

Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on Thursday 15th May 2025 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs, McAllister, Day, Crandley, Roychoudhury, Bullock

Annual Parish Meeting (commencing 6.30pm)

Chairman's Report **Received On Website**

Cllr Reports **Received On Website**

WNC Reports **None received**

Public Led Session **None**

Parish Council Annual Meeting

1506. Election of Chair **Cllr S McAllister elected as Chair**

1507. Election of Vice Chair **Cllr Roychoudhury elected as Vice Chair**

1508. To receive councillors' Declarations of Office. Chair to complete additional declaration of office.

All declarations signed & received

1509. Councillors to complete register of interest forms & return to WNC. **Dates for completion noted**

1510. Councillors to complete and return election expenses forms. **Dates for completion noted**

1511. Acceptance of Apologies for absence **None**

1512. General Power of Competence **Adopted**

1513. Review and adoption **All policies adopted with the exception of 4 which are deferred**

a) Standing Orders Updated Model **Deferred July**

b) Financial Regulations Updated model **Deferred July**

c) Code of Conduct

d) Co-option

e) Financial, Management and Health and Safety Risk Assessment

f) Publication Scheme

g) Biodiversity Policy **Deferred July**

h) Training & Development Policy

i) Dignity at Work Policy

j) Social Media (Deferred till Website update completed) **Deferred July**

k) Internal Controls Procedures

l) Northants CALC DPO Service as the council's Data Protection Officer

m) GDPR Documents + Procedures

n) Policy and Records Retention Policy

o) Privacy Notices

1514. Appointment of Cllrs to Parish Posts **Detail list on website**

Footpaths Warden, NHW, Neighbourhood Plan, The Hut Land Trustees, Internal

Controls Councillor, play equipment reports (and any others as appropriate and necessary)

Parish Council Meeting

1515. Public Session relating to agenda items **None**

Including WNC Cllr update **None**

1516. Acceptance of Apologies for absence **None**

1517. Declarations of Interest **Cllr McAllister bridle way**

1518. Minutes of the Meeting 9th April 2025 **Approved and signed**

1519. Elections information 2 Vacancies are available for co-option **Noted vacancies advertised**

1520. Planning:

New Applications for consideration Noted no comments

2025/1547/RM

Land At Stoke Road Ashton Reserved matters (appearance, layout, landscaping and scale) for self/custom built

15/04/2025

Pending

dwelling pursuant to outline application
(2023/5190/OUT)

Updates Information

<u>2025/0755/S73</u>	Mallock Sports, Rowley Wood Lane, Hartwell, NN7 2QT	Variation of condition 1 of planning permission S/2016/0682/FUL to allow the premises to used for the purpose of the repair, servicing and maintenance of commercial vehicles and road construction equipment and ancillary office space.	31/03/2025	Pending
<u>2025/1025/FULL</u>	Land North Of, Old Farm Lane, Ashton	The erection of a pool house to the rear of the property - [New Build - approved under Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline permission WNS/2022/2033/OUT for self build detached dwelling]	20/03/2025	Pending
<u>2025/0824/FULL</u>	36 Roade Hill, Ashton, NN7 2JH	Proposed new potting shed [attached to garage]. New roof light to existing garage	13/02/2025	Approval

Amended plans reconsult

<u>2025/0312/S73</u>	Land East Of Manor Farm, Roade Hill, Ashton	Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission WNS/2021/1434/FUL (Erection of 6no. dwellings (3no. affordable), creation of new access, and ancillary parking, garages and landscaping) to alter the layout and appearance and to formalise the removal of the affordable housing provision as per approved application 2023/7784/106V.	21/01/2025	Approval
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Condition change applications can be viewed at <https://wnc.planning-register.co.uk> Ashton Parish_
1521. **Financial Report and Bills for Payment Noted**

- i. Cash at Bank at 30th April £105330.79
 Note Includes election contingency funds £1237.79

ii Receipts included in balance above **Noted**

From	For	Amount	
WNC	Precept	11000	
Various residents	VE 80	618.00	

Payments Approved

Payee	For	Amount	VAT
L Lavender	Salary + Expenses	421.35	
HMRC	PAYE	95.20	
F Mitton & Sons	Path lighting	1074.00	179.00
Creative Play	Inspection and maintenance	594.00	99.00
Greenleaf gardening	Mowing	465.00	
School	Donation room use	180.00	
J Webster RBL	VE 80 Wreath	100.00	
The Old Crown	VE Day event	3185.00	637.00
Roade Community Choir	VE Day event	418.00	
Unity bank	fee	6.00	

- iii. Bank accounts and mandates update **Cla form completed**

1522. Governance

- i. Internal Auditor's Report **Received and noted**
 ii. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24

- a) Section 1, the Annual Governance Statement **Approved and signed**
 - b) Section 2, the Accounting Statements **Approved and signed**
 - c) Dates for the exercise of public rights (3rd June -14th July) **Agreed**
1523. Progress Cil Priority list including consultation arrangement
- i. Lights on school path. **Completed**
 - ii. Dog bin locations submitted **waiting for approval**
 - iii. New streetlights update **Ongoing**
 - iv. 20mph signs update **Order 10 extra**
 - v. Path Hartwell Rd **await outcome of priority action list**
 - vi. New speed sign and trickle feeds **Confirm need for license**
 - vii. New noticeboards **1 quote received additional quotes to be sought**
1524. Feedback on VE Day event. **Very good day. Positive feedback received**
1525. Projects update
- i. Speed sign locations and data update. **Faulty sign + 1 light not working**
 - ii. Update on arrangements for new electricity supplier via Clear Utility Solutions **Ongoing**
1526. Highways issues & road closures
- i. update on buses **Awaiting action from WNC**
 - ii. Stoke Rd/Ashton Rd junction with A508 **Ongoing**
1527. Flooding updates **Emergency Plan to be prepared**
1528. Maintenance of village hedges and verges.
- i. Arrangements for contract 2025/26 **Awaiting 136 from WNC, Mowing map to be prepared Cllr Roychoudhury**
 - ii. East Midlands in Bloom application in 2026 plans **Increase biodiversity eg wildflowers.**
1529. Police liaison update Cllr Bullock **Safer roads data being checked, cctv cameras Positioning changes.**
1530. AVN Cllr Roychoudhury next edition due July
1531. Regular updates
- i. Footpaths, Warden scheme relaunched Cllr Roychoudhury **No scheme details received**
 - ii. NHW Cllr Bullock **Northamptonshire Talking emails discussed**
 - iii. Noticeboards Cllr McAllister **See Cil list**
 - iv. Cllrs' monthly safety checks; to receive a report on any issues arising **None**
1532. Correspondence incl items requiring a response or decision
- Invitation to WNC Parish Conference 12th June 10-1. 2 places available **No one available**
1533. Agree Dates 25-26 **Details on website**
- 2025**
- Thursday 19th June Full Council Meeting**
 - Tuesday 15th July Full Council Meeting**
 - Wednesday 13th August Full Council Meeting**
 - Tuesday 9th September Full Council Meeting**
 - Wednesday 8th October Full Council Meeting**
 - Tuesday 11th November Full Council Meeting**
 - Wednesday 10th December Full Council Meeting**
- 2026**
- Tuesday 13th January Full Council Meeting**
 - Wednesday 11th February Full Council Meeting**
 - Tuesday 10th March Full Council Meeting**
 - Wednesday 8th April Full Council Meeting**
 - Tuesday 12th May Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting**
1534. Next Meeting Thursday 19th June