

HEMINGTON,LUDDINGTON AND THURNING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Hemington, Luddington and Thurning Parish Council held on **Thursday 10 July 2025** at 19:30 hrs in Luddington Church.

Present: Cllr P Dawson (L), Cllr P Harkness (H), Cllr G Paskell (T) (Chairman)
Cllr A Whitehall (T), Cllr A Wills (L)

In attendance: Mr R Allinson (Clerk to the Council)

Ref:	Item	Action
	Meeting Chairman As neither the Acting Chairman nor the Vice-Chairman were present, Cllr G Paskell was agreed as Chairman until item 3.	
25.07.01	Apologies for absence and approval thereof Apologies were received from Cllr Capp (Work commitments), Cllr Gibson (medical), Cllr Wills (family issues). These absences were approved. No apologies were received from Cllr Mallett [Post meeting note: apologies received – transport difficulties].	
25.07.02	Declaration of Interests There were no declarations of interest in relation to the items on the agenda.	
25.07.03	Election of a Chairman in place of the acting Chairman Cllr Paskell was proposed and approved as the Chairman for the year. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.	
25.07.04	Public Forum No members of the public were present.	
25.07.05	North Northamptonshire Council Report No members of NNC were present.	

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25.07.06	Approval of Minutes of Meeting 8 May 2025 The minutes had been circulated to Councillors shortly after the meeting and posted on the website. The minutes were approved as a true record and signed afterwards by the Chairman.	
25.07.07	Matters Arising from minutes a) The Actions Checklist prepared by the Clerk was received . The Clerk reported on outstanding matters and reported that he had written to Cllr Shacklock of NNC following his retirement from the role and had received a warm reply. b) No further items were raised.	
25.07.08	Planning Matters a) No applications had been notified up to the meeting date. b) The summary report of active planning applications was received . c) Cllr Capp had advised that he had been unable to speak at the Planning Committee regarding the Castle farm development at Thrapston. The application had been refused by the Planning Committee and the appeal (already in process) was continuing. The Planning Committee had met the previous day to consider the Glebe land application adjacent to the Castle Farm one. This had been approved and it is yet unclear if this will go to appeal. The Clerk had received a draft document drawing together, under relevant headings, the objections by Parish Councils regarding Castle Farm as a briefing document for the barrister commissioned by the STAUNCH pressure group to present these issues in the appeal. This had been circulated to Councillors earlier in the day. It was agreed that the document reasonably represented the objections raised by this council and the Clerk should respond indicating this agreement.	
25.07.09	Financial Report a) The Clerk presented a report on the current bank position showing a balance of £16,056.67 at the end of June. Income and Expenditure is broadly in line with budget, though around half of expenditure relates to payments for the traffic calming project which comes from designated funds. There is an outstanding VAT reclaim to make that will be approximately £1,000.	Clerk 31/07/25

	<p>b) The following payments were approved:</p> <table><tr><td>Luddington Church</td><td>£40.00</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk expenses quarter to 30th June 2025</td><td>£116.81</td></tr><tr><td>DCK Payroll June quarter</td><td>£30.00*</td></tr><tr><td>Safelincs – Defibrillator replacement pads</td><td>£210.00*</td></tr></table> <p>* Items marked with an asterisk include recoverable VAT</p> <p>The Safelincs item only covers one set of replacement pads. It was agreed to defer replacement of Hemington pads until next April so that costs can be spread over financial years.</p> <p>c) After debate and a vote, it was agreed not to make a contribution from Parish Council funds to the costs of the appeal in respect of the Castle Farm planning application.</p>	Luddington Church	£40.00	Clerk expenses quarter to 30 th June 2025	£116.81	DCK Payroll June quarter	£30.00*	Safelincs – Defibrillator replacement pads	£210.00*	
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25.07.10	<p>Thurning Pocket Park Renovation</p> <p>a) The Clerk reported that Cllr Capp had provided details of work in the twelve years running up to the application for possessory title, and that this had been made into a Statutory Declaration which was sworn in front of a solicitor at Vincent Sykes (£70 in Clerk expenses). This had been acknowledged by Land Registry quite quickly and some further queries raised re boundaries which have been responded to. We await further correspondence.</p>									
25.07.11	<p>Training</p> <p>There had been no training since the last meeting.</p>									
25.07.12	<p>Highways/Footpaths/Public Rights of Way</p> <p>a) The Clerk reported that the installation of posts and the Section 50 licence had now been paid for, and he had received an electronic copy of the signed Section 50 licence. Enquiries of Kier regarding installation of the posts indicate they should be in place before the next meeting.</p> <p>b) Only one item now remains in relation to chevrons at a 90° bend. No response has been received from NNC re painting 30mph roundels on the road. The report was received.</p> <p>c) No meeting of the Old Footpath group has yet been held. A meeting will be arranged before the September meeting.</p>	Clerk 31/7/25								

25.07.13	Police Liaison Representative Report (PLR) The Clerk referred to the PLR update recently provided by NCALC. Attention was drawn to the entry regarding the Rural Crime Team. It was agreed to put the Rural Crime Team contact officer details on the village WhatsApps and to publish in Branches.	
25.07.14	Correspondence and Council Briefings a) The log of correspondence received was reviewed . Outstanding items were reviewed and the log will be updated. Actions are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to re-circulate the email re election expenses to ensure full compliance; • Clerk to forward correspondence re Climate and Nature Champions to Cllr Strelczuk. 	Clerk 15/7/25 Clerk 15/7/25
25.07.15	Any Other Business No items were raised for future meetings.	
25.07.16	Meeting dates for 2025 The future dates for the meetings in 2025 were noted . The meeting on 11 th September is to be moved to Thurning Village Hall due to building works at Hemington Village Hall. The November meeting should be possible in Hemington Village Hall, but will be reviewed at the September meeting..	
25.07.17	Close of Meeting The meeting closed at 20:24 hrs	

Signed by Chairman

Date

11 September 2025