

HEMINGTON,LUDDINGTON AND THURNING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Hemington, Luddington and Thurning Parish Council held on **Thursday 11 September 2025** at 19:30 hrs in Thurning Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Capp (T), Cllr P Dawson (L), Cllr J Gibson (H), Cllr P Harkness (H), Cllr I Mallett (L), Cllr G Paskell (T) (Chairman), Cllr K Strelczuk (H), Cllr A Whitehall (T), Cllr A Wills (L)

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

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25.09.01	Apologies for absence and approval thereof There were no apologies as all members were present.	
25.09.02	Declaration of Interests There were no declarations of interest in relation to the items on the agenda. The Clerk confirmed that the Register of Interests on the North Northamptonshire website had now been completed by all Councillors – copies are recorded on the Parish Council website.	
25.09.03	Public Forum No members of the public were present.	
25.09.04	North Northamptonshire Council Report No members of NNC were present.	
25.09.05	Approval of Minutes of Meeting 10 July 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.	
25.09.06	Matters Arising from minutes a) The Actions Checklist prepared by the Clerk was received . The Clerk reported on outstanding matters. It was agreed that items 153 and 238 could be removed.	

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	b) No further items were raised.	
25.09.07	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>a) An application had been received the previous day for Silverhills in Thurning. The Clerk was asked to respond to the Planning Department advising broad support, but asking for a condition in regard to external lighting to meet our Management of Light Pollution (Dark Skies) Policy.</p> <p>b) The summary report of active planning applications was received. The Clerk advised that the Prior Notice Application regarding Home Farm in Thurning had been refused by the Planning Department as it did not meet the requirements for such an application.</p> <p>c) Cllr Capp advised he had attended a hearing of the planning appeal for the Castle Farm development at Thrapston, and had been able to speak outlining our concerns re traffic on the A605 – these points were also raised by other speakers. The outcome of the appeal should be published fairly shortly.</p> <p>It was noted that a recent application for a solar farm near Titchmarsh had been refused on appeal due to the impact on the landscape. The decision of North Northants Council to approve the Glebe Land development (adjacent to the Castle Farm development) has been challenged by the STAUNCH pressure group as it is inconsistent with the Council's decision on Castle Farm.</p>	Clerk 4/10/25
25.09.08	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>a) The Clerk advised that PKF Littlejohn (nationally appointed auditors) had confirmed acceptance of this Parish Council's exemption from audit for the 2024/25 year.</p> <p>b) The Clerk presented a report on the current bank position showing a balance of £16,806.74 at the end of August. Cllr Wills reviewed and signed the bank reconciliations for August and June. Income and Expenditure is broadly in line with budget, though more than half of expenditure relates to payments for the traffic calming project which comes from designated funds. An outstanding VAT reclaim to has been made that reduced the costs for Thurning Weir, Road Safety Project and for general income.</p>	

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	<p>c) The following payments were approved:</p> <table><tr><td>Parish Online – subscription renewal</td><td>£28.80*</td></tr><tr><td>Elan City – Speed Monitoring Sign</td><td>£3,107.99</td></tr><tr><td>Safelincs – Defibrillator replacement pads</td><td>£433.98*</td></tr></table> <p>* Items marked with an asterisk include recoverable VAT The Safelincs was increased to cover both machines – the pads are in short supply as the machines became end of life in 2019 and pads may not be available in the future.</p>	Parish Online – subscription renewal	£28.80*	Elan City – Speed Monitoring Sign	£3,107.99	Safelincs – Defibrillator replacement pads	£433.98*	
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25.09.9	<p>Thurning Pocket Park Renovation</p> <p>a) The Clerk reported further queries raised by the Land Registry, and advised he had written with responses (initially lost and then processed after re-sending as tracked post.) A representative from Ordnance Survey had visited 5th September to check that boundaries correspond with the map – only minor discrepancies were found which are within tolerances. We await further correspondence from Land Registry.</p>							
25.09.10	<p>Training</p> <p>a) There had been no training since the last meeting. It was agreed to wait until 2026 for further instances of the Responding to Planning Applications course – the Clerk to circulate any slides received from the one he attended.</p> <p>b) It was noted that the Clerk would attend the NCALC conference on behalf of the council.</p>	Clerk 21/9/25						
25.09.11	<p>Highways/Footpaths/Public Rights of Way</p> <p>a) The Clerk reported that installation of the first three posts is now complete. The speed sign had been ordered and delivered to Cllr Gibson – the contents of the package received were explained and prices had been obtained should additional items be required. It was agreed that an initial trial period should take place in Hemington, managed by Cllrs Gibson and Harkness. A report would be made to the next meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk should draft a possible leaflet drop to residents explaining the Road safety Project.</p> <p>b) The report was received.</p> <p>c) No meeting of the Old Footpath working group has yet been held. An initial meeting will be held between Cllr Dawson and the Clerk to draft the paperwork in relation to the second path in Luddington that has been identified. A</p>	Clerk 16/9/25 Clerk 15/10/25						

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	meeting of the working group will then be called to review this and establish whether there are any paths in Thurning worth applying for.	
25.09.12	Police Liaison Representative Report (PLR) The Clerk advised that there were no significant items to bring to the council's attention. There is a commitment for the Chief Constable for local police staff to meet with all Parish Councils at least annually. The Clerk will make further attempts to schedule attention at a meeting..	Clerk 30/9/25
25.09.13	Correspondence and Council Briefings a) The log of correspondence received was reviewed . Outstanding items were reviewed and the log will be updated. It was agreed that items 1479, 1508, 1528, and 1544 were complete and could be closed.	
25.09.14	Any Other Business No items were raised for future meetings.	
25.09.15	Meeting dates for 2025 The meeting on 13 th November is to be moved to Thurning Village Hall due to building works at Hemington Village Hall. The future dates for the meetings in 2026 were noted – with Thurning meetings to be held in Hemington to re-store balance of venue usage.	
25.09.16	Close of Meeting The meeting closed at 20:44 hrs	

Signed by Chairman

Date 13 November 2025