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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 7th October 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. Three members of public.

705/26	**TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE -** None
706/26	**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. Councillor Price declared an interest in items 715/26 c) payment and Planning item 2026/3559/TCA neighbouring property.
707/26	**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 the public presented the Parish Council with its historic paper-embossing stamp. Her father had served as Clerk to the Council for 22 years. She also shared photographs from 1995 showing him receiving a retirement tankard from Princess Anne at the Village Hall, together with a later local newsletter article recording his thanks for the gift. Permission was granted to publish this information on the Parish Council website. The Council thanked Claire for travelling to the meeting and sharing this important part of the parish's history. The current Clerk will keep the stamp safely in the Council's care, and it may be used on official documents.
708/26	**UPDATE FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS**
	To receive updates from Unitary Councillors – Apologies received from Councillor Irving-Swift
709/26	**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
	It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 as a correct record.
710/26	**PLANNING** a) To receive any applications for consideration not otherwise on the agenda. None earch, comment and view decisions: ps://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-planning-application b) Planning applications awaiting decision and approved. It was **RESOLVED** that there is no objection to the application 2026/3559/TCA the tree has become an issue and appears disproportionately large for the property.

Reference No.▶	Location▶	Proposal / Description▶	Valid Date▲	Decision Issue Date▶	Decision▶
2026/3403/NMA	1 Naseby Road Clipston LE16 9RZ	Non-material amendment to approved WND/2021/0629 [Single storey side and rear extension] by reversing the location of the new door and window to the side extension so the door is to the rear of the dwelling and the window to the front and replacement of two rooflights with one larger rooflight.	01/09/2026	24/09/2026	Approval Noted

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2026/3559/TCA	Dews Garden Kelmarsh Road Clipston LE16 9RX	To fell 1x Lawson cypress within a conservation area	01/09/2026		Awaiting decision

711/26	**WATER SUPPLY DISRUPTION AFFECTING RESIDENTS**
	The Parish Council have received no further direct correspondence other than the form for the offer of grant £2k for the Parish Council. It was noted that a separate water supply disruption occurred over the weekend due to an over-pressurised system, which resulted in burst pipes. Regarding the ongoing issue, Anglian Water confirmed in writing that the case had been closed and that affected residents had been addressed; therefore, no further action was proposed. A community goodwill offer form was provided for a payment of £2,000 to the Parish Council. Councillor Hackett kindly offered to act as a point of contact and assist residents who may wish to pursue inclusion on the compensation list. It was noted that Anglian Water would need to be specifically invited to attend a meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that, as the Parish Council has no powers to take further action, Anglian Water considers the matter resolved, and the issue falls outside the Parish Council's remit, the matter would be closed. The Council welcomed the donation and agreed to accept it expressly as a goodwill gesture to the Parish Council; it is not related to, and does not constitute, compensation for any resident. Any future issues involving Anglian Water will continue to be monitored by the Parish Council.
712/26	**HIGHWAYS AND SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION – CROSSROADS**
	Speed Limit Reduction Project - 40 Mph limit on approaching to the Longhold Crossing. Speed Limit Review Panel – decision Councillor Warren reported the Speed Limit Review Panel advised that the application had been considered and turned down. They provided a detailed report of their reasoning for this. It was noted as very disappointing news for the Parish Council and everyone who uses this crossroads. SJT Consultancy – quote for consideration to install two Solar SID devices with possible "warning crossroads" message at the junctions as an alternative idea. To consider applying again for the Police and Crime Commissioner fund. The quotation was considered; however, due to its cost and the lack of clarity in the information provided, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk, in conjunction with Councillor Warren, would contact Highways to obtain a quotation and seek permission to install SID devices at the crossroads. The Council hopes to use grant funding for the project. These initial steps will begin discussions with Highways regarding the proposed use of SID devices as a warning measure.
713/26	**MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING FROM THE MEETING OF THE 1st of July 2026**
	1. Naseby Road, Clipston (AP) Draft Letter for WNC for consideration. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk submit the letter to Highways regarding the parcel of land with overgrown vegetation in the bid to have the vegetation dealt with for road safety and tie up any ongoing query on land ownership. 2. (TH) Update on asset list and any actions including maintenance and quotes for a replacement noticeboard behind telephone box. Councillor Hackett is continuing to update and review the asset list. There maybe a couple of versions for public and record for the Parish. Street lighting to be added (Clerk to share inventory list with Councillor Alderson-Smith to assist). The water pump is need of some repairs and will also be added to the list. Councillor Warren has spoken to a local contact who has agreed to make a noticeboard for the wall near to the telephone box for the cost of materials and will supply a quote. (replacing existing old pin board) 3. Police Liaison Representative – Update from AW - Councillor Wilford to co-ordinate crime leaflet distribution to residents. 4. Cob wall adjacent to the village hall carpark. Letter received from the village hall. Noted as being dealt with between the relevant parties. Thanks to the village hall for the update and it was agreed at this stage there is not much further the PC is able to help with.

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5. Youth Activities – Chairman update. The Chairman has met with the President of WI who has expressed interest in helping with a project in the village. Chairman to report back. The clerk has received a flyer from WNC youth committee and Chairman to look to contact pending WI response.
6. Storage of Parish Council deeds. Councillor Price confirmed deeds are stored with Wartnaby Hefford, and one document is in Councillor Price's possession, and he will ask for it to be kept at the solicitors.
7. Remembrance Memorial Wreath ordered for November. Noted.
8. IT update emails /website – spend for decision. Awaiting quotes.

714/26 **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

Current FixMyStreet reports Clipston: The following were noted.

Date	Ref	Issue	Status / Update	Category
May 26 (update)	9410042 / 9753715	Crossroads rumble strips and stop markings	'Slow' markings refreshed 12 May 2026; junction white lining including 'Stop' renewed 31 July 2026.	☐ Completed
~~Early Sept 26~~	~~10068454~~	~~Low-hanging tree branches – Clipston Way~~	~~Investigation ongoing; Highways Inspector assessed; landownership checks underway.~~	☐ ~~Awaiting Review~~ Ticket removed as out of area.
29 Aug 26 → Sept updates	10021963	Footpath obstruction – CH7 access to Haddon Fields	Multiple September updates: electric wire hazard reported 6 Sept; Rights of Way Officer inspected 7 Sept; obstruction now cleared.	☐ Completed
29 Aug 26 → Sept updates	10021944	Rotten stile rail – CH7/CH8 access to Haddon Fields	Investigation completed; stile worn but structurally sound; location to be monitored.	☐ Monitoring
Aug-26	9958222	Overgrown vegetation at The Paddocks	To be reviewed by the relevant team; future updates will be recorded against the enquiry.	☐ Awaiting Review
Jun-26	8808571	10" deep pothole just over the hill past Longhold Barn	Repairs completed 23 July 2026.	☐ Completed
Jun-26	9572963	Blocked drain, Kelmarsh Road (corner of Basset Way)	Drainage Team confirms works scheduled by end of week 21 Aug 2026.	☐ Scheduled Note to escalate multiple drainage issues.10 months wait.
Jun-26	9646825	Severe overgrown vegetation, Naseby Road	Letter issued to adjacent landowner 11 Aug 2026 requesting clearance; Highways to provide boundary update (AP).	☐ Monitoring
May-26	9421897	Multiple potholes, Longhold Road	Programmed for repair; works due by 12 Nov 2026.	☐ Scheduled
Apr-26	9343716	Potholes/ruts – sinking strip of tarmac, Harborough Road	Priority 4 repair; scheduled for completion by 23 Oct 2026.	☐ Scheduled
Feb-26	8935142	Blocked drain, Naseby Road	Repair remains in programme; scheduled for completion by 19 Dec 2026.	☐ Scheduled
Feb-26	8931785	Road breaking up near Gravel Pit Farm	Inspected 21 June 2026; no safety defects meeting criteria. Location to be monitored; new report if conditions worsen.	☐ Monitoring

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	Feb-26	8822955	Temporary road closure signs left outside Clipston church	Enquiry closed; did not meet criteria for further investigation. New report required if signage remains a concern.	☐ Closed
	Nov-24	6795821	Collapsed bridge wall (Footpath CH23)	Works scheduled to start 14 Sept 2026, completion anticipated 2 Oct 2026 (weather dependent).	▨ Scheduled Noted as completed and archway is brick.

715/26 a) **FINANCE**– It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following:
It was **RESOLVED** to approve Unity Trust Bank Balance as of 02.10.26 £34,312.72. Income received 01.10.26 VAT 126 Return £2,644.25 and to acknowledge the receipt of the second half precept from WNC 28.09.26 £13,000.00. – Approved.

b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments for October 2026

c)

Who	Amount £	Powers to pay
Clerk salary September 2026	*	LGA 1972, s112
HMRC PAYE	*	LGA 1972, s112
Unity Trust Bank service charge	7.00	LGA 1972, s111
E. On Maintenance Quarterly Street Lighting 6018823274	231.60	Highways Act 1980
PKF Little John LLP Auidt Fee SB20262525	252.00	Localism Act 2011
Yu Energy September Street Lighting	0.00	Highways Act 1980
Mr A Price reimbursement land registry search and expenses for the mowing team	47.00	LGA 1972, s111

d) To consider arranging a Budget meeting and internal control review.
It was **RESOLVED** to arrange a separate meeting for Finance mid-November with three examples of budgets in advance for the Council to consider. Clerk requested information from Councillors to gauge project ideas and precept.

e) To note PKF Littlejohn AGAR External Audit Section 3 and Notice of conclusion of audit. Noted and approved. Cllr Price requested AGAR pages 1-3 by email.

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- Staffing: The National Joint Council has agreed a 3.3% increase in local-government pay rates and allowances for 2026/27, effective from 1 April 2026. For councils employing staff on NJC or model-contract terms, payroll updates and the calculation of any back pay will be required as part of this pay award process. It was **RESOLVED** to approve.

CORRESPONDENCE – Noted

- West Northamptonshire Parish Conference 2026: Parishes in Partnership. 26/11/26 10am – 1pm Towcester
- Newsletter – September 2026 - Northamptonshire Police & Fire Commissioner
- West Northamptonshire Council is consulting on a new strategy that sets out a long-term vision for improving transport across Northampton link: https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/consultations closes 15.11.26

The West Northamptonshire Council on Street Consolidation Order P2149 see www.westnorthants.gov.uk (search traffic regulation orders) The purpose of the Order is to consolidate West Northamptonshire's existing on-street prohibition of waiting, loading, and unloading, stopping restrictions and on-street parking place Orders into a single county-wide Traffic Regulation Order. Closes 17.10.26

- Clipston Courier deadline 22.10.26. Greetings and donations for consideration (for the PC) by 23.10.26 It was **RESOLVED** to offer the Courier a donation of £50.00. Chairman to draft the article and greeting from the Parish Council.

717/26 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** (for discussion only no items can become decisions)
Next Meeting Thursday 5th November 2026
Street lighting maintenance requote and festive lights for Christmas. Lime trees (the green)
Neighbourhood Development Plan – quote for updating to include in the budget.

Meeting closed at 21:01 hrs