

## LODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026

#### Sports Pavilion Harrington Road Loddington NN14 1JZ

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

Cllr Kate Reneerkens, Cllr Mark Reneerkens, Cllr Joby Simson, Cllr Lorraine Wensor,  
Jane Mann (Clerk), NNC Cllrs Chris Kellett, Martin Griffiths and Jan O'Hara, 3 members of the public

|       | Decisions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Action |
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| 26/32 | <p><b>Apologies for absence:</b></p> <p>Apologies were accepted from NNC Cllrs Brian Benneyworth and Jim Hakewill. NNC Cllr Martin Griffiths (Leader of the Council) and NNC Cllr Jan O'Hara (Executive for Planning and Economic Growth) were welcomed to the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Durn announced that he had received a resignation letter from Alice Ablett who had taken the decision to resign from the Parish Council. Cllr Durn would like to thank Alice for the 12 years she has dedicated to performing her role as a Councillor. Alice's formal notification was read out at the meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |        |
| 26/33 | <p><b>Declaration of Interests:</b></p> <p>Cllr Durn declared a non-pecuniary interest in his Playing Field Manager, Village Hall and Poor's land roles.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |
| 26/34 | <p><b>Public Session:</b> 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. A resident raised concerns regarding the proposed development in Harrington Road.</li><li>ii. The tree warden reminded the Parish Council that it was now two years since tree work carried out in a grade 2 listed building in the Conservation area. No enforcement action had been taken by NNC.</li><li>iii. Concerns were raised regarding the weight restriction on the bridge on Orton Road which is frequently used by HGV articulated lorries.</li><li>iv. It was reported that the hedges on Harrington Road and Richardsons Lane were encroaching on highways. These will be monitored as the season for hedge cutting has only just started.</li></ul> |        |
| 26/35 | <p><b>North Northants Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Cllr Martin Griffiths began by responding to points raised by Alice Ablett in her resignation letter. He advised that new staff had been employed to fill planning, enforcement and apprentice roles. With a new system in place, he was confident that all issues would be addressed by the Spring. Officers were now back in the office. Cllr Hakewill's comments from the last meeting were mentioned. Cllr Kellett said that temporary staff had now gone and with a full complement of enforcement they would look at historic issues. The new system will be more transparent.</li><li>ii. Cllr Lawman provided an update on the Community Governance Review, which is now at its second stage. Some of the residents thought that there was a historic neighbourhood plan. It was agreed that there should not be any change to the Parish area or the number of Councillors.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                  |        |
| 26/36 | <p><b>Minutes:</b></p> <p>It was resolved to approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 2 July 2026. It was felt that Cllr Ablett's comments had been addressed by reading out her resignation letter.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |
| 26/37 | <p><b>Accounts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. The financial situation at 31 August 2026 was reported, with a balance of £16,762.36 in the precept account and £6,336.22 in the recreation account. Bank statements were available to view.</li><li>ii. The Parish Council received confirmation from Cllr Wensor that internal controls had been followed.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |

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|                | <p>iii. Payments made prior to the meeting in accordance with financial regulations which have been previously authorised and paid by BACS were reported and invoices were reviewed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="236 253 1243 701"> <tr><td>10 July 2026</td><td>Valda Energy</td><td>167.46</td></tr> <tr><td>12 July 2026</td><td>Play Safety Ltd</td><td>202.80</td></tr> <tr><td>12 July 2026</td><td>Mark Reneerkens-meeting refreshments</td><td>8.55</td></tr> <tr><td>22 July 2026</td><td>Smith's Fire Safety</td><td>211.10</td></tr> <tr><td>22 July 2026</td><td>Alan Durn-materials</td><td>19.40</td></tr> <tr><td>22 July 2026</td><td>Clerk's salary</td><td>544.06</td></tr> <tr><td>22 July 2026</td><td>HMRC</td><td>175.69</td></tr> <tr><td>22 July 2026</td><td>Clerk's expenses</td><td>20.58</td></tr> <tr><td>30 July 2026</td><td>Anglian Water</td><td>406.46</td></tr> <tr><td>10 August 2026</td><td>Valda Energy</td><td>165.80</td></tr> <tr><td>20 August 2026</td><td>Clerk's salary</td><td>544.26</td></tr> <tr><td>20 August 2026</td><td>HMRC</td><td>175.49</td></tr> <tr><td>20 August 2026</td><td>Clerk's expenses</td><td>20.58</td></tr> </table> <p>iv. There were no outstanding payments.</p> <p>v. It was noted that the 2026 Local Government Pay settlement had been approved resulting in a 3.3% increase in the clerk's salary backdated to April 2026.</p> <p>vi. The clerk reported that the VAT reclaim of £495.33 had now been received. £367.88 related to the recreation account and £127.45 related to the precept account.</p> <p>vii. In preparation for the 2027-28-year budget the clerk asked what projects were being considered for the 2027-28 year. The following projects were identified:<br/>         Play area inspections and maintenance<br/>         Verge mowing increase in cuts from 3 to 6<br/>         Main Street shrubs and trees<br/>         Bus shelter<br/>         Jubilee Walk maintenance<br/>         Increase in security cameras in playing field/pavilion area<br/>         It was agreed that an article in the Messenger was required to explain potential precept increase.</p> | 10 July 2026 | Valda Energy | 167.46 | 12 July 2026 | Play Safety Ltd | 202.80 | 12 July 2026 | Mark Reneerkens-meeting refreshments | 8.55 | 22 July 2026 | Smith's Fire Safety | 211.10 | 22 July 2026 | Alan Durn-materials | 19.40 | 22 July 2026 | Clerk's salary | 544.06 | 22 July 2026 | HMRC | 175.69 | 22 July 2026 | Clerk's expenses | 20.58 | 30 July 2026 | Anglian Water | 406.46 | 10 August 2026 | Valda Energy | 165.80 | 20 August 2026 | Clerk's salary | 544.26 | 20 August 2026 | HMRC | 175.49 | 20 August 2026 | Clerk's expenses | 20.58 | JM |
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| 12 July 2026   | Mark Reneerkens-meeting refreshments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 8.55         |              |        |              |                 |        |              |                                      |      |              |                     |        |              |                     |       |              |                |        |              |      |        |              |                  |       |              |               |        |                |              |        |                |                |        |                |      |        |                |                  |       |    |
| 22 July 2026   | Smith's Fire Safety                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 211.10       |              |        |              |                 |        |              |                                      |      |              |                     |        |              |                     |       |              |                |        |              |      |        |              |                  |       |              |               |        |                |              |        |                |                |        |                |      |        |                |                  |       |    |
| 22 July 2026   | Alan Durn-materials                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 19.40        |              |        |              |                 |        |              |                                      |      |              |                     |        |              |                     |       |              |                |        |              |      |        |              |                  |       |              |               |        |                |              |        |                |                |        |                |      |        |                |                  |       |    |
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| 30 July 2026   | Anglian Water                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 406.46       |              |        |              |                 |        |              |                                      |      |              |                     |        |              |                     |       |              |                |        |              |      |        |              |                  |       |              |               |        |                |              |        |                |                |        |                |      |        |                |                  |       |    |
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| 26/38          | <p><b>Governance:</b></p> <p>i. The clerk provided an update on the annual audit. Documents had been sent to the external auditor, and the exercise of public rights ended on 14 July.</p> <p>ii. It was agreed to re-appoint the Northants CALC Internal Audit Service (IAS). The auditor's competence and independence were considered in accordance with AGAR Assertion 6.</p> <p>iii. The clerk provided an update on HSBC Safeguard Review. HSBC had requested identity details for all the Councillors. These details have now been provided.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |              |        |              |                 |        |              |                                      |      |              |                     |        |              |                     |       |              |                |        |              |      |        |              |                  |       |              |               |        |                |              |        |                |                |        |                |      |        |                |                  |       |    |
| 26/39          | <p><b>Progress reports from previous meetings:</b></p> <p>i. Councillor Mark Reneerkens provided an update on village mowing. He has chased Aaron Parry at Kier again for amendments to definitive maps of highway verges following site walkabout on 1 July.</p> <p>ii. Councillor Mark Reneerkens provided an update on update on HGV problems in the village. He has contacted the Police about monitoring HGV use of rural roads during scheduled closures of the A14. They have promised additional signage at the Truckstop, and we have received contact from Sonar Engagement, working on behalf of National Highways. Unfortunately, HGVs using roads subject to a 7.5T weight limit is a widespread issue which is proving difficult to enforce as no one seems to want to take responsibility.<br/>         Recent traffic congestion on local roads was caused by Google Maps incorrectly showing the A14 between Rothwell and Kettering closed until 30 September. This has now been resolved but we are still experiencing a significant increase in traffic due to nighttime closures of the A14.</p> <p>iii. To alleviate traffic problems around the school the gates to the recreation ground will be open at 7.00am, for the teachers to park their cars. The use of the pavilion car park is not just restricted to teachers but is also for the use of parents dropping off and collecting their children.</p> <p>iv. In order to participate in the speed watch scheme, we need a co-ordinator and a minimum of 6 volunteers. At present only 2 members of the public have expressed an interest in taking part, Cllrs</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |              |        |              |                 |        |              |                                      |      |              |                     |        |              |                     |       |              |                |        |              |      |        |              |                  |       |              |               |        |                |              |        |                |                |        |                |      |        |                |                  |       |    |

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|              | Lora Lawman and Lorraine Wensor along with Jane Mann volunteered to help. Further Messenger article was needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>JM</b> |
| <b>26/40</b> | <p><b>Councillor roles and responsibilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. An update was received from the Climate &amp; Nature Champion. Cllr Wensor began by saying that both nature and wildlife had taken a battering this summer but hopefully now things would improve with the cooler, wetter weather. She had attended a focus meeting delivered by Richard Coppins from Northamptonshire Biodiversity Records Centre. Richard explained how biodiversity records help build a clearer picture of nature across the country, why local wildlife data is important and how parish and town councils play an important role in supporting nature recovery. Cllr Wensor suggested that the school could be involved by collecting data, Cllr Simson would contact the school to invite them to take part in this initiative.</li> <li>ii. Cllr Simson provided an update on joint working initiatives with the school, thanking the Parish Council for the minibus use of car park.</li> <li>iii. An update on Highways issues was received. Cllrs Kate and Mark Reneerkens had a site meeting on 24 August with Richard Woodhouse, NNC Highways contracts manager (Ben Wright from Kier was unavailable). They highlighted the poor standard of repairs generally and poor quality of materials resulting in failure during hot weather. They also brought to his attention a series of ongoing issues including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foxhall</li> <li>• Harrington Road (Long Lane) outstanding potholes at edge of road</li> <li>• Poor condition of the road from Loddington to Kettering, particularly near Thorpe Malsor</li> <li>• Finger post opposite Three Chimneys first reported in April 2025</li> </ul> A further site meeting was scheduled for 19 October.</li> <li>iv. There were no updates on Safeguarding issues.</li> <li>v. Cllr Mark Reneerkens provided an update on his Police Liaison role. <p>Vandalism of cricket equipment at the recreation field was reported to the Police by the cricket club. Suspicious activity and drug taking in Cransley Road on 19 July was reported online but no feedback received.</p> <p>The Police were asked to visit a resident after safety concerns were raised about lighting bonfires, but they advised that they would not get involved as a crime had not been committed.</p> <p>General lack of support from the Police has been referred to NNC Cllr Kellett to raise with the PFCC.</p> </li> <li>vi. Cllr Lawman provided an update on NNC Liaison. She expanded on Highways and the recommended weight limits. She had contacted NNC regarding missing signs, caution riders and dog control (clearing up) signs and the officer was unwilling to reissue them to LPC. She was pursuing this and had also asked for an additional unsuitable for HGV signs into and out of Richardsons Lane, as well as Harrington Road. Again, the officer said there was no necessity as signs are there already. It also seems there are funding constraints. <p>Cllr Lawman also mentioned ongoing consultations: Kettering Town Centre, Green Hill Solar Farm, National Grid, planning policy for travellers, new corporate plan, engagement strategy, Cllr Lawman was attending the NNC democracy &amp; standards meeting on 7 September in Corby. This informs about standards cases, updates on planning policy etc.</p> </li> </ul> | <b>JS</b> |
| <b>26/41</b> | <p><b>Village matters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Cllr Mark Reneerkens provided an update on the unauthorised traveller's site. All reports have been finalised, and George Candler is looking to meet with LPC representatives in October.</li> <li>ii. It was agreed at this stage not to make any comment on the advertised residential development opportunity off Harrington Road.</li> <li>iii. Fire safety in and around the village was discussed. There are clear instructions on the NNC website and the recent local link, Issue 28, Community matters regarding what you cannot do. It's just to make sure residents do not light fires in hot weather and be respectfully of their neighbours.</li> <li>iv. Fireworks evening will be on Wednesday 4 November. We will need volunteers on the night on the gates for cash collection and processing card payments.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           |

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| <b>26/42</b> | <b>Councillor Vacancy</b><br>The clerk provided an update on the Councillor vacancy. NNC Electoral Services had provided a notice which was to be published on the website and noticeboard for 14 days. Further information would then be provided on filling the vacancy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| <b>26/43</b> | <b>Planning applications:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Cllr Lawman was appointed as the new Chair for the Planning Committee. The clerk advised that Alice Ablett would provide a handover.</li> <li>ii. An update was received on existing applications.</li> <li>iii. Three new planning applications had been received since last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Butterside Down 26/02022 Lawful Development- Pre-existing use</li> <li>• Glebe Lodge 26/02161-extension</li> <li>• Highland House 26/02252-tree work</li> </ul> </li> <li>iv. There were no updates on other planning enforcement issues.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <b>26/44</b> | <b>Playing Field Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. An update was provided by the Playing Field Manager on maintenance, improvements and usage of the playing field and pavilion. It had been a difficult year for the cricketers this year related to two things. Lack of rain to keep the ground playable and the first team moving up to the premier division competing against teams with elements of semi-professional players in their teams. No maintenance required but need to review for the upcoming budget. Summer Camps for both the cricketers and footballers was successful. Reviewing storage with the footballers regarding their needs. There is possible grant available for two camouflage containers to be placed the other side of the ground behind the cricket nets.</li> <li>ii. NNC's proposals for maintenance of the playground following the independent survey was considered. NNC have been busy carrying out maintenance to the equipment and trees at the playground using the list provided by the Parish Council. We should repeat the exercise with the same company before any handover from NNC. The floor of the playground is still the biggest problem which we need to follow through with NNC. We also need to add a value to our precept to cover ongoing maintenance, not necessarily with NNC.</li> <li>iii. A report on the vandalism of Cricket Club equipment was received. The frameworks for all the covers will need to be replaced in the region of £1,600. There are few donors in the village that are willing to support some of the costs. The funds left over from the traveller enquiry cannot be used for this purpose.</li> <li>iv. Increasing security on playing field/pavilion was discussed. Several of the security/camera companies are not willing to add to the existing system but want to put in place a completely new system, making this option too expensive. Sonic Security Services Geddington have still got to come on site to quote but the position would be the same. It was agreed to proceed with the Incognito quote. Expenditure of £1,043 was approved.</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>26/45</b> | <b>Training:</b><br>Cllrs Mark Reneerkens and Alan Durn expressed an interest in the playground training.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| <b>26/46</b> | <b>Date of next meeting: 5 November 2026</b><br>The meeting ended at 21.30 pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |

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