LITTLE ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held at Saint Mary the Virgin Church, High Street, Little Addington on Monday 19th October 2026 at 7:30pm

Present: Councillors: L Brown (Chair), A Sheppard, J Cocks, S Lloyd, T Clarke, T Brown

In attendance: Ginny Pledger (RFO/Clerk)

LAPC26/622	**Apologies for absence.** None	**Action**
LAPC26/623	**Public participation session.** 2 members present.	
LAPC26/624	**To receive declarations of interest under the Councils Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.** None received.	
LAPC26/625	**To elect Tom Brown to the parish council.** **Resolved:** Tom Brown was co-opted onto the parish council and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.	
LAPC26/626	**To discuss the resignation of Cllr Sonn.** The Notice of Vacancy has now expired and the parish council can advertise for a new councillor. So far there has been 1 applicant.	
LAPC26/627	**To receive an update on the business at NNC.** None received.	
LAPC26/628	**To discuss the 79th Annual NCALC conference held at Moulton.** **Resolved:** Cllr's Brown & Sheppard attended, the conference it mainly focused on the Neighbourhood Plan so that there wasn't much relevant to Little Addington Parish Council. Any questions which were asked from the floor were unable to be answered by the NNC representatives.	
LAPC26/629	**To discuss Little Addington meeting from the Stage 2 Community Governance Review.** **Resolved:** Heather Jackson confirmed that Little Addington's responses had been received and have been included in the draft responses along with 11 other parish councils.	
LAPC26/630	**To received and approve for signature minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th September 2026.** **Resolved:** That the minutes be signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting.	
LAPC26/631	**To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda, for report only.** None received.	
LAPC26/632	**To report on the Internal Control Councillor Checklist.** **Resolved:** Cllr Lloyd signed to approved that all checks had been completed. Cllr Clarke to approve November's checklist. *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.*	TC/Clerk

LAPC26/633	**To receive and approve the balance of account/bank reconciliation for current and MM accounts.** **Resolved:** Approved. Money Manager £36,900.51 no movement from last month. **Resolved:** Approved. Current Account £4,155.29	
LAPC26/634	**To examine and approve bank statements.** **Resolved:** Approved.	
LAPC26/635	**To undertake a check of expenditure against the budget.** **Resolved:** Approved.	
LAPC26/636	**To approve any changes to the asset register.** None.	
LAPC26/637	**To approve and authorise payments of the following invoices.**	

	Invoice Ref		**Item**	**Total Amount**	**Notes**	**Payee**
	059.26/27	YU Energy	Electricity INV04510673	86.30	Approved	Clerk
	060.26/27	YU Energy	Electricity INV0410670	6.84	Approved	
	061.26/27	Clerk	Reimbursemen of Microsoft 365	84.99	Approved	
	062.26/27	Mayor of Irthlingboro'	Frontier Centre Tour	10.00	Approved	
	063.26/27	ICO	Information Commissioners Office	52.00	Approved	
	064.26/27	Clerk	Septemer Salary + back pay	416.80	Approved	
	065.26/27	HMRC	Tax	119.80	Approved	
	Resolved: Approved for payment.					

LAPC26/638	**To note receipt of cheque from National Grid for Rental Leasehold of Substation.** **Resolved:** Receipt of cheque for £75.00 was noted.
LAPC26639	**To consider and discuss the proposed budget/precept for 2027/28.** NNC has indicated a 4.9% increase in their precept grant. In view of rising costs, including energy and wages, it was agreed that the parish council would apply a 4.2% increase to their precept, applied only to selected

	areas of parish council expenditure. Clerk to prepare a new budget precept in readiness for the next meeting in November.	
LAPC26/640	**To note planning decisions made by NNC.** **(a) Planning Breach (EN/26/00524/BOC)** **Resolved:** the council noted the breach and will await further information from NNC.	
LAPC26/641	**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.** (a) Kettering Energy Park (NK/2025/0167) There has been no further information provided on the objections submitted. (b) Meadow View, Woodford Road, Little Addington NN14 4BA . Installation of a 20m x 60m outdoor riding arena with boundary fencing and artificial permeable surface, associated landscaping alterations and stormwater drainage upgrades, 6no. directional floodlights (26/02207/FUL). **Resolved:** Recommend Refusal (Objection). The matter was put to a vote, with four councillors voting against the application and two voting in favour. The parish council has concerns regarding the impact the floodlights would have on residential amenities and wildlife, along with concerns on the operational hours of the floodlights. There is also concern on the suggested location of the access point causing a potential safety hazard as well as an archaeological significance that the area may have. The parish council as requested that these issues are addressed before any planning permission is granted. Clerk to submit paperwork and letter to NNC.	Clerk.
LAPC26/642	**Speed Watch Campaign** **Resolved:** To apply for the grant for a VSI sign a Section 50 must be applied for first. Council approved. Clerk will apply for the Section 50 and the grant. Cllr Clarke has agreed to speak to Adam Sonn to get the speed watch equipment now that Adam has resigned.	TC/Clerk
LAPC26/643	**To review the car parking situation around the village.** None received.	
LAPC26/644	**To consider refurbishment of the village sign.** Cllr Brown has put together a specification for the job and has put this out to tender to four companies.	LB
LAPC26/645	**To discuss the adoption of the policy on promotional signs on grass verges.** **Resolved:** The temporary sign policy was adopted. This will be displayed on the notice board and website.	AS/Clerk.
LAPC26/646	**To discuss the village chicanes.**	

	The clerk has received a report stating that NNC are actively pursuing the matter through the Planning Enforcement Team. Further updates will be provided by NNC in due course.	
LAPC26/647	**To receive a report from LA Bloomers.** **Resolved:** Cllr Sheppard noted that the Scarecrow Festival had been a great success and thanked everyone involved in organising and supporting. A total of £363 was raised. Plans are underway for the Spring Fair. Cllr T Brown reported that the village planters will be replanted with winter flowers and the wild flower area will need re-seeding in March 2027.	
LAPC26/648	**To receive a report regarding the Addingtons Playing field.** **Resolved:** Cllr Cocks reported that the free consultation for the proposed development of the playing fields was held. The company provided various concepts. These will be discussed at their next meeting. A quiz night will be held on 20th November 2026.	
LAPC26/649	**To receive any updates from the Clerk.** **Resolved:** NCALC are hosting training on Community Emergency Plans looking at how to put together an effective emergency plan looking at severe weather, flooding and power outages. Cllr Cocks volunteered to attend the online meeting. Clerk to book the place.	Clerk.
LAPC26/650	**To discuss the proposed sale of The Bell Inn.** **Resolved:** The parish council noted that The Bell Inn currently has an Asset of Community Value (ACV) designation in place. The landowner is looking to sell or let the pub if no interested parties come forward and the landowner would have the full support of the parish council in doing so. Should the landowner wish to purse a change of use for the building, the matter would need to be brought to NNC and the matter would then be brought to the village for consultation. The parish council strongly expressed its wish for the ACV designation to remain in place. The Clerk will send a letter to the landowner expressing the above.	Clerk.
LAPC26/651	**To discuss how the Parish Council communicates to the villagers.** **Resolved:** Cllr Cocks highlighted the need for improved communication with residents and proposed producing a leaflet to keep villagers informed of current matters and recent developments withing the village. Cllr Cocks will prepare a draft leaflet for discussion at the next meeting in November 2026. It was agreed that all councillors could help deliver the leaflet.	JC
LAPC26/652	**To discuss a property in Amen Place requesting support to rent out the annex.** **Resolved:** A local resident approached the parish council regarding their intention to rent out their annex. It was noted that the original planning permission granted by NNC was for use as a private residence. The resident was advised to contact NNC to establish whether the proposed rental arrangement would be acceptable under the existing planning permission or whether further permission would be required. The clerk will send a letter to the resident advising this.	Clerk
LAPC26/653	**To advise on items to be included in the next issue of Saints Alive! – November edition.** *Ladies Night, Gt Addington & Lt Addington Christmas Meal Saturday 7th November.	Clerk.

	*Thanks for all who contributed to the Scarecrow Festival *Car parking on pavements. *Council policy on temporary signs around the village.	
LAPC26/654	**To identify any future agenda items for the meeting on 10th November 2026.** *Precept *Roles and Responsibilities	
LAPC25/655	**To close the meeting.** Meeting closed at 21:04 Date for next meeting Monday 10th November at 7:30pm at St Mary the Virgin Church, Little Addington.	

Signed: **Dated:**