

LITTLE ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held at Saint Mary the Virgin Church,
High Street, Little Addington on Tuesday 10th February 2026 at
7:30pm**

Present: Councillors: L Brown (Chair), M Keech, A Sheppard,
S Beckett, S Lloyd, J Cocks, Tracey Clarke & Cllr Matt
Davies

In attendance: Ginny Pledger (Clerk)

		Action
LAPC26/373	To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllr Sonn (family)	
LAPC26/374	Public participation session. No members of the public present.	
LAPC26/375	To receive declarations of interest under the Councils Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. None received.	
LAPC26/376	To received and approve for signature minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026. All received and adopted. Proposed Cllr Cocks, Seconded Cllr Keech.	
LAPC26/377	To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda, for report only. None reported.	
LAPC26/378	To report on the Internal Control Councillor Checklist. Cllr Keech checked and signed off the checklist. March will be Cllr Sheppard to sign off the checklist <i>NB: The website/noticeboard and all documents sent via email in readiness for the meeting need to have been read and checked before councillors can sign off the checklist.</i>	AS/Clerk
LAPC26/379	To receive and approve the balance of account/bank reconciliation for current and MM accounts. Money Manager bank account approved and signed. Money Manager Proposed by Cllr Lloyd and Seconded by Cllr Sheppard. The current account balance was discussed but bank statements are not generated until the 12 th of each month, so there was no bank statement to present to the council.	Clerk
LAPC26/380	To examine and approve bank statements. Approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Lloyd, Seconded Cllr Sheppard. A balance for the current account was presented under the expenditure check.	
LAPC26/381	To undertake a check of expenditure against the budget. Budget is still looking fairly healthy with 1.5months still to go, though the precept will not be received until April. There may need to be a virement just to keep the budget balanced, but the funds are there and it shouldn't prove to be a problem. £5,000 is still sat in the	

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	Money Manager Account for interest purposes. This will probably need to be moved back into the current account in the coming weeks to cover expenses. Approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Beckett and Seconded by Cllr Sonn.	
LAPC26/382	To report on moving the bank account. This will stay on the agenda until the summer, although the account will not be moved until after the AGAR as per discussions at the December parish council meeting. It is good practice to have a finance officer who is not a signatory. It was agreed that Cllr Brown will be the Finance officer and 2 other councillors will be signatories. These will be decided at a further date.	
LAPC26/383	To approve any changes to the asset register. The flower troughs have removed from the asset register until LA Environmental have made a decision on them. Asset register was approved. Proposed Cllr Sheppard, Seconded Cllr Lloyd.	MK/Clerk.
LAPC26/384	To approve and authorise payments of invoices.	

Invoice Ref	Item	Total Amount	Notes	Payee
104.25/26	Clerk January's Salary	£296.80	Approved	Clerk
105.25/26	HMRC Tax	£74.20	Approved	
103.25/26	NCALC AGAR Training for clerk & Chai	£110.40	Approved	
102.25/26	Playing Field Committee Playing Field	£950.00	Approved	
101.25/26	Clerk Community Speed Watch	£150.00	Approved	
100.25/26	HSBC Bank Charges	£1.00	Approved	
106.25/26 111-25/26	Sign & Graphics Sol. 20 is Plenty Signs	£312.00	Approved	
Proposed by Cllr Keech, Seconded Cllr Sheppard.				

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LAPC26/385	<p>To consider and resolve the council's response to planning applications listed below plus any other planning applications advised by North Northamptonshire Council and available on its website between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting to which it pertains.</p> <p>(a) Kettering Energy Park (NK/2025/0167)</p> <p>Cllr Lloyd still has had no reply to emails sent. It will remain on the agenda. The council asked Cllr Matt Davies if he knew any further information, unfortunately he was unaware of the issue. He did say he would speak to his colleague Cllr Greg Wilcox to see if he knows anything.</p>	
LAPC26/386	<p>To note planning decisions made by NNC.</p> <p>None received.</p>	
LAPC26/387	<p>To report on the situation with the chicanes on Irthlingborough Road and lighting at Howards Way development.</p> <p>Cllr Brown and Cllr Cocks have asked for a face-to-face meeting with Graham Cane of this matter. The meeting is set for Wednesday 11th February at Thrapston Council Offices. Cllr Matt Davies has said that he will attend to support Little Addington parish council. Cllr Cocks & Cllr Brown will report back at March's meeting.</p>	JC/LB/Matt Davies
LAPC26/388	<p>To consider the provision of village gates on Irthlingborough Road.</p> <p>Waiting for a decision on the chicanes so will remain on the agenda.</p>	
LAPC26/389	<p>To note any changes to the Electoral Roll.</p> <p>None reported.</p>	
LAPC26/390	<p>To receive a report from the Village Neighbourhood Plan Group.</p> <p>The coffee morning was held in The Bell Inn unfortunately the consultant Colin Wilkinson was unable to attend but 21 people attended from the village. In % terms of the number of people who live in the village, this was quite low, however the coffee morning itself was successful. This was the residents opportunity to put their views across. Another leaflet drop will be done to prompt residents to check the plans on the website before the April deadline.</p> <p>Cllr Keech wanted clarification from the consultant regarding the phrase "...there are some dwellings with planning permission waiting to be built." – initially it was thought this referred to the houses in Howards Way but these have all now been completed, so the question remains where are these houses?</p>	Neighbourhood Plan Group
LAPC26/391	<p>To set dates for the year for the coffee mornings.</p> <p>Dates were set for coffee mornings on Saturday May 16th 2026 & Saturday October 17th from 10am-12noon in The Bell Inn.</p>	
LAPC26/392	<p>Speed Watch Campaign</p> <p>The subsidised cost for the campaign of £150.00 was paid by the clerk. A notice will be put in Saints Alive! for more volunteers. Cllr Sonn is well underway with organising this in conjunction with the police.</p>	AS/Clerk
LAPC26/393	<p>Training course for the Clerk at NCALC on Year End & Audit Training.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that the clerk could undertake this training. Clerk to book the course.</p>	Clerk
LAPC26/394	<p>To review the car parking situation around the village.</p>	

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	Parking is causing problems now in Amen Place due to signs in Howards Way be erected prohibiting parking except on driveways. There is some question over the legality of the signs. Cllr Matt Davies said he would look into the situation and report back.	
LAPC26/395	To consider refurbishment of the village sign. The sign has now gone off to be refurbished. It was pointed out that the post has actually rotted and will need replacing too. Cllr Lloyd's husband Ashley, is getting quotations for a new post as it is an odd size.	SL
LAPC26/396	To receive a report from the LAPC Environmental Team. LA Environmental are currently working on plans/proposal for a new bus shelter which will then be submitted to the parish council. Cllr Keech will contact Emery's to ask when the first cut of the season will be and to advise that strimming will need to be done around all the spring bulbs. A village litter pick is planned for April 11 th . A village leaflet drop will ask for volunteers to help with the litter pick and The Bell have kindly agreed to offer discounted hot chocolate and cake for anyone taking part in the litter pick. The clerk sent an email to the care home regarding the purchasing of a bench as per discussions in January. To date the clerk has received no response regarding the matter. The clerk will chase this up again. Three flower planters are to be placed around the village: one on the verge by Dovecote Drive, one on the verge under the Little Addington sign as you come into the village and one by either the bus shelter or pub. Cllr Sheppard reported that the Spring Fair will be held on Sunday 26 th April from 2pm-4pm. LA Environmental held their latest meeting on Tuesday 19 th February and welcomed a new member Sue Coles who has already been working with Tom Brown around the village. GAP funding is keen to support village projects e.g. the bus shelter. Despite the weather the bulbs are all starting to show a welcome sign that spring is on the way.	Clerk
LAPC26/397	To receive a report regarding the Addingtons Playing field. A race night has been set for April 18 th .	SB
LAPC26/398	To report on the introductory leaflet for new villagers. The new leaflets have now been printed and will be distributed by Cllr Brown to any new people moving into the village. This can now be removed from the agenda.	Remove
LAPC26/399	To discuss speeding through the village. Cllr Lloyd presented a quotation for 6 x 20 is plenty signs. The price is £260.00 + VAT=£312.00. It was voted unanimously to go ahead. Cllr Lloyd will now place an order for the signs.	SL
LAPC26/400	To discuss vulnerable adults in the village. At the moment, this hasn't progressed any further Cllr's Brown, Sonn, Keech and Sheppard will meet to discuss how best to approach this. Ongoing.	
LAPC26/401	To receive any updates from the Clerk. None received.	
LAPC26/402	To review policies/documents on the website. Councillors code of conduct Complaints procedure	Clerk

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	<p>Complaints procedure form To verify the latest edition of the Freedom of Information Act. Cllr Cocks raised some questions regarding making the links better in the forms. He asked if we needed the complaints form if they are done online. The clerk agreed to look at the points raised. It was confirmed by the clerk that the Freedom of Information Act was the current and most up to date policy from the government. This can now be mark on the website as current.</p>	
LAPC26/403	<p>To discuss transport in the village. Cllr Cocks has submitted his form via The Hub, he just needs to wait now to see if he gets a response. Cllr Cocks did receive some information regarding the #48 bus which currently terminates at Crow Hill. Cllr Cocks was informed at this is actually Stage Coaches responsibility not a council issue. Cllr Cocks will now take this up with Stage Coach. It was reported by the clerk that a resident had said how pleased they were that the parish council had managed to get the CB1 bus running now Mon-Fri rather than just once a week. Thanks was extended to Cllr Cocks and the parish council.</p>	JC
LAPC26/404	<p>Community Governance Review No-one from the parish council was available to attend the meeting on the Governance Review. Cllr Brown has taken the notes from the meeting and will respond back to the council at the next meeting.</p>	LB
LAPC26/405	<p>Clerk's probation period. The clerk has now completed 6 months and had her review with Cllr Brown and Cllr Keech. This has now all been actioned and completed. This can now be removed from the agenda</p>	Remove
LAPC24/406	<p>To set dates for the year for the parish council meetings. The following dates were set for 2026/27 meetings. May 18th 2026, 22nd June 2026, 20th July 2026, 21st September 2026, 19th October 2026, 16th November 2026, 14th December 2026, 18th January 2027, 15th February 2027, 15th March 2027, 19th April 2027. Clerk will send these dates to the church warden, all Councillors & Cllr Matt Davies/Greg Wilcox.</p>	Clerk.
LAPC26/407	<p>To review the finance document policy. Cllr Cocks felt that the document was too generic and needed to be reviewed. Cllr Brown and Clerk will meeting to review the policy.</p>	LB/Clerk.
LAPC26/408	<p>To receive an update on the business at NNC. Cllr Matt Davies reported that that the Governments Net Zero initiative has been pushed back from 2030 to 2050. The biggest expenditure for NNC at the moment are the roads and SEND applications. Cllr Davies also advised that the Government have instructed that Council Tax should rise by 4.99%. He also advised that there were parking issues around Irthlingborough and Great Addington schools. Illegal parking is now classed as anti-social behaviour. Cllr Davies also advised that if you take a photograph of an illegally parked vehicle and send it to a link (Cllr Davies will be sending over the link) cars will be liable for a £60 parking fine. Cllr Brown then informed Cllr Davies about the parking/lighting situation in Howards Way. Cllr Brown pointed out once again that the houses should not have been occupied until the lighting and traffic chicanes had been installed as per the stipulations on the planning permission. Cllr Brown asked Cllr Davies to take this up</p>	

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