

**Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council
LODER HALL, MAIDWELL**

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 14th January 2026

Present: Cllr Munro (Chair), Cllr Blake, Cllr Hackworth, Cllr Jackson-Stops, Cllr Goddard.
Six Members of the Public.

85. Apologies for Absence were received: Cllr Paybody (Vice-Chair), Cllr Jenkins. Ward Councillor: Cllr Irving-Swift

86. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda – Cllr Goddard Item 92. Clerk Item 83. Cllr Jackson-Stops – Any Maidwell School discussion.

87. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 November 2025

Approved. Prop: Cllr Hackworth. Sec: Cllr Blake

88. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 September 2025

i. (72i) Planning – Land at Dale Farm – Application now with Planning Inspectorate. A Hearing was held on 18 November 2025. No Update as of 07/01/26

89. Open Forum

Six Members of the Public were present.

One Member of the Public addressed the Chair regarding continued concerns over the surface of the A508. The Parish Council was sent a copy of a letter to Highways from a resident addressing concerns of the impact of the road noise and traffic speed through the village. The resident requested that a face to face meeting be organised with West Northamptonshire Highways to address the concerns raised.

A Member of the Public submitted a grant request on behalf of the Draughton Clubroom. The Parish Council awarded a grant last year towards the renovation of the roof. Further works are now required which includes works to trees and drainage which are contributing to damp collecting inside the building. A schedule of works was shared with the Council. The total works required to date totalled approximately £17,000.

A Member of the Public spoke on behalf of Maidwell Primary School following an invitation from the Parish Council to submit a grant request. Documents were received which detailed recent capital expenditure. The revenue that the School receives from West Northamptonshire Council is minimal compared to the work that will need be undertaken on the building shortly. Details were also given regarding the request to purchase new laptops for the pupils to aid with IT lessons.

90. Speeding Traffic through Maidwell

i. **Road Re-Surfacing**

- The outstanding works have been completed (Items 3, 5 & 6 from the original list). It was noted that there was an obvious reduction in noise when vehicles drive over these drains.
No update on the bridge on Blueberry Lane.

- Noise A508 – Resident Correspondence. The Parish Council heard from a Member of the Public during the Open Forum about the noise and vibrations generated by heavy goods vehicles along the A508 due to the quality of the road surface.

The Council agreed that a face-to-face meeting with WNC Highways/Kier/Police would be arranged so concerns could be put forward. Chair and Clerk to action.

Note – Upcoming works on the A14 – overnight closure beginning 26th January 2026 through to May.

- 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. **Movement of Speed Sign near Garage** – Not viable. Item Closed.

96. Allocation of Reserves – Item moved from below

Two Members of the Public spoke during the Open Forum to present to the Council a request for funds.

A representative from Draughton Clubroom presented information and quotes for continuing renovation works. A representative from Maidwell Primary School also presented a request for new laptops for the pupils and/or capital expenditure required to repair the building.

It was agreed by all Councillors both were worthy causes and a portion of the Parish Council reserve was earmarked for such expenditure.

It was agreed that the Council would like to see a grant application that includes a list of works with details and quotes to be presented at the next meeting from each party.

At 20:22, all Members of the Public left the meeting.

91. Sustainability

- i. **Maidwell-Being** – The December meeting was well attended. New faces were welcomed at the meeting in January. Due to the receipt of a small grant last year and generous donations from attendees, there is currently no expenditure generated by the group.

92. Grass Cutting – The request to approve 3.5% increase for 2026 was accepted. **Prop: Cllr Hackworth. Prop: Cllr Jackson-Stops.**

It was noted that overgrown trees require maintenance. Cleck to receive photos in order to action with WNC.

93. Clerk – Homeworking Expenses – No update. Item Closed.

94. Reports:

Planning

- i. **2025/4888/FULL** - Land adjacent to 9 High Street Draughton Northampton NN6 9JQ. Conversion and extension of existing barn to provide 1 no. dwelling together with car parking and associated works.

Specially extended deadline for comment 15 January 2026 for Parish Council. Comments due by 29th December 2025.

The Council received a copy of comments sent to WNC from a Draughton resident and also consulted with Mr Pete Redman for his recommendations based on the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Council resolved to **Comment** on the application and requested that the development preserved the heritage characteristics of the existing barn and surrounding stone boundary walls as per the Neighbourhood Plan.

Prop: Cllr Jackson-Stops. Sec: Cllr Blake. Clerk to action.

Consultations:

The following Consultations were noted.

- i. **For Note:** WNC Local Plan – Public consultation due to begin in February. Note regarding the Brampton Valley Way.
Note re WNC Zoom meeting on the Local Plan on 10/02/25 10-11:30
- ii. **West Northamptonshire Council Draft Budget 2026 to 2027 Consultation** – Please visit <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/wnc-budget-2026-27/> . This consultation closes midnight Tuesday 3 February 2026
An increase of **4.99%** in Council Tax has been put forward by West Northamptonshire Council for the year 2026/27
- iii. **Call for Sites** – Meeting the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Local Plan - Submit a site by completing the form. **This activity closes on 26 January 2026.**
- iv. **Help Shape: Draft Active Travel Strategy, Mobility Hub and Rail Action Plans**
As part of the developing strategies for the Local Travel Plan for West Northamptonshire, we are asking for feedback to help shape the vision and themes in the draft Active Travel Strategy, Mobility Hub Action Plan and Rail Action Plan. **This activity closes on 27 January 2026**
- v. **Now Closed** - Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Public Consultation: Precept and Public Confidence Survey 2026/2027. **This activity closed on 5 January 2026.**

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

Finance

95. Budget 2026/27 – The Precept for the year 2026/27 was approved at **£11,940.48**. The Budget for year 2026/27 was approved at **£11,940.48**. **Prop: Cllr Blake. Sec: Cllr Jackson-Stops.**

There is no increase in Council Tax to residents from the Parish Council for the new year. All inflationary increases have been absorbed as the final payment of the loan for the streetlights has been paid off and will not continue next year.

The PR1 form was signed by the Chair and Clerk and will be submitted to WNC.

96. Allocation of Reserves – This item was discussed above.

97. Accounts: The Clerk produced accounts to 31st December 2025 with a bank reconciliation, bank statement and spend v budget v forecast. **Approved and signed. Prop: Cllr Blake, Sec: Cllr Jackson-Stops.**

98. Payments

i) Resolution to approve payments

Parish Clerk – Dec-Jan'26 - **£ 623.74**

WNC – Uncontested Election Recharge - **£ 64.50**

Expenses – Printer Ink/USB Stick - **£ 28.66**

SLCC – Difference in Annual Fee - **£ 6.00**

(Invoice paid in Sept & split with Oxendon - £72 each, revised £75 each)

Payments approved. Prop: Cllr Goddard, Sec: Cllr Hackworth

ii) Resolution to approve payments made since last meeting

Direct Debits

Npower Oct'25 - IN14356479- **£ 75.73**

Nov'25 - IN14513506 - **£ 86.06**

Payments approved. Prop: Cllr Blake, Sec: Cllr Jackson-Stops.

iii) Resolution to approve any additional payments received since publication of agenda - None

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

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

100. Date and Time of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th March 2026** at 7.30pm at Loder Hall, Maidwell

Dates of Future Meetings

Wed 11th Mar 2026

Wed 13th May 2026

101. The meeting was closed at 20:43



Date & Signature of Chairman:

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