



ASHTON

PARISH COUNCIL

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26/02

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CHEQUERED SKIPPER, ASHTON ON THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2026 AT 7 P.M.

26/010 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – Nomination of Cllr. P Goodhew was received – agreed by all present. Cllr. Goodhew accepted the nomination and signed the declaration of office.	
25/011 PRESENT: Cllr. P. Goodhew, Cllr. C. Cowdery and Cllr. D. Wilson APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED: Cllr. S. New	
26/012 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FOR SIGNATURE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29th JANUARY 2026. It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of 29th January 2026 as a true record.	
26/013 ELECTION OF MEMBERS HOLDING POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY OR REPRESENTATION The following members were nominated, proposed and accepted the positions a) Vice-Chair – Cllr. David Wilson Committees a) HR Committee – Sarah New , Paul Goodhew and David Wilson Representatives a) Creed Chapel – Cllr. Paul Goodhew and Stephen Ellis.	
26/014 TO NOTE ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA FOR REPORT ONLY - None	
26/015 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT RELATED TO BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA. None	
26/017 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION - None	
26/018 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: Consider and resolve the council's response to planning applications advised by North Northamptonshire Council and available on its website between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting to which it pertains. (Such planning applications which arrive after the preparation of this agenda that are considered at the meeting, may be subject to review at a later stage). None received. a) It has been noted that works are being undertaken on The Mill, Polebrook Road.	

26/019 COMMUNITY MATTERS

- a) A605 – There is yet to be a follow up meeting with the multi agencies involved in the A605. Kier, the contractors who undertake all Highways works for NNC, will be at some point contacting the parish council to come and do a walkabout of Ashton – Cllr. D. Wilson is keen to be part of this. Cllr. D. Wilson will also pursue with Oundle Town Council chair, Jon Wade, the road noise from the A605.
- b) Noticeboard/Telephone Box & Information Board - The Clerk met with a contractor back in March but unfortunately has not received a quote for the work. We will continue to search for another contractor.

26/020 GOVERNANCE:

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- a) The Certificate of Exemption – It was resolved to approve this.

- b) Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 - was circulated prior to the meeting and it was RESOLVED to approve.
- c) Section 2 Accounting Statements 2025/26 – this had been circulated prior to the meeting and was RESOLVED to approve.
- d) To receive, discuss and review actions from the Internal Audit Report – The report from the remote online meeting between the Internal Auditor and our clerk, Sue Henson had been received and the following action noted: The IT Policy needs to be adopted which is under item g of this meeting.
- e) It was also resolved to set the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights, these will be Wednesday 3rd June 2026 to Tuesday 14th July 2026
- f) Insurance Renewal – The quote for renewal is £264.00. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote.
- g) The following policies were circulated prior to the meeting and reviewed. It was RESOLVED to adopt them.
 - Standing Orders
 - Code of Conduct
 - Financial Regulations
 - Complaint Policy
 - Record Management
 - Grievance Policy
 - Data Protection Policy
 - Equal Opportunities Policy
 - Data Breach Policy
 - IT Policy
- h) Review Asset Register – No changes necessary.

26/021 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) To agree the clerk will be paid by the 28th of the month
- b) To agree Rowan Garden Services to be paid as when invoices are issued for the grass cutting. The Clerk will forward the invoice to the Council and prepare the BACS to be authorised by the either Cllr. P Goodhew or Cllr. D. Wilson.

It was RESOLVED to approve the following invoices for payment

GOODS/SERVICE	PAYEE	GROSS	Powers
Northants CALC	Subscription	£469.93	LGA 1972 s143 (1) (b)
Zurich Insurance	Renewal	£264.00	

Payments made since the last meeting:

Grass Cutting for Apr	Rowan Garden Ser	£270.00	LGA 1972 sch 14,para 27
Monies Received			
NNC	Precept	£8,687.00	

BANK BALANCE AS OF MAY 2026

Community Account	£31,512.72	
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26/022 THE NEXT PARISH MEETING WILL BE ON 24th SEPTEMBER 2026 7 P.M. IN THE CHEQUERED SKIPPER, ASHTON.

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.