

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Susan Halkett, 16 St Mary's Way, Weedon, Northants, NN7 4QL
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16th January 2025

Dear Councillor

This is your summons to the Parish Council Meeting to be held on **Tuesday 21st January at 7.30 pm in the Schoolroom of the United Reformed Church**. If you are not able to attend, please let me know. Members of the Public and Press are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely



S Halkett
Clerk & Proper Officer to the Council

AGENDA

Chair of Council: Mrs Christine Littlewood

Acceptance of Apologies for absence

- 2008.0** To receive declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting
- 2009.0 Public Forum** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors
- 2010.0** To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th November 2024 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th December 2024
- 2011.0 To receive any updates on outstanding items** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
- Flooding issues – Flood Warden
 - To receive an update on the footpath across crossroads at Weedon, dropped kerbs at Bricketts Lane and white lines in other areas of the village
 - To receive an update on the tree planting on the bypass
- 2012.0 To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision**
- 2012.1 To consider an email from a resident asking for help with parking issues
- 2012.2 To consider the High Street: Phase 2/weight limit (possible matched funding using earmarked reserves)
- 2012.3 To consider responding consultations:
- a. The Code of Conduct
 - b. One West Northamptonshire Plan
- 2013.0 FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS**
- 2013.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting
- 2013.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting
- 2014.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** under General Power of Competence

SSE	Street light electricity (Variable Direct Debit)	196.92
	December payments	196.92

To be considered and agreed at the meeting

Halkett	Salary £769.70 plus office rent £17	786.70
HMRC	PAYE	220.34
D Brown	Removal branches from closed churchyard	480.00
	£180/Digging culvert installing pipe £300	
S Drinkwater	Repairs to war memorial	144.00
Unity Trust	Changes to charges	6.00
Total		1637.04

2015.0 PLANNING

- 2015.1 To note that application WNC/22/00035/MINFUL - Land off A45 Roundabout (Junc 16) (Extraction of sand and gravel) - has gone to Appeal
- 2015.2 To note that application 2024/4104/OUT – Land adjacent to 20 The Green (Outline application for the erection of 1 Self-build dwelling) – has gone to Appeal
- 2015.3 To note that the Appeal for 1 High Street – single dwelling with garaging, was dismissed.
- 2015.4 To note a brief update on our question about Reserved Matters for the Brington Road application

2016.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 2016.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
- 2016.2 Millennium Hall
- 2016.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
- 2016.4 Charities

2017.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC Highways update. 2011
- b. WNC Tree planting on bypass. 2011
- c. Resident Parking issues Russell Rise. 2012.2
- d. NCALC Code of conduct consultation. 2012.4
- e. WNC Appeals x 3. 2015.1/2/3

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2018.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED**Items for inclusion at the next meeting**

Date of next full Council meetings: 11th February, 11th March, 8th April, 13th May, 10th June, 8th July

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOLROOM ON 21st JANUARY 2025 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows, Mr Geoff Holden,
Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
Unitary Cllrs: Mr Phil Bignell, Mr Charles Morton
Police: PCSO and PC. Both left after public forum
Public: 4 Members of the public present

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Councillors: Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Tom Higginson,

Chair: Mrs Christine Littlewood

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| 2008.0 | Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion. Mr Simon Levell declared an interest in item 2011.0 Flooding |
| 2009.0 | Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident: Flore Hill flooding, cannot get to shops when flooded. Flood Warden advised that the gully at the bottom had been blocked and was now clear. Manhole cover was a trip hazard, advised that this was also repaired and could traffic calming ideas have priorities the opposite way? Resident: Do we know anything about the house being built at Stowe Hill, opposite the garage on the A5. Yes all in hand with enforcement who are currently being chased, Orders have been served. Resident: Just came to listen to meeting. Resident: Advised that he has sent through photos of the flooding issues caused to properties at John Campbell Close in the November floods. Flood warden advised that the balancing ponds need looking into as one fills and the other doesn't so they don't do their job. The Grips had recently been dug out (assumed by residents). The significant amount of rain that fell that day was just phenomenal and probably would still have caused issues in this area. PCSO: Advised that she has been to look at the parking issues on Spring Lane/Russell Rise and placed advisory parking notices on three vehicles who were parked on the footpath. This issue has been decriminalised and is not in the Police's remit, it now comes under Highways. U/Cllr Bignell. White Paper for regeneration, having areas with mayoral control, has recently gone through West Northants Council. WNC has no partners yet so would need to rely on the Government to allocate counties to join in a larger area. WNC budget has been agreed and it is a 5% rise on Council Tax. Interesting fact that Northamptonshire is in the bottom three counties for pot holes! U/Cllr Morton: Bypass – work is being carried out on the vegetation on the bypass.. The potholes reported on Brington Road should have been completed just after Christmas although he would chase as it doesn't look like this has been carried out. |
| 2010.0 | To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th November 2024 and the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th December 2024. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. |
| 2011.0 | Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood Warden: Cllr Thomason had sent around a report which was noted. He advised that he would put a bit in the Messenger about block paving (if size over 5 metre squared, drainage should be inserted). Highways issues: Footpath at bottom of Flore Hill. Highways confirmed that they would not be able to do anything, the Crossroads are owned by Highways England and it is unlikely they would install a footpath across the carriageway. Dropped kerbs – Bricketts Lane: Highways advised that this would be a scheme they could implement. They would assess it in the new year. White line painting: Has been carried out in Spring Lane and Kings Lane. Tree planting on bypass. Confirmation that Kier has started to cut the grass and remove failed vegetation, replacement planting will happen before the end of March (weather permitting). |

2012.0 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- 2012.1 Parking Issues Russell Rise: Advisory tickets have been issued re bad parking. If Council wants to take this further ie yellow lines, then we need to get in contact with Highways. Council agreed that they would not particularly like this in the village.
- 2012.2 High Street: Council has previously agreed to 2 further chicanes and the gateway feature on Flore Hill. They would also pursue the HGV amenity weight limit and if match funding available then they previously agreed to have earmarked money for this. In answer to the resident's request for different priorities, Cllr Levell advised that definitely one could be that way, the other could be a possibility or one of the existing chicanes could be changed.
- 2012.3 Consultations
Code of Conduct. Clerk to complete this on behalf of the Council.
One West Northamptonshire Plan. No comments.

Clerk

2013.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 2013.1 Finance update. It was reported that as at 31st December the Council had £52,210 in the bank account. No income received. There were no matters arising. Reserves: approx. £24,000. Figures accepted. Cllr Levell asked which budget the bus shelter was paid in, confirmed as CIL income used.
- 2013.2 Internal Control. Cllr Holden had looked through the paperwork, including bank statements, and confirmed all present and correct.

2014.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Accumulated invoice for year to date – new contract		
SSE	Street light electricity (Nov) (December payment)	196.92
Agreed at meeting		
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Monthly Total		1637.04

2015.0 PLANNING

- 2015.1 WNC/22/00035/MINFUL – land off A45 roundabout (Junc 16) Extraction of sand and gravel – has gone to Appeal – Noted. Upper Heyford Parish Meeting and Nether Heyford Parish Council emailed the Chair just before the meeting, to ask whether Flore would contribute towards a barrister to act on their behalf. A representative would go to the meeting being held on Monday 27th and advise back to Cllrs but unlikely to look to contribute to the estimated £8,000 cost.
- 2015.2 2024/4104/OUT. Land adjacent to 20 The Green, Outline application for the erection of 1 self-build dwelling – has gone to Appeal – Noted
- 2015.3 Appeal for 1 High Street, single dwelling with garaging was dismissed- Noted
- 2015.4 Reserved Matters for Brington Road. This has gone back to Appeal and nothing has been received yet although it if is granted, it is presumed detailed plans will be submitted which should include the 40% affordable housing.

Chair

2016.0 REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 2016.1 Brodie Lodge. All well
- 2016.2 Millennium Hall. Nothing to report
- 2016.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund: Nothing to report
- 2016.4 Charities: Next meeting May.

2017.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- WNC Highways update. 2011
- WNC Tree planting on bypass. 2011
- Resident Parking issues Russell Rise. 2012.2
- NCALC Code of conduct consultation. 2012.4
- WNC Appeals x 3. 2015 1/2/3

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2018.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Keir confirmation of bypass work. Noted
Information and photos of flooding at John Campbell Close. Noted
Email to Chair about meeting re sand and gravel application. Noted

Date of next meetings: 11th February, 11th March, 8th April. 13th May, 10th June, 8th July,
9 September, 14th October, 11th November

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Flood Warden and High Street work updates
Climate Group (only if something to report)
Handrail extension on Ram Bank - February if anything received
Field behind layby enforcement update
Solar Farm update
Removal of tree in closed churchyard

The meeting closed at 2020 hrs

Chair 21st January 2025

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Yours sincerely



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AGENDA

Chair of Council: Mrs Christine Littlewood

Acceptance of Apologies for absence

2019.0 To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting

2020.0 Public Forum for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors

2021.0 To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st January 2025

2022.0 To receive any updates on outstanding items (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

- Flooding issues – Flood Warden
- To receive an update on the High Street
- To receive an update on the Land behind Holiday Inn (if received)
- To note a response has been sent to Kier re their Parish Satisfaction Survey
- To receive an update on the Solar Farm

2023.0 To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision

2023.1 To consider removal of a tree in the closed churchyard

2023.2 To note that the Kier Parish Path Warden scheme has started again and to confirm the Path Warden registration

2023.3 To consider the work offered by the Justice Team

2023.4 To consider responding to NCALC: Climate & Nature Action Survey

2023.5 To note the vehicle hitting bin on Bricketts Lane and to consider resetting (Company has acknowledged)

2023.6 To consider replacing all the perspex sheets in the bus shelter by the White Hart

2023.7 To consider speakers for the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday April 22nd

2024.0 FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS

2024.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting

2024.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting

2025.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: under General Power of Competence

SSE	Street light electricity (Variable Direct Debit)	203.49
	January VDD payments	203.49

To be considered and agreed at the meeting

Salix	Street light loan repayment DD 1 Feb	1829.42
Halkett	Salary £769.50 plus office rent £17	786.50
HMRC	PAYE	220.54
Design to Print	Messenger	159.00
Weedon Bec PC	Quarterly telephone/broadband, Subscriptions (third share)	185.99
ACRE	Subscriptions	42.00
G Fellows	Zephyr finials for flag staffs	95.88
Unity Trust	Service charge	6.00
Total		3325.33

2026.0 PLANNING

- 2026.1 Application: 2025/0434/TCA The Croft, 23 Kings Lane. Removal of Noway Maple
 2026.2 To receive an update on the recent meeting at Nether Heyford re the sand and gravel extraction application

2027.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 2027.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
 2027.2 Millennium Hall
 2027.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
 2027.4 Charities

2028.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC High Street match funding. 2022
 b. Kier Parish Satisfaction Survey. 2022
 c. EDF Update on solar farm. 2022
 d. Kier Parish Path Warden scheme. 2023.2
 e. FPCC Justice Team. 2023.3
 f. NCALC Climate & Nature action survey. 2023.4
 g. WNC Application, 2026.1
 h. Roade F Acknowledgement of damaged bin. 2023.5

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2029.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED**Items for inclusion at the next meeting**

Date of next full Council meetings: 11th March, 8th April,
 Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 22nd April
 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 13th May,
 10th June, 8th July

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOLROOM ON 11th FEBRUARY 2025 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Mr Kev Beasley, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Geoff Fellows,
Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Geoff Holden, Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood,
Mr John Thomason
Unitary Cllrs: Mr Charles Morton
Public: 0 Members of the public present

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Councillors: Mrs Kathryn Baines
Unitary Cllr: Mr Phil Bignell

Chair: Mrs Christine Littlewood

2019.0	Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion. Nothing declared	
2020.0	Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U/Cllr Morton advised that he is still chasing Highways about the potholes on Brington Road which were supposed to be filled in at the end of last year. U/Cllr Bignell had sent through his report on devolution, the budget and Sandy Lane work – all noted 	
2021.0	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st January 2025. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
2022.0	Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood Warden: Cllr Thomason gave a short update. Noted. High Street: Response sent. Highways unable to commit to match funding at this stage. Council to wait till the new financial year. Land behind Holiday Inn. Nothing received, U/Cllr Morton advised that he too has not heard anything Parish Satisfaction Survey – noted response sent. Solar Farm – noted that this is looking to commence towards the end of 2025 	March
2023.0	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
2023.1	Tree work – Closed Churchyard. Cllr Littlewood to meet with WNC tree officer to look at the conifer. If he agrees that it can be removed (tree keeps dropping large branches), planning approval will be needed and quote sought	March
2023.2	Parish Path Warden Scheme. Noted that this has been started again. Resident Mr Nigel Strang is willing to remain as the path warden. Clerk has submitted paperwork.	
2023.3	Immediate Justice Team: Clerk to ask whether the graffiti on the bridges of the bypass could be included in the scheme. The layby by the Holiday Inn	Clerk
2023.4	Climate & Nature Action Survey: Clerk to complete.	Clerk
2023.5	Litter Bin, Bricketts Lane/Springfield. Was hit by vehicle but bin is ok. Owner has paid for the reinstallation of the bin. (Bin inside is dented a bit but is repairable.	
2023.6	Bus Shelter – window replacement. Polycarbonate sheets to be ordered to replace the current sheets which are in a bad way.	
2023.7	Resolved: To purchase new Polycarbonate sheets and replace all windows. Cllr Fellows will install. Annual Parish Meeting. April 22 nd 7pm. Councillor Thompson will do a flood mitigation report and Helen Frost to be asked to speak about her book (Women in the Land Army). <i>Note: Mrs Frost has confirmed that she will speak.</i>	Clerk
2024.0	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
2024.1	Finance update. It was reported that as at 31 st January the Council had £50,369.47 in the bank account. No income received. There were no matters arising. Reserves: approx. £23892 (incl 6 months precept). Figures accepted.	
2024.2	Internal Control. Cllr Holden had looked through the paperwork, including bank statements, and confirmed all present and correct.	

2025.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Accumulated invoice for year to date – new contract	
SSE	Street light electricity (January payment)
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Agreed at meeting

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2026.0 PLANNING

2026.1 Application: 2025/0434/TCA. The Croft, 23 Kings Lane. Removal of Norway Maple. The Council has no objections to this application as the roots are causing issues with the stone wall surrounding the property.

2026.2 Sand & Gravel meeting – update. Noted.

2027.0 REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

2027.1 Brodie Lodge. All well, Immediate Justice Team are currently painting the play equipment

2027.2 Millennium Hall. Nothing to report

2027.3 Commonwealth Flags: Finial replaced and one spare received.

2027.4 Charities: Next meeting May.

2028.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC High Street match funding. 2022
- b. Kier Parish Satisfaction Survey. 2022
- c. EDF Update on solar farm. 2022
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- e. FPCC Justice Team. 2023.3
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- g. WNC Application, 2026.1
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2029.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Request for funding from Citizens Advice – March agenda
Cllr Anderson asked if the Clerk can find out whether Stagecoach can put on a double decker bus for the D2 at 0736 (Daventry to Northampton route), as when it gets to Flore it is standing room only. Clerk to email Stagecoach

Date of next meetings: 11th March, 8th April
Annual Parish Meeting 22nd April
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 13th May,
10th June, 8th July, 9 September, 14th October, 11th November

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Flood Warden
High Street / Climate Group (only if something to report)
Handrail extension on Ram Bank - if anything received
Field behind layby update
Removal of tree in closed churchyard

The meeting closed at 2012 hrs

Chair 11th March 2025

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AGENDA

Chair of Council: Mrs Christine Littlewood

Acceptance of Apologies for absence

- 2030.0** To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct regarding business to be discussed at this meeting
- 2031.0** **Public Forum** for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors
- 2032.0** To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th February 2025
- 2033.0** **To receive any updates on outstanding items** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
- Flooding issues – Flood Warden
 - To receive an update on the Land behind Holiday Inn
 - To note response from Injustice Team about clearing graffiti off bridges over bypass.
 - To note that Stagecoach has passed on request for a larger bus for the 7.32 service to Northampton to the local branch and will be back to us soon as possible with answer.
 - To note the status of the Commonwealth Disasters Relief Project
 - To note speakers at the APM will be Flooding – John Thomason – Flooding, and Helen Frost on the Land Army
- 2034.0** **To deal with general correspondence which may require a decision**
- 2034.1 To consider removal of a tree in the closed churchyard if quote received (planning approval needed)
- 2034.2 To consider the closure of the layby, adjacent to the Holiday Inn and note that work has been undertaken since our last meeting
- 2034.3 To consider allowing advertisements from outside the village in the Flore Messenger
- 2034.4 To note that Cllr Fellows will attend the WNC Local Plan briefing on the 3rd April
- 2034.5 Elections: To note the information from West Northants Council and to note that Cllr Fellows will be taking in his papers on the 20th March, if anyone wants him to take in theirs, please let him know.
- 2034.6 Bypass: To consider what can be done to stop accidents on the bypass and help traffic through the village at the same time
- 2035.0** **FINANCIAL/ADMIN MATTERS**
- 2035.1 Finance update, including income received since last meeting
- 2035.2 Internal control. Report on procedures since last meeting
- 2035.3 To consider a request for financial support for Citizens Advice

2036.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: under General Power of Competence

SSE	Street light electricity (Variable Direct Debit)	203.49
The Plastic People	Clear Polycarbonate sheets	925.44
February payments		1128.93

To be considered and agreed at the meeting

Halkett	Salary £769.50 plus office rent £17	786.50
HMRC	PAYE	220.54
Design to Print	Messenger	159.00
Millennium Hall	Library hall rent (three months)	75.00
G Fellows	Cleaner for bus stop	6.99
Information Commissioner	Data protection	52.00
Unity Trust	Service charge	6.00
Total		1306.03

2037.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 2037.1 Brodie Lodge Playing Field
- 2037.2 Millennium Hall
- 2037.3 Commonwealth Flags and Disaster Relief Fund
- 2037.4 Charities

2038.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC Land behind Holiday Inn. 2033
- b. Injustice Team Possible Work. 2033
- c. Stagecoach Request for larger bus. 2033
- d. WNC Layby adj Holiday Inn. 2034.2
- e. NCALC Local Plan briefing. 2034.4
- f. WNC Election info. 2034.5
- g. WNC Copy correspondence re bypass. 2034.6
- h. Citizens Advice Request for funding. 2035.3

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2040.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED**Items for inclusion at the next meeting**

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PRESENT: Councillors: Mr Andy Anderson, Miss Freya Davies, Mr Tom Higginson, Mr Geoff Holden,
Mr Simon Levell, Mrs Chris Littlewood, Mr John Thomason
Public: 2 Members of the public present
Unitary Cllr Mr Phil Bignell from item 2037.

Acceptance of Apologies for absence: Councillors: Mr Kev Beasley, Mrs Kathryn Baines, Mr Geoff Fellows
Unitary Cllr: Mr Phil Bignell (for the first part of the meeting)
Mr Charles Morton

Chair: Mrs Christine Littlewood

2030.0	Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct, regarding business tabled for discussion. Cllr Levell declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2034.6	
2031.0	Public Forum: for parishioners and reports by Unitary Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U/Cllr Bignell had sent through his report on the WNC budget, roads and recycling— all noted. Cllr Bignell joined the meeting later and advised that the gravel extraction application is going to be a 2 day Hearing (date to be confirmed) Both residents had come to listen to the meeting 	
2032.0	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th February 2025. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
2033.0	Outstanding items - updates (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood Warden: Residents at Brockhall Road had paid for someone to dig the ditches there. Cllr Thomason had reported the drains again. Tree over river at tin bridge has been cleared. Land behind Holiday Inn. Noted that WNC will be contacting owners re area at the bottom of the field; that planning consent was required for another owner. They are visiting again to check on the progress of clearance - chase May/June Immediate Justice Team. Noted that they cannot work on the bypass due to speed of vehicles. They have painted the play equipment at Brodie Lodge Stagecoach service 7.32 am Daventry-Northampton. Noted that they have passed on suggestion to have a larger bus on this route but nothing heard back since. Commonwealth Disasters Relief Project. This is still ongoing and events are being planned. Annual Parish Meeting. Flooding issues (John Thomason) and Land Army (Helen Frost) will be the speakers this year. 	May/June
2034.0	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE	
2034.1	Tree work – Closed Churchyard. Cllr Littlewood will speak again to WNC about whether a conifer which keeps shedding branches can be cut down as an emergency or whether planning consent is required. Two quotes of £680 and £1000 received; to be discussed once confirmation regarding consent is acquired.	Cllr Littlewood
2034.2	Layby by Holiday Inn. Noted that the two caravans have been removed, some litter picking has occurred. Councillors asked whether bins could be reinstalled once rest of litter has been removed. Immediate Justice Team may be able to help if WNC doesn't clear the site. Resolved: To not close the layby at present as residents who live adjacent it do not wish it to be closed.	
2034.3	Messenger: Request was to include advertising from outside the village Resolved: Not agreed to include outside company advertising at this stage.	
2034.4	Local Plan briefing. Noted that Cllr Fellows will attend	
2034.5	Elections. Confirmed that the Notice of Election has been received and posted. Nomination papers have been given to those who requested one. Cllr Fellows has an appointment to submit his papers and is willing to take in other people's forms at the same time.	
2034.6	Bypass: Can the Unitary Cllrs instigate a safety audit on this road which needs to be carried out as soon as possible. Cllrs understand the pitfalls of the undulating road and ask that all safety options are looked at. High Street: When bypass is closed traffic does move through the village albeit slowly. The question was asked could the priority change at such times. Cllr Higginson responded that the chicanes were the	Clerk

subject of considerable safety assessments at the time and these dictated the priority traffic flows.

2035.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 2035.1 Finance update. It was reported that as at 28th February the Council had £46,150.21 in the bank account. Messenger adverts received £235.00. There were no matters arising. Reserves: approx. £21000. Figures accepted.
- 2035.2 Internal Control. Cllr Holden had looked through the paperwork, including bank statements, and confirmed all present and correct.
- 2035.3 Request for financial support – Citizens Advice
Resolved: To give a small grant of £200 towards Citizens Advice. FD/AA

2036.0 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Accumulated invoice for year to date – new contract			
SSE	Street light electricity (January payment)		203.49
The Plastic People	Polycarbonate sheets		925.44
	February payments		1128.93
Agreed at meeting			
Halkett	Salary £769.50/office £17		786.50
HMRC	PAYE		220.54
Design to Print	Messenger		159.00
Millennium Hall	Library rent		75.00
G Fellows	Cleaning liquid for bus stop		6.99
Information Commissioner	Data protection licence		52.00
Unity Trust	Bank charges		6.00
S Drinkwater	Repair of bin (donation paid to this)		114.00
Citizens Advice	Donation (agreed at meeting)		200.00
	Monthly Total		1620.03

Awaiting SSE Street lighting invoice

2037.0 REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

- 2037.1 Brodie Lodge. Nothing to report
- 2037.2 Millennium Hall. Nothing to report, although ticket sales for the play are still available.
- 2037.3 Commonwealth Flags: A good display of flags was flying for Commonwealth Day
- 2037.4 Charities: Richard Capell meeting donated money to school and the URC/PCC youth groups.

2038.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. WNC Land behind Holiday Inn. 2033
- b. Injustice Team Possible Work. 2033
- c. Stagecoach Request for larger bus. 2033
- d. WNC Layby adj Holiday Inn. 2034.2
- e. NCALC Local Plan briefing. 2034.4
- f. WNC Election info. 2034.5
- g. WNC Copy correspondence re bypass. 2034.6
- h. Citizens Advice Request for funding. 2035.3

NCALC Updates and Training
 WNC Town & Parish Briefing
 WNC Media Updates
 WNC weekly planning register
 ACRE newsletter

2040.0 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

Cllr Fellows: Advised that the purchased cleaning product has removed the sticky Sellotape from the polycarbonate sheets on the bus shelter at Bricketts Lane and they are looking ok, so don't need replacing at present.

Holiday Inn: Following recent social media and complaint to a Cllr, a discussion took place regarding the residents of the hotel in Flore and the ongoing use of the hotel and support that could be given. Cllr Littlewood had spoken to the contact in charge of refuges. Cllr Higginson advised that he was having a meeting with the partnerships Manager at Serco on the 13th March to discuss the ongoing situation and support needed.

Date of next meetings: 8th April
Annual Parish Meeting 22nd April
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 13th May,
10th June, 8th July, 9 September, 14th October, 11th November

Items for inclusion on next meeting's agenda.

Flood Warden
High Street / Climate Group (only if something to report)
Handrail extension on Ram Bank - if anything received
Removal of tree in closed churchyard
Layby by Holiday Inn – only if something to report
Advisory signs on bus shelters
Land behind Holiday Inn – May/June

The meeting closed at 2010 hrs

Chair 8th April 2025