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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

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

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

Clerk: Mrs C E Valentine. 1 member of public.

677/26	TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE No apologies. Councillor Booker not present.
678/26	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
679/26	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 30mins at the Chairman's discretion. A member of public attended the meeting for a request to assist with a drop kerb application submitted to West Northants Council Highways. As the area in question is within a conservation area, Highways requested written support from the Parish Council.
680/26	UPDATE FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS To receive updates from Unitary Councillors, Apologies received from Ward Councillor Irving-Swift. It was noted issue with vehicles parking and turning left linked to biodigester works and no parking signage removed and suggestion of gathering evidence is needed. Chairman to raise with Vida. It would appear there may be an offer of Shambala tickets for residents this year.
681/26	APPROVAL OF MINUTES It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10 th June 2026 as a correct record.
682/26	PLANNING a) To receive any applications for consideration not otherwise on the agenda. None To search, comment and view decisions: https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-planning-application

Reference No.▶	Location▶	Proposal / Description▶	Valid Date ▲	Decision Issue Date▶	Decision▶
2026/2042/FULL	The Hawthorns Kelmarsh Road Clipston LE16 9RX	Addition of new external door to front face of property & entrance gate	25/05/2026		Pending – noted
2026/1986/TCA	Clipston Court 2 High Street Clipston LE16 9RU	Medium sized beech tree to reduce crown by 20% to keep clear of building and maintain a balanced shape.	12/05/2026	22/06/2026	No Objections - noted
683/26	WATER SUPPLY DISRUPTION AFFECTING RESIDENTS				
	Update The Rt. Hon. Stuart Andrew MP Meeting with Anglian (Case Ref: ST10819) regarding the water supply disruption that affected residents. Update on most recent scheduled meeting end June. (Case Ref: ST10819) On online meeting co-ordinated and Chaired by The Rt. Hon. Stuart Andrew MP was held in June and attended by Anglian Water representatives, Clipston Parish Council Chair and Clerk, East Farndon Chairman and Clerk, and a Chairman from the village of Eydon. The serious low pressure and no water issues were discussed along				



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	with an explanation of the issue with the reservoir supply at Sibbertoft being offline. Anglian Water are working to mitigate on going supply issues to the area to prevent reoccurring issues of no or poor supply and have a target date of the end of August to get the Sibbertoft plant back online. The matter of communication issues where some householders received alerts and did not, and compensation. Anglian Water explained they will update communication for residents, and the PC are to help circulate updates for the village where possible.
684/26	SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION – CROSSROADS
	Speed Limit Reduction Project - An application has been submitted to the speed panel for a 40 Mph limit on approaches to the Longhold Crossing. Speed Limit Review Panel Meeting Scheduled end of July where they will be considering the application. information on East Farndon’s recent speed limit review. Cllr Warren confirmed that the speed data from East Farndon has been shared with SJT Consultancy and appears to be comparable to the data from Clipston. The consultant has submitted a speed limit review request to reduce vehicle speeds. The submission also highlights the frequent occasions when vehicles are pulled out of the fields at the crossroads—incidents that are not recorded by either the police or Highways. A decision was expected by the end of July. If the application is approved, notification regarding the necessary licences and signage will follow. The Clerk also spoke with the Highways Liaison Officer, who advised that the issues at the crossroads and along Longhold Road—including the poor road surface, signage, road markings, and speed bumps—should be re-reported via FixMyStreet to ensure they are progressed. Although these issues have been reported several times previously, it was advised that submitting new reports will help move them forward.
685/26	HIGHWAYS
	1. A member of public has applied with WNC Highways for a dropped kerb licence. The process states should the location be within a conservation area you will need to contact the local town or parish council for any additional requirements that they may have. Response requested. The matter was discussed and the parking, frontage and kerb. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to approve a letter of consent to the owners for a drop kerb request to issue to WNC. 2. To escalate as priority, multiple ongoing issues regarding poor condition of road Longhold Road/ crossroads, potholes, markings and various temporary road signs still not collected in the parish and blocked drains. As above 684/26 Cllr Wilford to take photos and re add to FixMyStreet. The drainage as still not been resolved and requires urgent attention. Clerk reported to Highways Liaison Officer and will progress. 3. To note meeting schedule, start of July with Highways and Ward Cllr Ware (Naseby Ward) to walk road from Naseby to Clipston crossroads. Noted walk is Sibbertoft Parish Ward Councillor to Longhold Road. Cllrs Clipston are interested in offer of assistance for issues leading to crossroads. 4. 59/60 Bus service updates. Clerk checked with Brixworth Ward Cllr and there are no changes and the bus service continues as usual this year.
686/26	MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING FROM THE MEETING OF THE 10th of June 2026
	1. (TH) Update on asset list and any actions including maintenance. Cllr Hackett is very kindly in the process of physically checking the assets and ensuring all are recorded and checked for ownership. Any info to report back including assets requiring attention. Cllr Hackett to circulate update. 2. To consider quotes for two replacement noticeboards (bus shelter and behind telephone box). It was RESOLVED to remove the old, damaged noticeboard at the bus shelter. Cllrs to attend to this. Clerk to contact local resident to see if they would be willing to help construct a new noticeboard near the telephone box. 3. VIDA Biodigester updates – No further updates.



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	4. Police Liaison Representative – Update from AW No updates but additional crime prevention box required Clerk to organise for Cllr Wilford. 5. Cob wall adjacent to the village hall carpark. WNC planning are investigating the cob wall. No news. 6. Street lighting project – installation & actions. Cllr Alderson-Smith has been co-ordinating the street lighting installation. An additional light found surplus to be removed from the order. It wanted a light along Naseby Road was not working. To be checked. It was RESOLVED as the next step to seek a new maintenance quote from E. ON current maintenance contractors and the lighting supplier MSL for comparison. 7. Consider reviewing electricity contract due for renewal – pending full move to LED. Noted to attend to when upgrade is completed. 8. Youth Activities – dates and proposal agenda for consideration. It was RESOLVED to approve the Village Hall is booked for September and Clerk to circulate invites to local groups to discuss. Chairman to share list of contacts.																																																				
687/26	VILLAGE MAINTENANCE Current FixMyStreet reports Clipston: It was RESOLVED to circulate the list to WNC Highways for follow up. Additions to include crossroads (AW), two potholes – junction of the green and Harborough Road towards the pub. 9646825 – Cllr Price to check mapping to the extent of adopted highway. Vegetation near the Paddocks to be reported as overgrown. <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Ref</th><th>Issue</th><th>Status</th></tr><tr><td>June 26</td><td>9646825</td><td>Severe overgrown vegetation Naseby Road</td><td>22.06.26 investigating</td></tr><tr><td>June 26</td><td>9572963</td><td>Blocked drain Kelmarsh Rd corner of Basset Way</td><td>28-day repair from 08.06.26</td></tr><tr><td>June 26</td><td>8808571</td><td>10" deep pothole just over the hill past Longhold barn</td><td>Investigating as of 19.06.26</td></tr><tr><td>May 26</td><td>9421897</td><td>Big potholes brow of hill and further Longhold Road</td><td>26wk repair from 14.05.26</td></tr><tr><td>May 26</td><td>9507324</td><td>Drain & Water meter collapsing Harborough Road Clipston</td><td>28-day repair from 01.06.26 – scheduled repair as of 25.06.26</td></tr><tr><td>May 26</td><td>9421897</td><td>Multiple potholes Longhold Road</td><td>14.05.26 {Priority 4 Repair 26 weeks</td></tr><tr><td>April 26</td><td>9343716</td><td>Potholes/ruts -strip of tarmac sinking from recent work Harborough Rd leading towards the green/centre village</td><td>24.04.26 priority 4 repair 26 weeks – no change</td></tr><tr><td>Feb 26</td><td>8931785</td><td>Road breaking up near Gravel Pit Farm</td><td>Investigating at 16.02.26</td></tr><tr><td>Feb 26</td><td>8935142</td><td>Blocked drain Naseby Road</td><td>16.02.26 investigating – no change gully blocked – 26wk repair as of 20.06.26</td></tr><tr><td>Feb 26</td><td>8822955</td><td>Two temp road closure signs and frames left outside Clipston church</td><td>closed as of 20.06.26</td></tr><tr><td>Dec 25</td><td>8550269</td><td>Potholes x4 Church Lane</td><td>Closed as of 17.06.26</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)</td></tr></table>	Date	Ref	Issue	Status	June 26	9646825	Severe overgrown vegetation Naseby Road	22.06.26 investigating	June 26	9572963	Blocked drain Kelmarsh Rd corner of Basset Way	28-day repair from 08.06.26	June 26	8808571	10" deep pothole just over the hill past Longhold barn	Investigating as of 19.06.26	May 26	9421897	Big potholes brow of hill and further Longhold Road	26wk repair from 14.05.26	May 26	9507324	Drain & Water meter collapsing Harborough Road Clipston	28-day repair from 01.06.26 – scheduled repair as of 25.06.26	May 26	9421897	Multiple potholes Longhold Road	14.05.26 {Priority 4 Repair 26 weeks	April 26	9343716	Potholes/ruts -strip of tarmac sinking from recent work Harborough Rd leading towards the green/centre village	24.04.26 priority 4 repair 26 weeks – no change	Feb 26	8931785	Road breaking up near Gravel Pit Farm	Investigating at 16.02.26	Feb 26	8935142	Blocked drain Naseby Road	16.02.26 investigating – no change gully blocked – 26wk repair as of 20.06.26	Feb 26	8822955	Two temp road closure signs and frames left outside Clipston church	closed as of 20.06.26	Dec 25	8550269	Potholes x4 Church Lane	Closed as of 17.06.26	Nov 24	6795821	Collapsed bridge wall (Footpath CH23)	Still awaiting repair (24-month closure issued)
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688/26	FINANCE– It was RESOLVED to approve the following: a) It was RESOLVED to approve Unity Trust Bank Balance on 26.06.26 £35,396.69 Income – WNC mowing grant 2026 £764.19 Finance review and bank reconciliation circulated. Awaiting VAT return																																																				
b)	It was RESOLVED to the following payments for July 2026 and approved payments during August where the council will not ordinarily meet.																																																				



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c)	Who	Amount £	Powers to pay
	Clerk salary June 2026	*	LGA 1972, s112
	HMRC PAYE Month 2	*	LGA 1972, s112
	Unity Trust Bank service charge	7.00	LGA 1972, s111
	Protheroes Fuel mower April 26 (balance)	1.30	Open Spaces Act 1906
689/26	Review correspondence received. Noted - Harborough Road Clipston 26th June – 6th July 8am-4pm road closure. Post and rail, parapet & headwall repairs. Diversion in place - Local Transport Plan workshop on the new Freight Action Plan Thursday 02nd July 2026. 2pm to 4pm Vulcan 34-38 Guildhall Road, Northampton, NN1 1EW		
690/26	ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only no items can become decisions) Clipston in Bloom- Cllr Warren reported that along with the very unfortunate sudden closure of The Bull Public House - who were planning an event that would coincide with Clipston in Bloom completion, the planters in the gateways are looking beautiful and have received positive comments, but few residents have sadly entered the competition. Clipston In Bloom will be a coffee morning event in the gardeners' question time theme at the village hall. Group to concentrate on the Saturday event and update residents accordingly rather than a competition. The Parish Council do not ordinarily meet in August. Inconsiderate parking ACV – village pub Volunteers for watering planters Storage of deeds Mower repair & Retiring Volunteer – thanks for long service, and stones in front of arms houses. Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd September 2026 Meeting closed at 21:00 hrs		