

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting Held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 6.30pm

**Present Cllrs, McAllister, Bullock, Roychoudhury, Crandley
1 Resident**

Annual Parish Meeting (commencing 6.30pm)

Chairman's Report **Received On Website**

Cllr Reports **Received On Website**

WNC Reports **Cllr Weston introduced herself to the PC. Cllr Cole updated on budgetary concerns**

Public Led Session **Resident spoke on matters relating to 1774 (ii) WNC Cllrs to assist.**

Parish Council Annual Meeting

1748. Election of Chair **Cllr S McAllister elected as Chair**

1749. Election of Vice Chair **Cllr Roychoudhury elected as Vice Chair**

1750. Chair to complete declaration of office. **Signed**

1751. Apologies for absence **Cllrs Day & Crandley accepted**

1752. Re Adoption of General Power of Competence **Confirmed**

1753. Review and adoption **All policies adopted.**

a) Standing Orders

b) Financial Regulations

c) Code of Conduct

d) Co-option

e) Financial, Management and Health and Safety Risk Assessment

f) Publication Scheme

g) Biodiversity Policy

h) Training & Development Policy

i) Dignity at Work Policy

j) Social Media

k) IT policy

l) Internal Controls Procedures

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

n) GDPR Documents + Procedures

o) Policy and Records Retention Policy

p) Privacy Notices

1754. 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

1755. Public Session relating to agenda items **No further items (see above)**

Including WNC Cllr update **No further items**

1756. Acceptance of Apologies for absence **Cllr Day**

1757. Declarations of Interest **Cllr McAllister Bridleway**

1758. Minutes of the Meeting 8th April 2026 **Approved and signed**

1759. 2 Vacancies are available for co-option. **One expression of interest received, resident attended meeting, information given re the role**

1760. Planning:

New Applications for consideration None

Updates Information

[2026/1525/FULL](#) Hilltop Road Hill Single storey front extension
Ashton NN7 2JH

24/03/2026 Pending

[2025/5307/FULL](#) Dale Cottage 21 Two storey detached dwelling 15/12/2025 Pending
Roade Hill Ashton
NN7 2JH

[2025/3389/LBC](#) Manor Farm House Listed Building Consent to Repair south 06/10/2025 Pending
26 Roade Hill Ashton facing roof, . Repair chimney on west
NN7 2JH gable. Repoint exterior walls and Replace
windows and doors.

Condition change applications can be viewed at <https://wnc.planning-register.co.uk> Ashton Parish

1761. **Financial Report and Bills for Payment Noted**

i. Cash at Bank at 1st May £95899.60
Note Includes election contingency funds £1237.79

ii Receipts included in balance above **Noted**

From	For	Amount	
WNC	Precept	11500	
Residents	Event tickets	486	

iii **Payments Approved**

Payee	For	Amount	VAT
Staff costs	Salary + HMRC+ Expenses	648.92	
Broxap	Dog bins proforma	1207.20	
greenleaf	mowing	465	
RGS	Tree survey	420	70
Total energies	Electric	547.64	26.07
Unity bank	fee	7.00	

iii Year end accounts review Cllr Bullock **Some queries addressed, accounts in good order**

1762. Progress Cil Priority list for information and update

- i. Lights on school path. **Completed**
- ii. Dog bins **Awaiting delivery**
- iii. New streetlights installation **Completed.**
- iv. 20mph signs **Installed**
- v. Path Hartwell Rd **Deferred**
- vi. New speed sign s50 **notify WNC when new streetlights installed**
- vii. New noticeboards **Agree purchase of 2 boards**

1763. Review of **asset list Deferred** and **streetlight inventory completed lights to be renumbered**

1764. Update National Grid plan to re-site junction box. **Timeline needed**

1765. Projects update

- i. Speed sign locations and data update. **On website new signs having positive effect**

1766. Highways issues & road closures **Information on these issues to be forwarded to WNC Cllrs**

- i update 7.5 ton speed limit on Roade/Hartwell rd
- ii. update on buses and bus stops
- iii. Tunnel signs indicating 1 car at a time.

1767. Flooding and emergency planning **Cllr McAllister to take forward**

- i. Issues with flooding on bridle way tunnel & Hartwell Lodge **As 1766**

1768. Maintenance of village hedges and verges

- i. Agree next steps from tree survey **Awaiting quotes**

1769. Slide repair, **expected delivery mid/late May**
1770. Village event in 2026 **93 tickets sold. Positive feedback, no loud music was appreciated**
1771. Police liaison update Cllr Bullock **Cctv survey circulated**
1772. AVN next edition **28th May and mid July**
1773. Regular updates
- i. Footpaths Cllr Roychoudhury **All currently in good condition**
 - ii. NHW Cllr Bullock **Quiet nothing to report**
 - iii. Noticeboards & Difib Cllr McAllister **Need to review notices**
 - iv. Cllrs' monthly safety checks; to receive a report on any issues arising **None**
1774. Correspondence incl items requiring a response or decision
- i. 3 requests for road mirrors, referred to WNC, **advised residents that the network management plan states mirrors will be refused**
 - ii. Notification from a resident that they have submitted a complaint to WNC regarding use of the Paddock on Old Farm Lane **As per APM WNC Cllrs to assist**
 - iii. Email from resident about tree on Stoke Rd and noise issues. **Tree report on Fix my Street and referred to Roade PC. Noise concerns referred to Community Club**
1775. **Next Meeting Wednesday 10th June 5.30 pm tbc**