



**Minutes from the Full Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 3rd November 2025, Weldon Village Hall Annex
starting at 19:00**

Councillors Present	Jane Clowery, John Cooke, Janet Gibson, Jon Frohmaier, Angela Page (Chair), Mike Page, Colin Shepard and Graham Stray
Also Present	Claire Ducker (Clerk), Rural Cllrs Eddie McDonald (arrived at 19:30) and Barry O'Brien, and representatives from PHPNA

25.207 **Apologies received** from Cllrs Dowsett, Taylor, Vickers, PCSO Wallace and PC Crabb

25.208 **Declaration of Interest** - No declarations of interest were registered

25.209 **Crime Report** - PCSO Wallace was not in attendance, but had shared the following report. Councillors raised concerns over the recent business burglaries. Clerk to pass on these concerns to PCSO Wallace

Weldon Crime

- 2 Burglaries - businesses on Menzel Road
- Burglary - business on Kettering Road
- Vehicle Crime - Stamford Road

Priors Hall Crime

- Criminal damage - Harrier Close
- Complaints received regarding scooters and motorbikes along Park View

25.210 **Public Session** - no public present

25.211 **Rural Councillor report** - Rural Councillors Barry O'Brien and Eddie McDonald attended the NNC Chair Charity Ball. £4,000 was raised and split between The Kingswood Community Centre and The Autumn Centre charities.

Both were present at the recent NNC/WPC traffic meeting held on 28.10.2025. Full details at the traffic meeting being held on Wednesday 26th November via Zoom

Councillors raised their concerns regarding the Planning department in NNC and asked RCLlr O'Brien to follow this up.

Contact details are eddie.mcdonald@northnorthants.gov.uk and barry.obrien@northnorthants.gov.uk

25.212 **PHPNA Representatives** - Several residents have reported persistent high-pitched noises in the area. Environmental Health has advised that the matter does not fall within their remit and no department within North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) has yet accepted responsibility for investigating the issue. Clerk to formally write to NNC requesting clarification and appropriate action.

Fizzy Fridays will no longer happen due to the increase in youths attending from outside the area. Other events are in the planning, which include



music events for families. Security will be provided by Urban & Civic at these future events.

25.213 The minutes of the Full Parish Council Meetings, held on Monday 13th October, proposed by Cllr Shepard and seconded by Cllr Clowery and accepted by all. Signed by Cllr A Page

25.214 Finance - The Clerk read the following finance report:

A. As of this morning, 3rd November 2025, there is currently £247,483.66 across the two bank's accounts. As per the finance report circulated, £4,061.08 has been paid out between the October meeting and today. The current value of outstanding payments to be approved this evening is £4,066.94 which will leave a balance of £243,981.62, including a VAT claim of £564.90, which will be applied for after tonight's meeting.

The External Auditors have submitted their report, which will be discussed at the next Finance meeting, Wednesday 19th November
The following areas are to be reviewed:

- Section 1, Assertions 4, 5 and 7
- Section 2, Boxes 4, 6 and 9

B. Grant requests

- none received

The following payments were approved in line with current legislation

Payee	Payments - Reason	Amount	Power
Three	Wifi '3' for Unit	£23.00	LGA 1972, s111
Staff costs	October staff costs & expenses	£1,454.76	LGA 1972, s112
NPC Maintenance	Grass cutting October 2025	£1,653.05	OSA 1906, s09
NPC Maintenance	Maintenance for October 2025	£872.10	OSA 1906, s09
Citation	HR & Health and Safety package	£222.21	LGA 1972, s111
Unity Trust	Bank charges	£9.15	LGA 1972, s111
HMRC	PAYE	£254.95	LGA 1972, s112
C.Y.P.N.	Youth Worker Sept - Oct 2025	£1,790.80	LGA 1972, s112
Royal British Legion	Wreaths for remembrance	£130.00	LGA 1972, s145
NNC	Contribution to maintain Weldon Woodland Park	£1,200.00	S137
Ross Wallace Landscapes	Maintenance visits to Gander Field	£216.00	OSA 1906, s09
PHPCC	Rock Solid hall hire for October	£67.50	LGA 1972, s111
PHPCC	Hall hire for Youth Games night October	£36.00	LGA 1972, s111
PHPCC	Rock Solid hall hire for SEN Group October	£31.50	LGA 1972, s111
NNC	2025-2026 Business rates for Unit D1 (Sept)	£167.00	LGA 1972, s111
	TOTAL COSTS	£8,128.02	

C. The Clerk proposed that WPC move forward with the financial package from 'Scribe'. The adoption of the Scribe accounts package represents a significant step forward in bringing Weldon Parish Council's financial



processes in line with contemporary standards. Designed specifically for local councils, Scribe offers a secure, cloud-based platform that streamlines bookkeeping, automates reporting, and ensures compliance with statutory requirements. Looking ahead, the Auditors are recommending that the Parish Council transition to an approved accounts package.

- Costs involved: initial one off payment £719.00, then a monthly fee of £74
- Accepted by internal auditors
- A package specifically for Parish Council
- All Councillors have access to view, so they can see the budget at the click of a button

Councillors voted to proceed with the implementation of Scribe accounting software, with installation to be completed in preparation for the 2025/26 year-end and 2026/27 budget setting.

- **Votes in favour: 7**
- **Votes against: 1**

- D. Q2 budget 2025/26 was shared with Councillors before the meeting, no comments were received
- E. V1 Budget 2026/27 was shared with Councillors before the meeting. Councillors are reminded to share comments with the Clerk so these can be discussed at the next Finance meeting

25.215

Maintenance

- Kettering Road entrance to Hills & Hollows, Cllr Shepard to communicate with the Community Team for their help on this
- Gander Field, Cllr Shepard to ask Lloyd to quote for the removal of dead branches on the Ash Tree
- Tree work on the Triangle, a quote has been received at the cost of £820 + VAT. All voted for this to go ahead
- Community Pay Back Team Update - scheduled for w/c 17th November to dismantle the tank on the green, Cllr Shepard to confirm with the Team Supervisor
- Tree warden - no report, however, the Clerk to contact a company to quote for a complete survey on all trees located in Weldon Village owned by WPC
- Footpath warden report - continue to clear pathways around Weldon, fill up salt bins

25.216

Update on the supply of electricity to the Village Green - next steps

- Maps are showing a high-voltage cable running underneath the current tank on the green
- Investigations are required to check where all services are on site
- Cllr Shepard to ask Weston Power for a full map of the Village Green



showing the services

- Trying to check with NNC Planning if any permissions are required, RCllr E McDonald to chase
- RCllrs McDonald and O'Brien are willing to support the installation of the electricity and make financial contributions from their Empowerment Fund. Cllr Shepard to confirm costs and to share with them both and WPC Cllrs

25.217 Update on the consultation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan - Cllr Vickers was not in attendance, RCllrs commented that NNC requires the NDP to be submitted asap.

25.218 Planning Applications - Cllr M Page asked Cllrs to send him their comments on these applications

- Planning Notification 25/01021/LBC
 - 3-5 Chapel Road, widening of existing garage door and alterations to fenestration and internal alteration
 - Comments deadline 16.11.2025
- Planning Notification 25/01159/HFUL
 - 50 Silvester Road, angle storey rear extension
 - Comments deadline 21.11.2025
- Planning Notification 25/00822/LDP
 - 19 Larratt Road, Construction of hip to gable enlargement with box dormer across rear roof slope and insertion of roof light in front roof slope

25.219 Reports from Traffic Working Party meetings - Action log available on the website. The next traffic meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th November @ 18:30, via Zoom.

A recent NNC/WPC traffic meeting was held on 28.10.2025

- **Harvest Close** - Mulberry is working on a revised design for hard standing
- **A43 Crossing** - Persimmon Homes 3 planning applications for Weldon Park have been submitted to NNC, GK to look at all legal measures to secure the funding for the crossing, as there is S106 money available
- **Airfield Way** - Once Persimmon Homes have completed the works, it takes over 2 years for NNC to adopt this road
- **A43** - The application to reduce the speed limit on the A43 to 50 mph is currently in progress. RCllr McDonald has proposed that the stretch of the Weldon Bypass (from roundabout to roundabout) be set at 30 mph, although the current application requests a reduction to 40 mph for this section.

25.220 Weldon Wide, next publication, this issue will highlight the work WPC is undertaking within the Parish

- Cllr A Page has received the first draft from the publishers
- Christmas card from the Church will be included



- Delivery date end of November
- 25.221 Communication** - Cllr A Page asked Cllrs to email any comments to her by 10th November, following the recent documents circulated.
- 25.222 Training Courses**
- Clerk is booked on 'Budgeting for Clerks and Finance staff' course - 6th November 2025
 - Cllrs were reminded to send updated training logs to the Clerk.
- 25.223 To note any concerns raised by residents via email to the Clerk, reported on Fix My Street**
- A. Condition of bus stops on the High Street
 - B. Missing dropped kerb on Kettering Road, opposite Woodland Park, car park entrance
 - C. Newly laid footpath on Church Street, vegetation growing through the recently laid asphalt
 - D. Street Light out at the gated walkway, Deene End. Due to be repaired by E-on 24th November 2025
 - E. Walkway, Bridge Street to A43, bramble hedge overgrown - NNC have completed minor clearance, on NNC mowing programme twice yearly
 - F. Deene End, broken gate - NNC has detected repair required, schedule of repair within 180 days
 - G. Brambleside/Walnut Close overgrown hedges, bramble and grass cutting - NNC to complete works within 28 days
 - H. Cracks in the road on Woodland Road - NNC have detected repair required, schedule of repair within 180 days
 - I. Overgrown vegetation on Kettering Road - NNC have assessed and confirmed vegetation does not require being cut back at present, but will monitor this location on the highway inspection schedule
 - J. State of the Bus stop and rubbish bin on Corby Road
- 25.224 Future agenda items/business for future meetings. The nature of the future agenda items can be discussed at this point however, no decision can be made until the next meeting**
- The Weldon Parish notice board on the wall of the annex in the village hall needs updating
 - Cllr A Page to contact local company
 - Clerk to check dates and names
- 25.225 Date of next meeting - Monday 1st December 2025 @ 19:00 at Weldon Village Hall, annex**

This being all the business, Cllr A Page closed the meeting at 20:13

Signed <i>A Page</i>	Date 1st December 2025
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