



**Minutes from the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026,
Weldon Village Hall Annex starting at 19:00**

Councillors Present	Jane Clowery, Peter Dowsett, John Cooke, Janet Gibson, Jon Frohmaier, Angela Page (Chair), Michael Page, Graham Stray, Colin Shepard and Kane Taylor (arrived at 19:48)
Also Present	Claire Ducker (Clerk) Rural Cllrs Barry O'Brien and Eddie McDonald (both left at 19:51), 2 representatives from PHPNA and PCSO Wallace (arrived at 19:23)

25.244 **Apologies received and accepted** from Cllr Vickers

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

25.246 **Crime Report** - PCSO Wallace arrived late, but had shared the following report:

Crime Figures for December and January

Weldon Crime

- Dog causing injury - Seawell Road
- Theft on High Street - issues with tenant
- Criminal Damage to site - Jacob Court
- Burglary - Starbuck, Corby Road
- Theft - Dolan Drive
- Robbery - Sainsbury's, Jacob Court
- Theft - Corby Road
- Theft - Halls Close, parcel stolen from front door
- Criminal damage to vehicle - Church Walk

Priors Hall Crime

- Burglary - Charlock Drive, 2 boilers stolen
- Theft - Charlock Drive, 3-tonne digger
- Vehicle Crime - Canons Close
- Robbery - Sainsbury's

25.247 **Public Session** - no public present. The Clerk had received an email regarding no pathway access to 3 Oundle Road, Rural Cllr E McDonald will reply to resident, Clerk to forward the email to him

25.248 **Rural Councillor report** - Rural Councillor Barry O'Brien provided an update from the Council meeting held on 11 February 2026, including confirmation of an approved of 4.99% increase to Council Tax.

Where the money comes from:

- Council Tax: 54.2%-£217.13 million
- Business Rates: 28%-£112.47 million
- Grants & other external funding: 16.5%-£66.16 million
- Use of reserves: 1.3%-£5.10 million
- **Total resources: £400.85 million**



Where the money goes:

- Adult Social care: 40.3%-£161.75 million
- Support for Children's Services: 22.3%-£89.21 million
- Highways, Waste & Assets Management: 17.70%-£71.00 million
- Enabling services including Customer Services, Revenues & Benefits & support services: 10.90%-£43.67 million
- Corporate Core(including borrowing costs etc...): 4.0%-£15.96 million
- Housing, Communities, Culture & Leisure: 3%-£12.12 million
- Growth & Regeneration: 1.00%-£3.87 million
- Regulatory Services(including Trading Standards, Environmental Health & Building Control): 0.8%-£3.27 million
- **Total expenditure: £400.85 million**

Rural Cllr Eddie McDonald gave the following report:

- Lack of street lighting on Kettering Road, a query has been submitted.
- Still querying the removal of the dropped kerb on Kettering Road leading to Weldon Woodland Park
- Pot holes, Corby Road and the High Street have been reported, a new tarmac is being used
- Steel Road is due to be closed in October and the whole road is to be resurfaced, costing approx £1 million
- Reports of 12,361 in 2024 and 15,406 in 2025, currently 4000+ are still awaiting repair
- Still having issues getting in contact with the planning department regarding the installation of electricity on the green, Eddie agreed to chase this
- Toxic Town - data is gathered from the National Health Service, local GPs and KGH. Information has gone to London, Professor Whiteley - no increase in reported cases within a five-mile radius of the area
- Gretton Brook river - water has been tested, no issues have been reported from these tests

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

25.249 Neighbourhood Representatives - PHPNA have submitted a formal objection regarding the licence application for the Deene Festival, JT to share with the Clerk. During the recent open evening at CBA, concerns were raised regarding traffic congestion and parking pressures. WPC confirmed its support for progressing the installation of double yellow lines. However, Highways has not fulfilled its responsibilities, despite the TRO having been paid for six years ago. PHPNA is working with PHP Management Company to get the refund.

Documents for PHPNA can be found on

<https://app.box.com/s/ttdc44b99ri14devb0o41rhfo6bkohfc>

25.250 The minutes of the Full Parish Council Meetings, held on Monday 1st December, proposed by Cllr Shepard, seconded by Cllr Frohaimer and accepted by all. Signed by Cllr A Page



25.251 Update on the consultation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan - Cllr
Vickers was not in attendance, but confirmed he would get in contact with Umrah at NNC. Councillors shared their concerns that it has still not been completed

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

- Still awaiting confirmation from NNC Planning if any permissions are required, RCllr McDonald to chase

25.253 Finance - The Clerk read the following finance report:

A. As of this morning, 2nd February 2026, there is currently £208,136.60 across the two bank accounts. As per the finance report circulated, £7,830.73 has been paid out between the December meeting and today. The current value of outstanding payments to be approved this evening is £6,566.22, which will leave a balance of £202,606.40. This includes a VAT claim of £1,032.02, which will be applied for after tonight's meeting.

The following payments were approved in line with current legislation

Payee	Payments for December & January - Reason	Amount	Power
Three	Wifi '3' for Unit	£46.00	LGA 1972, s111
Staff costs	December & January staff costs & expenses	£3,108.11	LGA 1972, s112
NPC Maintenance	Maintenance December & January	£1,966.72	OSA 1906, s09
Ross Wallace Landscapes Ltd	Various maintenance scheduled tasks	£1,164.00	OSA 1906, s09
Citation	HR & Health and Safety package	£463.42	LGA 1972, s111
Utility Warehouse	Electricity supply to Unit	£452.27	LGA 1972, s111
Unity Trust	Bank charges	£20.10	LGA 1972, s111
HMRC	PAYE	£509.70	LGA 1972, s112
Scribe	Scribe accounts monthly fee	£177.60	LGA 1972, s111
Claret & Blue Plant Nursery	Maintenance of War Memorial	£400.00	OSA 1906, s09
One Stope Leaflet Drop	Delivery of Weldon Wide & Christmas Cards	£621.60	LGA 1972, s112
NCALC	Training courses	£97.20	LGA 1972, s112
PHPCC	Rock Solid hall rental	£262.50	LGA 1972, s111
NNC	2025-2026 Business rates for Unit D1	£167.00	LGA 1972, s111
CYPN	Youth Worker Nov - Dec	£1,790.80	LGA 1972, s112
PDEC	Youth Worker PAYE	£1,923.12	LGA 1972, s112
Eddison	Unit rental 01.26 - 03.26	£1,200.00	LGA 1972, s111
SLCC	Membership 2026	£200.00	LGA 1972, s111
	TOTAL COSTS	£14,570.14	

B. Grant requests

- £399.00 Weldon Park Neighbourhood Association, Public Liability Insurance

This grant was approved and authorised by all Councillors. As per the grant agreement, we ask WPNA to send their minutes to WPC, helped by taking up our invite to attend or report to full council meetings



- C. Plant expense request of £550.87
 - Cllr Shepard requested this spend to purchase new spring bulbs and plants, all councillors agreed to this spend
- D. Review and approve the updated grant policy and application form
 - The updated policy and application form was review and agreed upon and adopted by all councillors for this to replace the old versions

25.254 **Parking on grass areas around the village** - 'No driving or parking on the grass' signs have now been purchased and will be installed around the village by the caretaker. We have also issued reminders on Facebook asking residents to avoid parking on these areas. If the problem continues, the Council will need to consider installing permanent measures to protect the grassed spaces.

25.255 **Deene Festival - update from Cllr Frohmaier** - The event is scheduled to take place from 19th June 2026 to 21st June 2026, with only three stages proposed this year compared with the seven used at the previous event run by Illusive. A licence application has been submitted requesting permission for the event to operate until 4am on all three nights. Cllrs Frohmaier and A Page will prepare an objection letter to this application.

Requests have been made for a site visit to take place before the event, along with sound checks, and for a dedicated contact number to be provided for any issues arising over the weekend. It has also been requested that discounted tickets be offered to all residents of Weldon Parish, not just those living in PHP.

25.256 **Reporting to Highways** - update from Cllr A Page. Cllr A Page has received slides from recent meeting but doesn't find them useful. These will be shared with all Councillors. Cllr A Page has written to Gordon Bowie at NNC Highways but still awaits a reply.

25.257 **Planning Applications** -

- Planning Notification 25/01619/FUL
 - Priors Hall Golf Club, NN17 3JH, car park extension
- Planning Notification 25/00994/REM
 - PHP Phas 1 primary school, 3 form entry
- Planning Notification 25/01385/FUL
 - Land west of Iron Pits Wood, change of use of land

Councillors were reminded to send their comments to the Clerk to submit

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

- An appeal has been submitted following the rejection of the 20mph application for Weldon Village, waiting for the appeal panel to meet and respond.

25.259 **Maintenance**

- Community Pay Back Team Update from Cllr Shepard, they are currently working with NNC
- Tree warden - report from Cllr Shepard,
 - Large branch washed down Willowbrook has been removed by the Environment Agency



- Footpath warden report - salt has been added to the salt bins
- Cllr Shepard reported that there is a problem with owners of dogs not picking up their dogs' mess
 - Use of a wildlife camera was agreed to be installed

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Training Courses

- Clerk & Cllr A Page - Taking the GRR out the AGAR - 12.01.2026
- Clerk - training on the new Scribe accounting systems - ongoing
- Clerk & Cllr A Page - A Clerk & Councillor's introductions to AI - 27.01.2026
- Clerk - Scribe Accounts - Budgeting & Reserves - 04.02.2026

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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 - raise this issue with the Rural Councillors
- 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. Walkway, Bridge Street to A43, bramble hedge overgrown - NNC have completed minor clearance, on NNC mowing programme twice yearly
- E. Deene End, broken gate - NNC has detected repair required, schedule of repair within 180 days
- F. Brambleside/Walnut Close overgrown hedges, bramble and grass cutting - NNC to complete works within 28 days
- G. Cracks in the road on Woodland Road - NNC have detected repair required, schedule of repair within 180 days
- H. 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. Cllrs Dowsett and Shepard to dig trenches to show the width of the pathway
- I. State of the Bus stop and rubbish bin on Corby Road - raise this issue with the Rural Councillors
- J. Large branch washed down Willowbrook has been reported to the Environment Agency - now removed

25.262

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

- Cllr A. Page requested that the old laptop belonging to the previous Clerk, which is no longer suitable for Council use, be donated to the church. All Councillors agreed to this. The Clerk will clear the device and restore it to factory settings before it is passed on.
- Cllr M Page informed the Parish Council that he will be stepping down at the end of his term in April 2026.



- The Weldon Parish notice board on the wall of the annex in the village hall needs updating
 - Cllr A Page to contact a local company
 - Clerk to check dates and names

25.263 Date of next meeting - Monday 2nd March 2026 @ 19:00 at Weldon Village Hall, annex

This being all the business, Cllr A. Page closed the meeting at 20:56 and asked the public to leave, as a closed meeting was to follow.

Signed <i>A Page</i>	Date 2nd March 2026
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