

Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council
LODER HALL, MAIDWELL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 9th July 2025

Present: Cllr Goddard, Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Blake, Cllr Hackworth. Cllr Jackson-Stops.
Ward Councillor: Cllr Irving-Swift

The Chair and Vice-Chair were not present so Cllr Goddard chaired the meeting.

- 28. Apologies for Absence were received:** Cllr Munro (Chair), Cllr Paybody (Vice-Chair)
- 29. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests** under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda – None
- 30. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May 2025**
Approved. Prop: Cllr Hackworth. Sec: Cllr Blake with a change to Item 13(ii) number of terracycle bags purchased changed from 2 to 3
- 31. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May 2025**
- i. **(10i) Planning – Land at Dale Farm** – Awaiting WNC committee date. Delayed due to elections and change to administration at WNC.

32. Open Forum

Ward Councillor Irving-Swift gave an update to the Council.

Cllr Irving-Swift has been elected as Councillor of the Rural North East Ward for the next 4 years. She will endeavour to assist the Parish Council on key issues affecting the community including Highways and Planning. All Parishes will be updated quarterly by newsletter.

At the election held back in May, West Northamptonshire Council consists of 76 Councillors - 42 Reform, 17 Conservatives, 9 Labour, 6 Liberal Democrat and 2 independents. The Reform party is therefore the administration and is responsible for delivering all WNC services. Due to these changes, there has been delays to various outstanding issues such as the planning application submitted at Dale Farm that was due to go before the planning committee. Since the administration have not yet published a manifesto, it is difficult to hold them to account but will endeavour to do this as best as possible.

Cllr Irving-Swift has also been appointed as the Shadow Finance Portfolio holder and asked to sit on the Audit and Governance Committee.

Item 38 Maintenance of Rights of Way was discussed under the Open Forum with Cllr Irving-Swift present.

Cllr Jackson-Stops asked a question regarding Rights of Way and queried the role of Fix my Street in the reporting process. He asked how WNC hold landowners to account in addressing any issues with footpaths when they are reported through the online tool.

A short discussion was had regarding the process of reporting and the complexities of anonymity when reporting such issues. Cllr Irving-Swift agreed to ponder on the question and contact the Clerk to the best way forward. The Parish Council also asked Cllr Irving-Swift to assist in obtaining a response regarding the outstanding works list in item 33 below and the issue of a letter to Kier/Highways sent on the 2nd June 2025.

Cllr Irving-Swift left the meeting.

33. Speeding Traffic through Maidwell

i. Road Re-Surfacing

- Items 3,5 & 6 from the original list – Due to be completed under Highways Budget 2025/26 and Bridge collapse Blueberry Lane – Clerk wrote to Highways 2/6/25. Awaiting reply.
- Manor Farm Road – included in letter sent 2/6/25

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/>)

There are now a few months of data downloaded from the new sign outside the Westaway Garages. A note was made regarding the life of the battery which currently requires recharging every 8 days. Clerk to investigate possibility of relocation to the lamppost so sign can be permanently wired in to an electricity supply.

iii. Correspondence received – Road noise on A508 – Clerk to write to resident.

34. Sustainability

i. Maidwell-Being – The last coffee morning was held on the 14th of June and was well attended by over 20 people. The quince trees planted in the Spring are now bearing fruit (albeit small) which was unexpected for their first year.

The next coffee morning will be held on **Saturday 13th September** where a plant swap/surplus produce will be shared.

Recycle Bins – The recycle bins are located inside the gate at Loder Hall to collect medicine blister packs, contact lens cases, old pens and toothpaste tubes for recycling.

ii. NCALC Climate & Nature Champion Scheme – The Parish Council are looking for a resident who would be interested in becoming our representative for NCALC CAN scheme. In this voluntary role, you would act as the council's key point of contact and advocate for environmental sustainability, biodiversity, and climate resilience. For more information or if you would like to volunteer for the role, please contact the Clerk on the address below.

35. Policies

i. Financial Regulations – Re-adoption – No changes

All policies reviewed were re-adopted and copies can be found on the website.
Approved. Prop: Cllr Jenkins. Sec: Cllr Jackson-Stops

- 36. Review of Councillor Responsibilities** – All responsibilities were reviewed. The updated document can be found on the website.
- 37. Noted: New Date: WNC Annual Parish Conference** – Parishes in Partnership – 23rd October at Franklin Gardens. Due to the changes of leadership after the election, the conference was postponed until October.
- 38. Maintenance of Rights of Way** – Cllr Jackson-Stops – This item was discussed under the Open Forum (32) with Cllr Irving-Swift.

39. Reports:

Planning: None

Consultations:

The following consultations were noted by the Parish Council.

- i) **Deadline Passed:** Help us develop services for children, young people and families
Closed at midnight **6 July 2025**.
- ii) Feedback on the alternative education provision for West Northamptonshire
This activity closes at midnight **20 July 2025**
- iii) **Deadline Passed:** Have your say on: Boughton and Moulton Proposed Highway Improvements
This activity closes 23:59 **7 July 2025**.
- iv) Have your say on: Renewing Rules for Dogs and Smoking in Public Spaces
This activity closes 23:59 **27 July 2025**
- v) Grand Union and Oxford Canal Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Consultation
This activity closes at 23:59 **27 July 2025**
- vi) Have your say on how people are involved in Local Planning – Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for West Northants Planning Service - This sets out how the Council will engage and consult in the undertaking of its Planning functions to ensure that anyone within and with an interest in, the local authority's area can get involved in the decisions that are made. This activity closes 23:59 **25 August 2025**

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

Finance

- 40. Accounts:** The Clerk produced accounts to 30th June 2025 with a bank reconciliation, bank statement and spend v budget v forecast. **Approved and signed. Prop: Cllr Hackworth, Sec: Cllr Jenkins**
- 41. Resolution to approve payments**
- i. Parish Clerk – Jun-Jul'25 - **£ 604.40**
 - ii. Blades – Grass Cutting Inv 12 – May'25 - **£ 174.67**
 - iii. Blades – Grass Cutting Inv 22 – Jun'25 - **£ 174.67**
 - iv. NCALC – Inv 4705 – New Cllr Training - **£ 63.60**

v. Parish Council Websites – Inv 3566 – Domain Renewal - **£ 14.40**

Payments approved. Prop: Cllr Jenkins, Sec: Cllr Blake

Resolution to approve payments made since last meeting - None

Direct Debits - None

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

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

42. Correspondence (Additional correspondence not written below for noting only) - None

43. Date and Time of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Wed 10th Sept 2025** at 7.30pm – Venue TBC

Dates of Future Meetings

Wed 10th Sept 2025


Wed 12th Nov 2025

Wed 14th Jan 2026

Wed 11th Mar 2026

Wed 13th May 2026

44. The meeting was closed at 20:31



Date & Signature of Chairman:

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