

## LITTLE ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held at Saint Mary the Virgin Church,  
High Street, Little Addington on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Councillors: L Brown (Chair), M Keech, A Sheppard,  
J Cocks, A Sonn, S Lloyd

**In attendance:** Ginny Pledger (Clerk), 1 member of the public

LAPC26/490	<b>To elect the Chairman for 2026/27</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Brown elected as Chair, unanimous.	<b>Action</b>
LAPC26/491	<b>To elect the Vice Chairman for 2026/27</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Sheppard elected as vice chair, unanimous.	
LAPC26/492	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> None.	
LAPC26/493	<b>Public participation session.</b> 1 member of the public was present. They expressed an interest to stand for council.	
LAPC26/494	<b>To receive declarations of interest under the Councils Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</b> None received.	
LAPC26/495	<b>To receive an update on the business at NNC.</b> No ward councillor was present, and no communications have been received.	
LAPC26/496	<b>To received and approve for signature minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026.</b> <b>Resolved:</b> That the minutes be signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting.	
LAPC26/497	<b>To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda, for report only.</b> The clerk reminded councillors of their responsibility to attend meetings and training so it's not always the same people in attendance.	
LAPC26/498	<b>To report on the Internal Control Councillor Checklist.</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Lloyd signed to approved that all checks had been completed. June's meeting will be Cllr Sonn 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
LAPC26/499	<b>To receive and approve the balance of account/bank reconciliation for current and MM accounts.</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Approved <b>Resolved:</b> Approved It was noted that the Reading Room fund is there for the good of the village so if the bus shelter was to get approval, some of the Reading Room fund could be used towards that.	
LAPC26/500	<b>To examine and approve bank statements.</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Approved.	
LAPC26/501	<b>To undertake a check of expenditure against the budget.</b>	

	The clerk has moved the £5,000 back from the current account into the Money Manager account now that the precept has been received. Balances are all looking very healthy at the start of the new financial year. <b>Resolved:</b> Approved.					
<b>LAPC26/502</b>	<b>To approve any changes to the asset register.</b> Clerk to add the speed radar guns to the asset register at the purchased value of £150.00 <b>Resolved:</b> No additions for May.				Clerk.	
<b>LAPC26/503</b>	<b>To review and approve insurance policy quotations for 2026/2027.</b> The cost of the current insurance through Gallagher (Hiscox) is £300.67. The clerk sort 3 quotations from the following companies: Came & Company – No quotation received. Zurich - £363.00pa Gallagher - £303.19pa with the option of an LTA for 3years. Clerk advised going with Gallagher. <b>Resolved:</b> Approved, Gallagher accepted with LTA.					
<b>LAPC26/504</b>	<b>To note receipts received.</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Accepted and noted.					
	008.26/27	Precept	NNC	£18,696.00		
	015.26/27	VAT Claim	HMRC	£1,041.68		
<b>LAPC26/505</b>	<b>To approve and authorise payments of the following invoices.</b>					
	<b>Invoice Ref</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Payee</b>	
	012.25/26	Defib Supplies	Battery	£264.00	Approved	Clerk
	013.25/26	Clerk	Postage for VAT claim	£9.95	Approved	
	014.25/26	Emery	Mowing INV4518	£408.00	Approved	
	016.26/27	YU Energy INV03843295	Electricity	£6.84	Approved	
	017.26/27	YU Energy INV03843298	Electricity	£76.86	Approved	
	020.26/27	Clerk	April Salary + overtime	£519.30	Approved	
	021.26/27	HMRC	Tax/NI	£164.38	Approved	
	019.26/27	Helen Hoier	Payroll Services	£80.00	Approved	
	<b>Resolved:</b> Approved for payment.					

LAPC26/506	<b>To note planning decisions made by NNC.</b> None received.	
LAPC26/507	<b>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.</b>  (a) Kettering Energy Park (NK/2025/0167)  S106 application has been proposed, and developers are eager to push forward with planning. A meeting has been scheduled for 17 <sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Cocks has agreed to draft a response	JC
LAPC26/508	<b>To report on the situation with the chicanes on Irthlingborough Road and lighting at Howards Way development.</b> The clerk emailed Graeme Kane for an update. Graeme Kane is leaving NNC on the 5 <sup>th</sup> June, Chris Bond will now be dealing with the chicanes. Graeme advised that because a number of different parties are involved it will take a while, but they will keep us up to date on the progress.	
LAPC26/509	<b>To receive a report from the Village Neighbourhood Plan Group.</b> Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well. <b>Resolved:</b> The new amendments have been submitted to the council, adopted and accepted. The plan can now be submitted to NNC for next steps which involve an external independent consultation and a referendum. Approved amendments can now be added to the website.	Clerk
LAPC26/510	<b>Speed Watch Campaign</b> Cllr Sonn along with volunteers have conducted 8 weeks of speed watching. So far 1 person was caught speeding, but it is acting as a deterrent. Cllr Sonn has suggested speaking to highways about reducing the speed limit on the main through road to 20mph.	ASonn
LAPC26/511	<b>To review the car parking situation around the village.</b> Cars are starting to park on the pavements around the village, this is causing issues for those with mobility scooters and push chairs. Clerk will flag the issue in Saints Alive. A complaint has been received from a resident regarding parking on the corner of Amen Place. The chair replied outlining the issues of cars from the care home parking on that corner. Clerk has applied for yellow lines to be installed on that corner. The council is aware that this will only push the parking further up the village but at least the school bus and emergency vehicles should be able to pass through safely and pulling out onto the main will be safer.	Clerk.
LAPC26/512	<b>To consider refurbishment of the village sign.</b> Cllr Brown has struggled to get companies to provide quotations for a new post. Cllr Lloyd will look into getting quotations	SL
LAPC26/513	<b>To receive a report from the LAPC Environmental Team.</b> A report was received from Cllr Sheppard: The Spring Fair was a great success in its new location raising just over £1,000 for the village. The planters have been refreshed, thanks to Tom Brown for weeding all around the village. A delivery of topsoil and bark for beds and planters has arrived. There will be some new planters around the village in late spring. The Scarecrow Festival will take place on 20 <sup>th</sup> September. Everyone welcome.	Clerk

	<p>After the presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting regarding a new bus shelter, the council decided this could move to next steps. Costings will need to be shown for both refurbishing the current bus shelter as well as costs for a new one. The concept drawings will be considered to see if they are appropriate. LA Bloomers will feedback associated costs.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Brown that the 3 new flower planters should be located in the following positions: the largest trough to sit in front of The Bell Inn opposite the bench; the 2 square troughs to be placed one by the bench near the allotments and the other by Oakroys on the corner of the Green.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> approved.</p>	
LAPC26/514	<p><b>To receive a report regarding the Addingtons Playing field.</b></p> <p>Cllr Cocks reported that an inter-village Rounders Competition is taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> June with a BBQ being held at The Bell Inn afterwards.</p>	
LAPC26/515	<p><b>To discuss speeding through the village.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Lloyd has collected the signs, and these have now been installed around the village.</p>	Remove.
LAPC26/516	<p><b>To receive any updates from the Clerk.</b></p> <p>Clerk reminded councillors of the importance of GDPR compliance.</p>	
LAPC26/517	<p><b>To schedule a meeting to discuss the Reading Room Fund.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Meeting scheduled for 7pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.</p>	
LAPC26/518	<p><b>To discuss the website in general.</b></p> <p>Local groups will be added to the website. Knit N Natter</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Approved, Cllr Brown to send crocheted poppy pattern to Clerk. LA Bloomers</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Sheppard will send details of when the group meeting to clerk for the website</p>	LB/AShep/ Clerk
LAPC26/519	<p><b>To discuss coffee morning which was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026.</b></p> <p>Cllr Brown reported that the coffee morning was not as well attended as previous ones however there not anything specific to share with the village this time, it was more a “meet your councillors” event.</p> <p>It was suggested by Cllr Brown to purchase a gift card for ex-Cllr Beckett to thank her for her service to the council.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> £50 gift card was agreed.</p>	Remove.
LAPC26/520	<p><b>Notice of Vacancy due to resignation of Cllr Beckett</b></p> <p>Notice of Vacancy has been placed on NNC website, the parish council website and the noticeboard. This expires on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 when we can move to advertising for a new councillor by co-option as long as no by-election is needed.</p>	
LAPC26/521	<p><b>To advise on items to be included in the next issue of Saints Alive! – June edition.</b></p> <p>*Issue of parking on the pavements. *Knitted poppies – packs can be collected from The Bell Inn. Copy of pattern to go on website too. *LA Bloomers – volunteers wanted, they meet on the last Sunday of the month (28<sup>th</sup> June/26<sup>th</sup> July), meet at The Bell from 2pm-4pm and finish with coffee and cake. *Telephones – landline switch off. *Cream tea afternoon 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 2:30pm in The Bell Inn for those who live on their own or who would like some companionship. *Dog waste/bags left around the village.</p>	

LAPC26/522	<p><b>To identify any future agenda items for the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.</b></p> <p>*Roles and responsibilities</p>	
LAPC25/523	<p><b>To close the meeting.</b></p> <p>Meeting closed at 21:26</p> <p>Date for next meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm at St Mary the Virgin Church, Little Addington.</p>	

**Signed:**

**Dated:**