

## HEMINGTON,LUDDINGTON AND THURNING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Hemington, Luddington and Thurning Parish Council held on **Thursday 8 January 2026** 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 Wills (L)

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

Ref:	Item	Action
26.01.01	<b>Apologies for absence and approval thereof</b> There were no apologies as all members were present.	
26.01.02	<b>Declaration of Interests</b> There were no declarations of interest in relation to the items on the agenda.	
26.01.03	<b>Council Membership</b> The Clerk confirmed that no nominations for membership of the Council had been received by North Northamptonshire election services in response to the vacancy arising from the resignation of Cllr A Whitehall. The Council is able to co-opt an eligible candidate to this role. Cllr Capp advised he had discussed this with Ms Rosemary Drewery who will shortly be resident in Thurning and who meets the eligibility criteria. She is proposed by Cllr Paskell and seconded by Cllr Capp. The Clerk confirmed he has received a suitably completed nomination form and that Ms Drewery consents to be a member. Ms Rosemary Drewery was co-opted as a member representing Thurning by unanimous approval.	

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26.01.04	<b>Public Forum</b> No members of the public were present.							
26.01.05	<b>North Northamptonshire Council Matters</b> a) No members of NNC were present. <b>b) Community Governance Review</b> It was <b>agreed</b> that no changes were considered necessary to the parishes (given that the boundaries match those for the Church) or the size of the Council. The Clerk will monitor the process to ensure that the Council's views are put forward.	Clerk 28/02/26						
26.01.06	<b>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 13 November 2025</b> The minutes had been circulated to Councillors shortly after the meeting and posted on the website. The minutes were <b>approved</b> as a true record and signed afterwards by the Chairman.							
26.01.07	<b>Matters Arising from minutes</b> a) The Actions Checklist prepared by the Clerk was <b>received</b> . The Clerk reported on outstanding matters. b) No further items were raised.							
26.01.10	<b>Financial Report</b> a) The Clerk presented a report on the current bank position showing a balance of £11,879.32 at the end of December. 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, and of which £189.24 remains available to spend. b) The following payments were <b>approved</b> : <table border="1" data-bbox="371 1451 1249 1585"> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses to 31 December 2025</td> <td>£80.19*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CPRE – Subscription for 2026</td> <td>£60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DCK Payroll (September &amp; December)</td> <td>£48.00*</td> </tr> </table> * Items marked with an asterisk include recoverable VAT c) The draft budget circulated with the papers was reviewed and considered appropriate. The total <b>approved</b> budget is £6,052 as follows:	Clerk Expenses to 31 December 2025	£80.19*	CPRE – Subscription for 2026	£60.00	DCK Payroll (September & December)	£48.00*	Clerk 22/01/26
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		Budget 2026-27	
	<b>Payments</b>	£	
	Clerk Costs	3,400	
	Insurance	390	
	Hall Rental	160	
	Subscriptions	455	
	Audit	288	
	Website	245	
	Office Costs	200	
	Maintenance	600	
	Training Costs	150	
	Unitary Council charges	0	
	Expenses	225	
	Contingency/ Grants Given	139	
	VAT recoverable	(200)	
	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>6,052</b>	
	d) It was <b>agreed</b> to set the precept for 2026-27 at £6,052 and the Clerk was authorised to advise NNC of this figure.		Clerk 19/01/26
	e) A requirement under the governance section of the audit will be to confirm adherence to government guidelines regarding the accessibility of the website. It was <b>noted</b> that the Clerk had followed NCALC advice in assessing the accessibility, and that the review using the WAVE tool had shown a good score of 9.9 out of 10. It was <b>agreed</b> that it would be unduly onerous to revisit existing documents on the website to correct them. The Accessibility Statement was <b>agreed</b> (subject to any minor amendments for accuracy advised by Vision ICT) and that the Clerk should liaise with Vision ICT so that this may be published on the website in accordance with government guidelines. The Clerk advised that Vision ICT are recommending that the Council obtains an SSL certificate for the website, strengthening security. He has experience of this elsewhere and concurs with their advice. It was <b>agreed</b> to proceed with an SSL certificate at an annual cost of £50.		Clerk 31/01/26  Clerk 31/01/26
26.01.09	<b>Speed Indicator Device (SID)</b> The Clerk advised that he had received a quote for two additional solar panels, plus two additional fixing brackets for the SID itself. The cost of £900.08 was in excess of the budget of £700 approved at the last meeting, so he had not confirmed		

	<p>the purchase. It was <b>agreed</b> to purchase the items at the quoted price to ensure ongoing flexibility in use of the sign. Cllr Gibson advised that the most recent data in Hemington showed that 98% of vehicles were adhering to the speed limit. It is expected that this will not be the position when the sign is sited at Luddington.</p>	<p>Clerk 31/01/26</p>
26.01.10	<p><b>Highways/Footpaths/Public Rights of Way</b></p> <p>a) In relation to the application for the re-instatement of the footpath from Luddington to the Winwick Road, the Clerk advised he now has the required land ownership details and can complete the forms. There will be a final check through with Cllr Dawson before submitting.</p> <p>b) The report of items referred to FixMyStreet was <b>received</b>. The request for a mirror on the junction of the road from Barnwell with the Polebrook to Hemington road had not been accepted by NNC – Cllr Gibson will explore options with the adjoining landowner.</p> <p>c) The possibility of bus services to extend to Luddington and Thurning was reported by Councillors as of interest and the Clerk will write to the operator to see if a re-route is possible on a Ring to Request basis.</p> <p>d) It was <b>confirmed</b> that the Council does not wish to put forward projects to NNC under the Local Transport Grant Scheme. Some small items mentioned were considered unlikely to be sufficient large to be accepted.</p>	<p>Clerk 14/02/26</p> <p>Cllr Gibson 28/2/26</p> <p>Clerk 31/01/26</p>
26.01.11	<p><b>Planning Matters</b></p> <p>a) The summary report of active planning applications was <b>received</b>.</p> <p>b) No further planning applications had been notified up to the date of the meeting.</p> <p>c) The purpose and progress of the BIG50 project was <b>noted</b>. The Council agreed to monitor progress and support where appropriate.</p> <p>d) The Clerk gave an update on the Housing Survey which has been delayed due to staff illness.</p>	
26.01.12	<p><b>Training</b></p> <p>a) The Clerk had circulated a summary of training that has taken place and is proposed which was <b>received</b>. He will continue to explore options for a Whole Council course for</p>	<p>Clerk 20/11/25</p>

	<p>'What is Neighbourhood Planning'. The Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas course was not felt to be useful due to the small number of listed buildings in the Council area.  <i>[Post meeting note: there are only 7 listed buildings including the 3 churches.]</i></p>	
26.01.13	<p><b>Police Liaison Representative Report (PLR)</b>  The PLR report for December provided by the Police had been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk's summary report was <b>received</b>.</p>	
26.01.14	<p><b>Thurning Pocket Park Renovation</b>  a) The Clerk advised he had identified information from 1839 Enclosures held by Huntingdon records Office. This may throw light on the land ownership and he will pursue in due course.</p>	Clerk 31/03/26
26.01.15	<p><b>Correspondence and Council Briefings</b>  a) The log of correspondence received was <b>reviewed</b>. Items 1720 and 1749 had been completed prior to the meeting.</p>	
26.01.16	<p><b>Any Other Business</b>  Items were raised for future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luddington Defibrillator</li> <li>• Insurances – summary of cover.</li> </ul>	
26.01.17	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  The next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Hemington Village Hall.</p>	
26.01.18	<p><b>Close of Meeting</b>  The meeting closed at 20:36 hrs</p>	

Signed by Chairman 

Date

  
12 March 2026