

HEMINGTON, LUDDINGTON AND THURNING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Hemington, Luddington and Thurning Parish Council held on **Thursday 12 March 2026** at 19:30 hrs in Hemington Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Capp (T), Cllr P Dawson (L) [from item 26.03.07], Cllr R Drewery (T), Cllr J Gibson (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)

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26.03.01	Apologies for absence and approval thereof Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Harkness – Holiday. The absence was approved.	
26.03.02	Declaration of Interests There were no declarations of interest in relation to the items on the agenda.	
26.03.03	Northamptonshire Police Report No representative from Northamptonshire Police was present due to sickness. Their attendance will be re-scheduled, hopefully to May.	
26.03.04	Public Forum No members of the public were present.	
26.03.05	North Northamptonshire Council Matters No members of NNC were present.	
26.03.06	Approval of Minutes of Meeting 8 January 2026 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.	

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26.03.07	<p>Matters Arising from minutes</p> <p>a) The Actions Checklist prepared by the Clerk was received. The Clerk reported on outstanding matters. A resident of Hemington had volunteered to repaint the Hemington phone box (item 186) – it was agreed to accept the offer.</p> <p>b) No further items were raised.</p>											
26.03.08	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>a) The Clerk presented a report on the current bank position showing a balance of £11,691.13 at the end of February. Income and Expenditure is broadly in line with budget, though less is being spent on Clerk costs as there have been no Extraordinary meetings and more than half of expenditure relates to payments for the traffic calming project which comes from designated funds. Cllr Wills reviewed and signed the file copy of the bank reconciliation.</p> <p>b) The following payments were approved:</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>NACRE subscription to 31 March 2027 - £35 + VAT</td> <td>£42.00*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NCALC training for Clerk and Cllr Drewery</td> <td>£105.60*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurning Village Hall – 1 x meeting rental</td> <td>£20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Northants Council – 2025 election costs</td> <td>£70.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elan City – solar panels and fixings for speed sign</td> <td>£1,080.10*</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* Items marked with an asterisk include recoverable VAT</p> <p>c) The schedule of insurances was reviewed, noting in particular the levels of cover for Public Liability and Employers Liability. The Clerk advised that he may increase the Street Furniture cover slightly at the next renewal in May to account for the extra solar panels purchased for the Speed sign.</p>	NACRE subscription to 31 March 2027 - £35 + VAT	£42.00*	NCALC training for Clerk and Cllr Drewery	£105.60*	Thurning Village Hall – 1 x meeting rental	£20.00	North Northants Council – 2025 election costs	£70.00	Elan City – solar panels and fixings for speed sign	£1,080.10*	
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26.03.09	<p>Employment Matters</p> <p>The Chairman reported that he and the Vice Chairman (acting under the Terms of Reference for the Remuneration Committee) had reviewed information in relation to the Clerk’s performance for the year. Their recommendation to the Council is that the Clerk’s performance has been satisfactory and that he should therefore progress one point up the pay scale on 1 April 2026 in line with clause 9.2 of his contract of employment. This recommendation was approved.</p>											

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	The Chairman will confirm in writing to the Clerk as evidence for payroll.	
26.03.10	<p>Policy Approvals</p> <p>a) The Clerk advised that he had (as Responsible Financial Officer) reviewed the Financial Risk Assessment and had not identified any new risks. It was agreed that no changes were required and that the Clerk should update the policy to indicate this review.</p> <p>b) The Clerk submitted an updated Reserves Policy. The categories remain unaltered but the amounts have been updated to reflect the estimated position at 31 March 2026. It was agreed to accept these changes – the Clerk to update the policy document.</p> <p>c) The Terms of Reference for the Remuneration Committee were noted as overdue for review. Following review, and its use by the Chairman and Vice Chairman in relation to item 26.03.09, it was agreed that no changes were required. The Clerk will update to indicate this review.</p>	<p>Clerk 31/3/26</p> <p>Clerk 31/3/26</p> <p>Clerk 31/3/26</p>
26.03.11	<p>Community Governance Review</p> <p>The response to the consultation submitted by the Clerk was noted.</p>	
26.03.12	<p>Traffic Monitoring</p> <p>Cllr Gibson advised that the sign had now been moved to Luddington. Cllr Dawson advised that Martin Silcock and Lucy Price had agreed to manage the sign when in Luddington – she will provide them with Cllr Gibson’s contact details so that he may pass on the knowledge he has regarding its installation and the extraction of data to a laptop.</p> <p>Although no data has yet been reviewed, anecdotal evidence is that the sign is having a definite effect and that vehicles are slowing down as they approach the village (from Hemington). Cllr Gibson advised that data from Hemington downloaded before the sign was moved showed that 98% of vehicles were passing within the speed limit.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that he had just received a Grant Monitoring request from the Office of the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner and would respond appropriately.</p>	<p>Cllr Dawson 31/3/26</p> <p>Cllr Gibson 14/4/26</p> <p>Clerk 31/03/26</p>

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26.03.13	<p>Highways/Footpaths/Public Rights of Way</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 had met with Cllr Dawson to review the documentation before submitting. A resident had provided a further map showing the path (from the County Council Surveyors department in 1956) and this had a handwritten designation of NK4. This designation is in the same format as nearby paths and may indicate that it was on the Definitive Map at the time. Further research is being done to establish if this was the case and why it was removed, before submitting details for it to be re-instated and before alerting landowners that may be affected.</p> <p>b) The report of items referred to HORT (formerly known as FixMyStreet) was received. FixMyStreet still exists, but NNC now prefer the use of HORT (from their website) as they receive notification more quickly. Cllr Mallett advised that a new fenced corridor had been installed along part of bridleway NY4 from Thurning towards Hemington, and that the electric fence running along the top of it was dangerous to horses and not in accordance with British Horse Society guidelines. She has reported this on HORT and the item has been acknowledged. It was agreed that Cllr Strelczuk should also report it so that the seriousness of the issue is evident, and Cllr Capp will endeavour to raise the matter with the landowner.</p>	<p>Clerk 14/4/26</p> <p>Cllr Strelczuk 20/03/26 Cllr Capp 31/03/26</p>
26.03.14	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>a) The summary report of active planning applications was received, noting that the application for Silverhills in Thurning had been approved, and that other items related to the digester and bungalow extension at Rectory Farm. It was noted that STAUNCH had received permission to take the decision on the Glebe owned warehousing site at Thrapston to judicial review, and that they are urgently seeking to raise the funds for this.</p> <p>b) No further planning applications had been notified up to the date of the meeting.</p> <p>c) The Clerk gave an update on the Housing Survey which closes 13/3/26 with a summary report available before the</p>	<p>Clerk 13/3/26</p>

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	<p>next meeting. Cllr Dawson advised that some houses in Luddington had not received a hardcopy of the survey – the Clerk will follow up with NACRE to have copies sent and agree a short extension for submission.</p>	
26.03.15	<p>Training The Clerk had circulated a summary of training that has taken place and is proposed which was received. He will continue to explore options for a Whole Council course for ‘What is Neighbourhood Planning’. Attention was drawn to a link to training (for NNC and parish Councillors only) in regard to the S106 process in relation to planning applications.</p>	
26.03.16	<p>Thurning Pocket Park Renovation a) It was agreed that Cllr Capp should liaise with the Alconbury Flood Group with a view to obtaining their assistance with dredging to increase the capacity of the Weir (pond).</p>	Cllr Capp 31/03/26
26.03.17	<p>Police Liaison Representative Report (PLR) The Clerk had received the March PLR report on the day of the meeting – nothing of particular relevance was within it. There is to be a livestream session with the Chief Constable and The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner 6.30pm to 8.00pm on 31st March. Anyone interested in attending/participating should register by emailing chiefschat@northants.police.uk.</p>	
26.03.18	<p>Correspondence and Council Briefings a) The log of correspondence received was received. b) The Clerk is to forward details of potential help with a Local Nature Recovery Strategy to Cllr Dawson for follow-up. c) The Community Cinema (item 1808) is potentially of interest to Hemington – the Clerk will forward details to Cllr Gibson. d) The tailored energy advice available to residents was noted. Cllr Paskell advised that its details had been published in Branches and that he had reviewed it quickly and found it could be useful. e) It was noted that the Clerk has slides from a briefing on Community Safety Plan. f) It was noted that NCALC is embarking on a new strategic plan, but it was not felt that this Parish Council could contribute.</p>	Clerk 20/03/26 Clerk 20/03/26

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	g) It was noted that the MP newsletter (item 1865) referred to an online survey in relation to mobile phone reception in rural areas. It was agreed that the link and option for individual participation could be placed on village WhatsApp groups.	Cllrs 20/03/26
26.03.19	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Luddington resident has agreed that a defibrillator may be located next to the Notice Board and Postbox on their property. The Clerk will research suitable cabinets and defibrillators and pass details of the cabinet to Cllr Dawson to inform the resident in relation to electrical connection. 	Clerk 30/4/26
26.03.20	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting is on 14 th May 2026 at Luddington Church.	
26.03.21	Close of Meeting The meeting closed at 21.10 hrs	

Signed by Chairman

Date

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14 May 2026