

HEMINGTON,LUDDINGTON AND THURNING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Hemington, Luddington and Thurning Parish Council held on **Thursday 9 July 2026** at 19:30 hrs in Hemington Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Capp (T), Cllr P Dawson (L), Cllr R Drewery (T), 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)

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26.07.01	Apologies for absence and approval thereof No apologies were received as all members were present.	
26.07.02	Declaration of Interests There were no declarations of interest in relation to the items on the agenda.	
26.07.03	Public Forum No members of the public were present.	
26.07.04	North Northants Councillors Report No NNC Councillors were present.	
26.07.05	Approval of Minutes of Meeting 14 May 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.	
26.07.06	Matters Arising from minutes a) The Actions Checklist prepared by the Clerk was received . The outstanding matters were reviewed – it was agreed to close item 262. b) No further items were raised.	
26.07.07	Policy Approvals The Policy for the Management of Light Pollution (Dark Skies) was reviewed and updated references etc were approved . The	Clerk 21/7/26

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	Clerk is to update the copy on the website.	
26.07.08	Planning Matters a) Cllr Gibson had alerted the meeting to an application in Polebrook Parish – ref: 26/01653/33/QCOU at Kingsthorpe Farm. As the location is close to the parish boundary near Hemington, it was agreed it should be formally considered. The application is under agricultural permitted development for the creation of seven individual dwellings within the existing barn structures. Although the application is for Permitted Development, it was felt that the size of the proposal, and potential impact on the rural area, that a Full Planning Application should be requested, and that two affordable housing units (approx. 25%) should be requested even though the development falls beneath the threshold for this. In addition a condition should be requested that no construction traffic should pass through Hemington or Luddington villages, and our 'standard' condition in relation to the observance of our 'Dark Skies' policy should be requested. The Clerk will draft a letter to the Planning Authority. b) The only outstanding planning application is in relation to the Anaerobic Digester at Rectory Farm. This was not decided in June as previously indicated and an update has been requested from the Planning Officer. c) The response to NNC regarding the Local Plan Scoping Consultation was noted. Luddington councillors clarified that whilst the village does not believe infill to be appropriate for the village, there is scope for re-purposing of agricultural buildings – such applications to be supported dependent on the details.	Clerk 15/7/26
26.07.11	Financial Report a) The Clerk presented a report on the current bank position showing a balance of £12,677.26 at the end of June. Income and expenditure is in line with expectations. The report was received. Councillor Wills checked and signed the bank reconciliation at the end of June. b) Members of the Remuneration Committee, following a note from the Clerk in relation to changes in the HMRC position on expenses, recommended that the mileage rate paid to the Clerk (and potentially to others) should be	

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	raised to the new maximum rate of 55p per mile with effect from 1 April 2026, and that a nominal sum of £10 per month should be paid to the Clerk (w.e.f. 1 April 2026) to defray an estimate of office costs arising from the requirement that he works from home. These changes were approved. c) The following payments were approved: <table><tr><td>DCK Payroll Jun Qtr 2026</td><td>£24.00*</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk Expenses to 30 June 2026</td><td>£70.59</td></tr></table> * Amounts include recoverable VAT d) The receipt of confirmation from the auditors that the Parish Council qualifies for Exempt Status again this year was noted. e) The Clerk advised further correspondence received from debt collectors acting for nPower alleging an amount due of £749.41. The Clerk has received some further information to support the claim which allegedly arises from March 2021. Further detail is to be sought. Progress on the matter was noted.	DCK Payroll Jun Qtr 2026	£24.00*	Clerk Expenses to 30 June 2026	£70.59	Clerk 20/07/26
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26.07.10	Traffic Monitoring a) The sign is to be moved to Thurning as soon as practicable in liaison with Cllrs Capp and Paskell, with additional support from Cllrs Gibson and Harkness if required. Data from Thurning will be available for the September meeting.	Cllr Paskell 15/07/26				
26.07.11	Thurning Pocket Park Renovation Cllr Capp reported on his discussions with the Alconbury Flood Group. They are planning a number of ponds in the area and are putting together a Business Plan for 2027 to seek grant funding from DEFRA. It is expected that work to dredge Thurning Weir and clear vegetation will be included in this and details will be shared when available. Cllr Capp to share contact details with Cllr Dawson to enable discussion on possible projects in Luddington which sits alongside Alconbury Brook.	Cllr Capp 15/7/26				
26.07.12	Training The update report from the Clerk was received.					
25.07.13	Highways/Footpaths/Public Rights of Way a) Cllr Capp and the Clerk reported on a visit from the Community Liaison Officer (CLO) at NNC to Thurning. There will be visits later in the year to Luddington and Hemington.					

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	The meeting was positive and addressed issues of potholes at the side of roads and the poor condition of the road from Valley House to Luddington – a Highways Inspector has also been out and reviewed this road with the Clerk and will be pursuing some improvements. The Clerk will keep in touch. The 30 mph roundels requested some time ago have now been specified, priced and a budget allocated. The Clerk will be notified once scheduled for action. The CLO advised that additional poles for the speed sign could be added to the Section 50 licence at a modest marginal cost. b) Only one item now remains on HORT – the blind bend between Hemington and Lutton. The Clerk will raise this again with the CLO when the visit to Hemington is scheduled. c) There has been no action in relation to restoring old footpaths to the definitive map since the last meeting. A visit to the archives in Northampton needs to be arranged.	Clerk 30/7/26
26.07.14	Police Liaison Representative Report (PLR) The Clerk advised that there were no significant matters to bring to the Council's attention. The written report from Northamptonshire Police was received.	
26.07.15	Correspondence and Council Briefings a) The log of correspondence received was reviewed. Only item 1924 remains active – the Clerk will circulate shortly. b) The Clerk and Cllr Strelczuk raised an email from a resident recommending a warning sign for horses near the livery entrance in Hemington, and a warning for the concealed entrance to residential parking off the Polebrook road opposite Suirrels Cottage. It was agreed to pursue these with the Community Liaison Office at NNC.	Clerk 15/7/26 Clerk 31/7/26
26.07.16	Any Other Business Cllr Dawson asked for 'Gigaclear' to be an agenda item for a future meeting following reports that a new home developer is being asked to pay very large sums for connection to the network. Further details from correspondence will be obtained prior to the next meeting.	Cllr Dawson 31/8/26

26.07.17	Meeting dates for 2026 The future dates for the meetings in 2026 were noted . The next meeting is 10 th September 2026 in Hemington Village Hall.	
26.07.18	Close of Meeting The meeting closed at 20:40 hrs	

Signed by Chairman Date 10 September 2026

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