1948 by Loddington Parish Council and has formally re-registered with Land Registry, firstly for Village functions, and then recreational activity which includes Football and Cricket who continue to invest in both the ground and the building.

We have continued improving the grounds and upgrading the Pavilion. I would like to thank the members of the Cricket and Football Clubs who have kept the grounds in tiptop condition and have been successful in acquiring funding.

Unauthorised Traveller Site, Cransley Road, Loddington

Unfortunately, there has been little to report, we are dissatisfied with NNC lack of progress. It has been a complex, costly, and time-consuming process, details of which we are unable to share as it remains confidential and subject to legal privilege.

We shall of course continue to keep you informed of any further developments and continue to liaise regularly with NNC.

Alan Durn

Chairperson and Playing Field Manager

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