

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) **203.49**

Agreed at meeting

Salix	Street light loan	1829.42
Halkett	Salary £769.50/office £17	786.50
HMRC	PAYE	220.54
Design to Print	Messenger	159.00
Weedon Bec PC	Subscriptions/telephone	185.99
ACRE	Subscriptions	42.00
G Fellows	Finials for flag staffs	95.88
Unity Trust	Bank charges	6.00
	Monthly Total	3325.33

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

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

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

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