

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

held at Whilton Village Hall on WEDNESDAY 8th JULY 2026 – 7:30pm

Attendance: Parish Councillors – J Bunce, A Gilbert, M Hampson, B Lewis, R Smith (Chairman) and Sue Porter (Clerk)

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Acceptance of Apologies – A Lee, J Melling, D Lister (WNC)

1.2 Declarations of Interest – Personal & Prejudicial – A Gilbert & B Lewis – Village Hall

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING held on WEDNESDAY 13th MAY 2026 –

The minutes were approved by R Smith, seconded by M Hampson and all voted in favour that these were an accurate record of the meeting and will be signed and dated by the Chairman.

3. PUBLIC TIME – Nil

4. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORT (Daniel Lister) – No report received.

5. THE SPINNEY

5.1 Immediate Justice Programme – R Smith has purchased the supplies required for the Immediate Justice group to undertake the maintenance works in The Spinney, and these will be reimbursed from the PC. Approved by all.

6. VILLAGE HALL

6.1 Trust Deed Location – The Clerk has found the original letter from the Solicitors which details the deposit of the Village Hall deeds at the National Provincial Bank (Daventry) in 1962. Attempts will be made to track these down as initial enquires to Nat West, Rugby, showed nothing had been deposited against the PC account. J Bunce has agreed to take on this task.

A Gilbert circulated the latest VH update to all on e-mail.

7. HIGHWAYS – Hedge trimming on the Brington Lane will be discussed at the September meeting, as to whether the PC hire a contractor to undertake the maintenance work, to ensure it is done this year. The running water issue on the Brington Lane will also be monitored. The overnight parking of the HGV continues at the top of the village. In September, the purchase of poppies for the street lights will be discussed ready for November.

8. BUSINESS

8.1 Street Lighting Review – Shields have been fitted to those lamps which require them for the resident's benefit. Two more lights will be ordered to be replaced, as per the rollout programme discussed earlier in the year.

8.2 New Barns – The Chairman has contacted D Lister (WNC) and completed the form requested by the planning enforcement team as it appears that permission has been granted for one barn, but not the second one. Neither application has come through to the PC for consultation.

8.3 Community Speedwatch 2026 – The kit has been purchased for £150, and B Lewis has 6 recruits for the first planned session.

8.4 Internal Audit Report 2025-26

8.4.1 IT Policy – It was approved by all that the IT Policy be adopted, this will be added to the website.

8.4.2 Consider increase to Reserves for 2027-28 – Noted, advice is that 100% of the precept is the ideal sum to hold in reserves for a parish of this size.

8.4.3 Remove access to old website – The old website has been removed.

8.5 Defibrillator – Training was provided by St John's Ambulance recently, however a low turnout of only 8 people attended. A thank you letter will be written from the Chairman, with a donation from the PC of £50.00. All in favour.

It was suggested that the defibrillator codes and locations are written on a magnetic credit card size and distributed to all the households in the village and the Locks. A quote will be provided for 200 of these to be created, M Hampson to obtain.

9 FINANCE

The following accounts were approved by all:

9.1 Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation's from May & July 2026

9.2 Accounts paid (May - July 2026):

Online	S Porter	Clerk's Salary May 26	£ 340.10	LGA 1972 s112
		Clerk's Expenses May 26	£ 18.00	LGA 1972 s112
Online	S Porter	Clerk's Salary June 26	£ 340.10	LGA 1972 s112
		Clerk's Expenses June 26	£ 18.00	LGA 1972 s112
Online	Village Hall	Annual Grant Payment 26-27	£ 2,000.00	LGA 1972 s111
Online	WNC Norse	Dog Waste Bin – Manor Lane	£ 435.79	LGA 1972 s111
Refund	Mr R Smith	The Spinney – Maintenance	£ 347.22	LGA 1972 s11
Refund	Mr R Smith	The Spinney – Maintenance	£ 36.00	LGA 1972 s111
Refund	S Porter	Community Speedwatch	£ 150.00	LGA 1972 s111
Refund	S Porter	123 Reg - E-Mails x 5	£ 287.28	LGA 1972 s111
Refund	S Porter	123 Reg - E-Mail x 1	£ 57.46	LGA 1972 s111

9.3 Payments Received (May - July 2026)

Nat West	Interest – April, May & June 2026	£ 44.56
HMRC	VAT Return 25-26	£ 480.19

Current Bank Balances (as of 30/06/2026):

Current Account	£ 584.01
Reserve Account	£ 21,765.94

TOTAL £ 22,349.95

Meeting Closed: 8:35pm