

Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council
LODER HALL, MAIDWELL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 12th March 2025

Present: Cllr Paybody (Vice-Chair), Cllr Calnan, Cllr Blake, Cllr Hackworth, Cllr Goddard, Cllr Jenkins.

Ward Councillors: Cllr Irving-Swift, Cllr Parker. One member of the public.

Due to the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair led the meeting.

87. Apologies for Absence were received:

Cllr Munro. Ward Councillors: Cllr Harris

88. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda – Cllr Calnan has an interest in Item 90 (v) Grant Application and Cllr Goddard, Item 96, Grass Mowing Contract. Both will leave the meeting as required when the item is discussed.

89. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2025 – Version 2

Approved. Prop. Cllr Hackworth, Sec. Cllr Goddard

90. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2025

- i. **(73i) Planning – Land at Dale Farm** – Awaiting date at planning committee meeting. Since the meeting was held, the application has been amended and re-submitted to planning for comment – deadline April 14th, 2025.
- ii. **(73iii) Defibrillator** – The defibrillator has now officially been gifted to The Stag and will no longer be maintained by the Parish Council. Item closed.
- iii. **(73iv) Missing Litter Bin on A508** – Bin now installed. Item closed.
- iv. **(62) Local Elections 2025** – Cllr Calnan shared the final version of the flyer which will be circulated electronically and placed on each Parish noticeboard. Reminder: Nomination Papers are due by Wednesday 2nd April. **Elections – Thursday 1st May 2025. Bring ID to Vote.**
- v. **(78) Grant Application by Draughton Clubroom** – The Clubroom were successful with their grant application and received £5000 therefore as per the resolution at the previous meeting, the Parish Council confirmed that they will fund the additional £2000 towards the repair of the roof. Payment will be made under Item 100.

91. Open Forum – One Member of the Public Present.

Cllr Parker gave an update to the Council.

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) are currently £5 million short vs forecast for 2024/25. This shortfall is expected to be reduced by year-end

Cllr Irving-Swift gave an update to the Council.

WNC have recently undergone their audit for 2023/24 from an external audit firm who reported that no errors have been found in the accounts.

The election is fast approaching on **Thursday 1st May 2025**. One Councillor will stand for the new ward, down from three. A reminder to bring ID to vote.

A note regarding the re-emergence of the campaign to reinstate the Brampton Valley Way as a railway line which has had the backing of the MP from Market Harborough. Cllr Irving-Swift expressed her opposition to the campaign.

Finally, council tax bills for the year 2025/26 should have been received by each household. Overall a 5% increase compared to the previous year with the main pressures being on the statutory services - child services and adult social care.

92. Speeding Traffic through Maidwell

- i. **Road Re-Surfacing** – No update since January meeting

Bridge on Blueberry Lane Update - Highways are carrying out their surveys on the bridge. Bore holes have been drilled to check the foundations of the bridge. The BT cable will require relocating. Update at the next meeting.

- ii. **SID Data** – The latest speed data information was shared with all Councillors ahead of the meeting. All new data can be downloaded on the website (<https://maidwellwithdraughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/speed-data/>)
- iii. **Replacement Speed Sign/Battery** (outside Westaway Garage) - The Parish Council were successful in their bid for a grant towards the purchase of the new speed sign. 50% was awarded due to the fact that the Parish Council have previously received a 5k grant towards the signs outside the Loder Hall back in 2021.

The sign has now been installed and data is already being collected. The first 2 days of data is already available on the website.

Item now closed.

93. Sustainability

- i. **Maidwell-Being** - The most recent meeting was well attended by over 20 people. Meetings are held on every second Saturday of the month – the next meeting will be on **Saturday 12th April** at the Loder Hall.

A group of volunteers have planted the quince trees behind Loder Hall. An additional amount was pre-approved for the purchase of additional soil, tree stakes and delivery Total amount spent **£ 183.22** (VAT to claim back £ 9.92) **Approved. Prop. Cllr Calnan, Sec. Cllr Blake**

- ii. **Recycle Bins** – No Update. Bins are still available for use outside the Loder Hall. More information can be found on our website.

94. Policies

- i. **NEW** Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy – **all required to sign/electronically sign** to confirm have read and understood.
- ii. Equality and Diversity Policy – No Changes
- iii. Risk Assessment – Update to CILCA Only
- iv. Freedom of Information – Email/Website addresses updated only

- v. Complaints Procedure - Email/Website addresses updated only
- vi. Transparency Code – No Changes
- vii. Asset Register – Updated. Removed defib at The Stag, added new speed sign outside Westaway Garage
- viii. Website Accessibility - Email/Website addresses updated only

All policies reviewed and re-adopted and can be found on the website.

Approved. Prop. Cllr Jenkins, Sec. Cllr Calnan

95. Path Warden Scheme – Now managed by Kier, the Parish Path Warden Scheme is being relaunched. Clerk has signed up to the scheme to receive communications.

96. Grass Mowing Contract Renewal 2025/26 – 7% increase for approval. Cllr Goddard left the meeting due to an interest. The increase was approved. **Approved. Prop. Cll Blake, Sec. Cllr Jenkins**

Cllr Goddard rejoined the meeting.

97. Meeting Dates 2025/26

(Existing) Wed May 14th 2025 – Annual Parish and Annual General Meeting

Wed 9th July 2025

Wed 10th Sept 2025

Wed 12th Nov 2025

Wed 14th Jan 2026

Wed 11th Mar 2026

Wed 13th May 2026

Approved. Prop. Cllr Hackworth. Sec. Cllr Jenkins.

98. Reports:

Planning:

- i) **Noted. Deadline Passed: 2024/5136/FULL, The Old Barn Draughton Road Maidwell NN6 9JF – Amended Plans Only** - Single storey rear extension and alterations and increase section of rear west boundary wall in height to 2.625m. Deadline Passed: 22 January 2025. Confirmed via email that no extraordinary meeting was required.
- ii) **Noted. Deadline Passed: 2025/0492/LBC at Maidwell Hall, Maidwell Hall School, Draughton Road, Maidwell, NN6 9JG** - Ventilation improvements and replacement of 2no. doors. Deadline passed: 7th March 2025. Confirmed via email that no extraordinary meeting was required.

Consultations:

The following consultations were noted by the Parish Council.

- i) **Deadline Passed: Help shape the One West Northamptonshire Plan** - The One West Northamptonshire Plan aims to transform the region into the "beating heart of England" by 2030, fostering thriving communities and businesses. This plan builds on and emphasises collaboration among organisations, businesses, and communities to achieve these goals within the next five years. Your views are crucial to shaping the plan's ambitions and priorities, to make sure it reflects the needs and aspirations of West Northamptonshire communities. **This activity closed**

midnight 20 February 2025

- ii) **Deadline Passed: PSPO on organised dangerous driving in West Northamptonshire** - West Northamptonshire Council along with community safety partners, are considering a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to combat organised dangerous driving in West Northamptonshire and need your feedback.
This consultation closed midnight 18 February 2025

All WNC consultations can be found on this website. https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/consultation_finder/

Finance

- 99. Accounts:** The Clerk produced accounts to 28th February 2025 along with a bank reconciliation, bank statement and spend v budget v forecast. **Approved and signed. Prop. Cllr Jenkins. Sec. Cllr Goddard**

- 100.** Resolution to approve payments.

- i. Parish Clerk – Feb-Mar'25 & WFH Expenses - **£ 698.80**
- ii. Expenses – Parish Clerk – Printer Ink/Heating - **£ 42.54**
- iii. Training – Clerk NCALC 50/50 w/Oxendon - **£ 21.00**
- iv. Elan City – Speed Sign - **£ 2807.99**
- v. Loder Hall Rent 2024/25 - **£ 90.00**
- vi. NCALC – Training Inv 4246 (50% due from Oxendon) - **£ 50.40**
- vii. Payment to Draughton Clubroom – **£2000.00**

Payments approved. Prop. Cllr Jenkins, Sec. Cllr Goddard

Resolution to approve payments made since last meeting

- i. Invoice to be signed only as payment made
 - The Plant Man – Quince Trees x2 - **£ 122.23**
 - Fiona Howes – Quince Tree x1 - **£ 60.99**
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Payments approved. Prop. Cllr Calnan, Sec. Cllr Jenkins

Direct Debits

- i. Npower – Streetlight Electricity Dec'24 - **£ 72.62**
- ii. Npower - Streetlight Electricity Jan'25 - **£ 78.27**
- iii. Loan - **£ 409.30**

Payments approved. Prop. Cllr Hackworth, Sec. Cllr Jenkins

Resolution to approve any additional payments received since publication of agenda – None

Internal control checks were carried out. All invoices signed and approved.

- 101. Correspondence** (Additional correspondence not written below for noting only)

Correspondence was received from WNC regarding the removal of the BT payphone in Draughton. Because the phone box is a traditional red box, it is listed but is not located in a conservation area. No calls have been recorded

in the last 12 months. WNC has proposed that the phone be removed and the box locked unless the PC would like to adopt. Due to the deadline for comment, the PC had a short discussion on taking on the liability and decided at this time to not adopt the box and leave for WNC to manage.

Cllr Hackworth extended her thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to the action taken by Cllr Parker and Kier on sorting the blocked drains which led to the flooding that occurred on the Main Road last month.

102. Date and Time of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14th May 2025** at 7.30pm at Loder Hall, Maidwell

Dates of Future Meetings

Wed 12th Mar 2025

Wed 14th May 2025 – Annual Parish & Annual General Meeting

Wed 9th July 2025

Wed 10th Sept 2025

Wed 12th Nov 2025

Wed 14th Jan 2026

Wed 11th Mar 2026

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103. The meeting was closed at 20:31



Date & Signature of Chairman:

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