



CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 1930 hrs in Clipston Village Hall

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

Clerk: Mrs C E Valentine. No members of public. Unitary Councillor Cecile Irving-Swift.

691/26	TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE None
692/26	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
693/26	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. No members present.
694/26	UPDATE FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS
	To receive updates from Unitary Councillors Unitary Councillor Irving Swift provided an update on current West Northants Council matters. The Council is awaiting detailed budget information to assess its financial position. Recent Government changes to the national planning system are now filtering through, including proposals to increase housing numbers. Discussions regarding potential joint council arrangements are ongoing; however, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire authorities appear unwilling to join West Northants Council. Councillor Irving Swift confirmed her support for the speed limit reduction application. The Kelmarsh Tunnel group is preparing to undertake fundraising activity connected to improvements along the Brampton Valley Way. It was noted that the Rt Hon. Andrew Stewart MP is expected to return from Parliamentary commitments within the next two months.
695/26	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
	It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 1 st July 2026 as a correct record with correction to 684/26 "Cllr Warren confirmed that the <u>topographical data</u> has been shared with..." 687/26 "9646825 – Cllr Price <u>provided</u> mapping... <u>for Clerk to check with Highways</u> ".
696/26	PLANNING
	a) To receive any applications for consideration not otherwise on the agenda. None search, comment and view decisions: https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-planning-application b) Awaiting decision: Noted

Reference No.▶	Location▶	Proposal / Description▶	Valid Date ▲	Decision Issue Date▶	Decision▶
<u>2026/2042/FULL</u>	The Hawthorns Kelmarsh Road Clipston LE16 9RX	Addition of new external door to front face of property & entrance gate	25/05/2026		Pending



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697/26	WATER SUPPLY DISRUPTION AFFECTING RESIDENTS
	Update (TH) A second meeting with The Rt. Hon. Stuart Andrew MP and Anglian Water (Case Ref: ST10819) took place in August to review the recent water supply disruption affecting residents. A third meeting is to be arranged by the MP, at which Anglian Water will share data to demonstrate how affected residents have been supported. Anglian Water has offered a £2,000 donation to the Parish Council, to be used strictly for permitted Parish Council activities. Cllr Hackett attended the recent Anglian Water meeting alongside the Clerk and provided a detailed and helpful report summarising the discussion and the steps Anglian Water proposes to take to mitigate future supply issues. Parish Councils have been offered £2,000 each; however, it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council wishes to ensure firstly Anglian Water has fully addressed the issues experienced by residents (its customers) following the water shortage over the summer. The Parish Council is awaiting the next stage meeting with Anglian Water, at which mapping of affected areas within the village will be reviewed to ensure residents are correctly compensated where applicable. It is noted that the £2,000 donation is entirely separate from any compensation owed to residents. (TH contact East Farndon) Clerk follow up Anglian Water.
698/26	SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION – CROSSROADS
	Speed Limit Reduction Project - 40 Mph limit on approaching to the Longhold Crossing. Speed Limit Review Panel Meeting was scheduled end of July – Awaiting the results and update. Next steps with SJT Consultancy. Cllr Warren progressed SJT Consultancy who contacted the panel at the time of the meeting had not responded with a decision. It was noted again the white linings are still faded and rumble strips not attended to despite FixMyStreet reports confirming the white lines have been repainted. (report to Cecile Irving-Swift)
699/26	HIGHWAYS
	1. Inconsiderate parking – here is the link to report issues https://www.northants.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/nuisance-parking/ It was RESOLVED to add the link to the Website. 2. Watering Planters – volunteers required. Cllr Warren reported thanks to all volunteers who have helped with the watering. 3. Project 508 – Request for Your Support with a Northamptonshire Rural Road Safety Initiative – Noted no update.
700/26	MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING FROM THE MEETING OF THE 1st of July 2026
	1. Asset of Community Value – village Pub Cllr Alderson-Smith advised the ACV runs out on the pub December 2027. The pub appears actively trying to get a new tenant which is encouraging for the village. 2. (TH) Update on asset list and any actions including maintenance and quotes for a replacement noticeboard behind telephone box. Cllr Hackett provided an update on the Parish Council's asset list and associated actions. Work is ongoing to obtain maintenance information and quotes for a replacement noticeboard located behind the telephone box. Cllr Hackett will seek permission from the owner of the wall to which the noticeboard is attached, to confirm that a replacement can be installed in the same location. Cllr Hackett has been carrying out a comprehensive physical inspection of all Parish Council assets and preparing a detailed report. The updated asset list and accompanying report will be presented at the next meeting. The asset list will support routine health and safety checks, assist in identifying maintenance priorities, and help guide village improvement planning. A map of asset locations is also being prepared to accompany the updated register. Cllr Price to contact a local person who may be able to make the noticeboard.



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3. Clipston In Bloom – report on event. Cllr Warren reported the event raised £202.00 which was split between the Clipston in Bloom and the village hall. The funds have already been repurposed for more Clipston in Bloom related planting (bulbs) to improve the village and the group has recorded the accounts.
4. Police Liaison Representative – Update from AW. Additional Police Crime packs received AW/IM/AP to distribute to households.
5. Cob wall adjacent to the village hall carpark. Letter received from the village hall. Village Hall referred to WNC Conservation Officer. – Noted as private matter between Village Hall/Landowner. Cllr Price to circulate a copy of the village hall Trust document to Councillors and the Clerk to understand the custodian relationship to the village hall.
6. Consider reviewing electricity contract due for renewal – pending full move to LED. Clerk seeking quotes.
7. Youth Activities – new dates and proposal agenda for consideration. The Chairman suggested a different approach reach out to local groups to see if they are interested in discussing possible projects.
8. Storage of Parish Council deeds. Cllr Alderson-Smith will enquire whether the Parish Council deeds can be securely stored at the Village Hall. Cllr Price will confirm the current position of the deeds with Wartnaby Hefford and noted that he holds one copy himself.
9. Mower repair & Retiring Volunteer, Grass cutting - stones in front of ALMS houses. The mowing team are to cut the grass and strim around the stones. Thanks were made to the retiring member of the grass cutting team for helping to keep the village grass in good order.

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VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Current FixMyStreet reports Clipston: Noted

Date	Ref	Issue	Status
May 26 - update	9410042 / 9753715	Crossroads rumble strips and stop markings	Works associated with these reports have now been completed. The 'Slow' road markings were refreshed on 12 May 2026, and all junction white lining, including the 'Stop' markings, was renewed on 31 July 2026.
Aug 26	9958222	Overgrown vegetation at The Paddocks	The matter will be reviewed by the relevant team, who will determine whether any further action is required in accordance with our procedures. Any future updates will be recorded against that enquiry.
June 26	9646825	Severe overgrown vegetation Naseby Road	A letter was issued to the adjacent landowner on 11 August 2026 requesting that the vegetation is cut back to restore adequate visibility and passage. Update from Highways regarding boundaries (AP)
June 26	9572963	Blocked drain Kelmarsh Rd corner of Basset Way	Drainage Team has confirmed that works are scheduled to take place by the end of week 21.08. AF CHECK
June 26	8808571	10" deep pothole just over the hill past Longhold barn	Repairs to this defect were completed on 23 July 2026.
May 26	9421897	Multiple potholes Longhold Road	This location remains programmed for repair, with works currently due to be completed by 12 November 2026.
April 26	9343716	Potholes/ruts -strip of tarmac sinking from recent work Harborough Rd leading towards the green/centre village	This defect remains programmed as a Priority 4 repair and is currently scheduled to be completed by 23 October 2026.
Feb 26	8931785	Road breaking up near Gravel Pit Farm	An inspection was undertaken on 21 June 2026. At that time, no safety defects meeting intervention criteria were identified. The location will continue to be monitored through routine inspections. Should conditions worsen, we would encourage a new report to be submitted so the site can be reassessed.



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	Feb 26	8935142	Blocked drain Naseby Road	This repair remains in the programme and is currently scheduled for completion by 19 December 2026.	
	Feb 26	8822955	Two temp road closure signs and frames left outside Clipston church	This enquiry was closed following assessment, as it did not meet the criteria for further investigation. If signage remains at the location and continues to be of concern, please report the matter as a new enquiry so it can be reviewed and investigated accordingly. CHECK IF ON SITE	
	Nov 24	6795821	Collapsed bridge wall (Footpath CH23)	Works are currently scheduled to commence on 14 September 2026, with anticipated completion by 2 October 2026, subject to weather conditions and any unforeseen site constraints. START 14th SEPTEMBER?	
702/26	FINANCE – It was RESOLVED to approve the following:				
a)	To approve Unity Trust Bank Balance as of 27.08.26 £19,773.86				
b)	It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments for September 2026				
c)	Who	Amount £		Powers to pay	
	Clerk salary August 2026	*		LGA 1972, s112	
	HMRC PAYE Month 5	*		LGA 1972, s112	
	Unity Trust Bank service charge	7.00		LGA 1972, s111	
	Protheroes Fuel FC 726 115 July fuel	29.60		Open Spaces Act 1906 duplicate	
	N M Leatherland inv telephone signage	120.00		Localism Act 2011 duplicate	
	Yu Energy August Street Lighting	283.83		Highways Act 1980 duplicate	
d)	It was noted the list of payments made during August 2026				
	AUGUST 2026 Payments				
24.07.26	MSL Lighting	LED upgrade	£13,176.00		
07.08.26	NM Leatherland	inv 4 x telephone signage	£120.00		
07.08.26	Protheroes	FC 726 115 Fuel July 26	£29.60		
07.08.26	Yu Energy	July Street Lighting	£283.83		
07.08.26	DM Payroll Services	April - Sept Payroll inv 5336	£79.20		
07.08.26	Protheroes	FC 626115 fuel June 26	£30.32		
07.08.26	Clipston Village Hall	INV 131 room hire 5 bookings	£114.00		
07.08.26	E. On Energy Solutions Ltd	Inv 6018820335 1/4 maintenance ending June 26	£231.60		
07.08.26	Cloudy IT	365 annual renewal & support inv INV-D-12447	£155.52		
07.08.26	Clare Valentine	123 Reg refund for .org domain 2yr renewal	£48.35		
07.08.26	Peter Warren	Reimbursement Clipston in Bloom village plants	£32.98		
07.08.26	HMRC	PAYE	-		
07.08.26	Clare Valentine	Clerks Salary	-		
703/26	Review correspondence received. Noted				
	- West Northamptonshire Parish Conference 2026: Parishes in Partnership. 26/11/26 10am – 1pm Towcester - NCALC Survey - Would your council support a Parish Highways Representative Scheme? - CAN Champions scheme https://northantscalc.gov.uk/can-champions. - Water, Water, nowhere https://www.ccw.org.uk/save-money-and-water/drought/ - Star Council Awards 2026/27 run by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) https://www.nalc.gov.uk/support/star-council-awards.html.				



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	- Town and Parish Briefing - edition 48 https://sway.cloud.microsoft/UWpVPEvfACQYYxP1?ref=Link - Parish Precept payments September 2026 and pre-information for 2027/28 Precept returns 9th Northants CALC Annual Conference, which will be held on Saturday 3 October 2026 at Moulton Community Centre in Moulton
704/26	ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only no items can become decisions) ALMS houses disabled sign – replacement and lines on the road NCALC – Planning AP attend Speed sign – twisted -IM Courier article - IM Meeting closed at 21:20hrs Next Meeting Wednesday 7th October 2026