



CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 1st April 2026 at 1930 hrs in Clipston Village Hall.

Attendees: Chairman Councillor I May, Councillors Warren, Fellows, Alderson-Smith, Price, Hackett and Booker.

Clerk: Mrs C E Valentine.

No members of public.

620/26	TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE Apologies of absence were received and approved for Councillor Wilford (personal)
621/26	TO CONFIRM ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE AGENDA Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a disclosable pecuniary interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business. None.
622/26	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Members of the public are invited to address the council. Members of the public should address their representations through the Chairman. Maximum permitted time 3 mins per person, with a maximum of 30 mins public participation at the Chairman's discretion. No members of public.
623/26	UPDATE FROM UNITARY WARD COUNCILLOR To receive updates from the Unitary Councillor for the Ward. Apologies sent.
624/26	APPROVAL OF MINUTES It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 11 th March 2026 with the removal of 612 b) the text except the resolution.
625/26	SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION - CROSSROADS Speed Limit Reduction Project Request made for further survey – discuss next actions and position of costs to date. The consultant is currently on leave, and the Parish Council needs clarity on the status of the request to review the survey data and to confirm whether the Police will be able to attend the next meeting also with the consultant. The survey results appear questionable – for example, only 115 cars were recorded, an unusually high number of motorbikes (310 in a week), and just 3 heavy goods vehicles over the same period. It is also believed that the cameras were not positioned correctly. Clerk to find out information on East Farndon's recent speed limit review.
626/26	PLANNING a) To receive any applications for consideration not otherwise on the agenda. None i. <u>NEW applications Please see table end of agenda for planning register Clipston</u> To search, comment and view decisions: https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-planning-application It was RESOLVED to object to the application. While the front garden wall has been addressed, the proposed plans for the dwelling are not to scale and appear inaccurate in terms of height. An additional brick wall has been shown on top of the flat roof, increasing the overall height, but this is not referenced within the submission. This alters the street scene, and given the proximity to a heritage building, greater sensitivity and accuracy are required in the proposal. There is no heritage statement and more detail would be expected in a conservation area. Cllr Price to review objection before submission.
627/26	NEW MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AND OUTSTANDING FROM THE MEETING OF THE 11th March 2026. 1. Clipston in Bloom project –update from the working group and request for sponsorship for planters. Group are progressing well with the arrangements. A poster is ready for circulation and to be added to



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	<p>the website and there are entry forms for the competition. Approach VIDA Biodigester to see if they would be interested in sponsoring the event.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Police Liaison Representative – Update from AW – Not present but we are waiting for the Police to deliver the crime prevention box. Cob wall adjacent to the village hall carpark. WNC planning are investigating the cob wall. APM meeting – plans for PC representation. Chairman to list contacts and clerk to circulate invites. Phone box restoration project update. Work to start on 3rd April, mould and moss removal. Arrangements to be made to get the BT painting kit to the contractor. 																												
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	<p>a) Updates on the street lighting LED order including any spend. Councillor Alderson-Smith advised the final checks for the LED purchase order are being carried out and making sure that the numbering is updated. MSL Lighting estimate 4 weeks lead time. The first cast iron light on Naseby Road will be looked into at a later date due to its design, position and age. Clerk to request E.On change the light outside the school to a white bulb as it has been replaced with an orange bulb.</p>																												
629/26	<p>VILLAGE MAINTENANCE Current FixMyStreet reports Clipston: Any Fixmystreet issues can be reported directly via: https://fix.westnorthants.gov.uk/ Noted to progress the condition of Longhold Road potholes and poor road surface.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Ref</th> <th>Issue</th> <th>Status</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Feb 26</td> <td>8935142</td> <td>Blocked drain Naseby Road</td> <td>16.02.26 investigating – no change gully blocked – not resolved chase.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 26</td> <td>8822955</td> <td>Two temp road closure signs and frames left outside Clipston church</td> <td>16.02.26 – no action not resolved chase.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 26</td> <td>8906442</td> <td>Potholes Naseby Road</td> <td>Priority 3, 28 Day repair as of 17.02.26 - Noted as completed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 26</td> <td>8809340</td> <td>Damaged verge trucks/vehicles Church Lane</td> <td>Closed and reopened 27.02.26 – awaiting. Monitor grass starting to grow again.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec 25</td> <td>8550269</td> <td>Potholes x4 Church Lane</td> <td>The expected completion date for these works will be on or before 17/6/26 -noted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov 24</td> <td>6795821</td> <td>Collapsed bridge wall (Footpath CH23)</td> <td>Still awaiting repair (24-month closure issued) - request update. Circulate to TH</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Ref	Issue	Status	Feb 26	8935142	Blocked drain Naseby Road	16.02.26 investigating – no change gully blocked – not resolved chase.	Feb 26	8822955	Two temp road closure signs and frames left outside Clipston church	16.02.26 – no action not resolved chase.	Feb 26	8906442	Potholes Naseby Road	Priority 3, 28 Day repair as of 17.02.26 - Noted as completed	Jan 26	8809340	Damaged verge trucks/vehicles Church Lane	Closed and reopened 27.02.26 – awaiting. Monitor grass starting to grow again.	Dec 25	8550269	Potholes x4 Church Lane	The expected completion date for these works will be on or before 17/6/26 -noted	Nov 24	6795821	Collapsed bridge wall (Footpath CH23)	Still awaiting repair (24-month closure issued) - request update. Circulate to TH
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631/26	POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND AUDIT
	Website updates and any further updates to policies relating to audit and compliance for approval. Documents approved for publishing on the website.
632/26	CORRESPONDENCE - noted Open consultations can be found via link: https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/ West Northants Consultation WNC Interim support for households relying on heating oil https://westnorthants-newsroom.prgloo.com/news/interim-support-for-households-relying-on-heating-oil
633/26	ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Discussion only – no decisions can be made under this item) Overgrown hedge covering footpath near to the green. Posters to be displayed for Clipston in Bloom Mowing currently being serviced. Next Annual Parish Council meeting 6th May 2026 at 19.30 The Annual Meeting of the Parish (village meeting for 30 mins) will be held on the 6th May 2026 at 19.00 hrs. Local village groups, organisations and members of the public are welcome to attend. Please provide reports regarding your organisation’s activities and annual accounts in advance of the meeting to the Parish Clerk. The meeting will also discuss new ideas for youth groups, activities or projects in the village. Meeting closed at 20.40 hrs.

West Northamptonshire Council Planning Register – Clipston as of 27th March 2026

Reference No.▶	Location▶	Proposal / Description▶	Valid Date▲	Decision Issue Date▶	Decision▶
2026/0044/FULL	4 Gold Street Clipston LE16 9RR	Conversion of external store to habitable accommodation, construction of glazed link and works to garden wall	18/12/2025		NEW comments by 09/04/2026
2026/0032/FULL	Hopthorns 28 Harborough Road Clipston LE16 9RT	External walls to be reclad with timber cladding, with a portion of the existing brickwork at the base retained.	17/12/2025	09/03/2026	Approval