

Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council
LODER HALL, MAIDWELL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 11th March 2026

Present: Cllr Munro (Chair), Cllr Paybody (Vice-Chair), Cllr Blake, Cllr Hackworth. Cllr Jackson-Stops, Cllr Goddard.

102. Apologies for Absence were received: Cllr Jenkins. Ward Councillor: Cllr Irving-Swift

Note: Cllr Jenkins has resigned. The Parish Council wishes to thank Cllr Jenkins for his contributions and wishes him all the best.

The Parish Council now has a Casual Vacancy. Please contact the Clerk for more information.

103. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda – Cllr Paybody - Item 105 (iii). Clerk Item 105 (ii). Cllr Jackson-Stops – Item 105 (iii)

104. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 January 2026

Approved. Prop: Cllr Hackworth. Sec: Cllr Goddard

105. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th January 2026

- i. **(88i)** Planning – Land at Dale Farm – Application has been dismissed 03/03/26. Item now closed.
- ii. **(93)** Clerk – Item moved to Confidential Items after meeting close to the Public
- iii. **(96)** Allocation of Reserves
 - Draughton Clubroom Grant – Awaiting more information. Update at next meeting.
 - Maidwell School – The Parish Council had a short discussion regarding awarding grants to the village primary school. Whilst the Parish Council would like to support the school, it cannot legally fund any Capital projects where funding is already received from the Local Authority. It was agreed that any money granted must have a clear benefit to the pupils e.g. educational benefit, health and wellbeing, sustainability. Update at next meeting.

106. Open Forum – No one in attendance

107. Speeding Traffic through Maidwell

i. **Road Re-Surfacing**

- Bridge on Blueberry Lane – No update – Agreed to raise at the meeting Monday 16th March.
- A508 – Road Surface/Noise/A14 Closure
- Residents Meeting with Highways – **Monday 16th March 2026, 8pm, Loder Hall**

The Parish Council will be hosting a meeting with representatives from WNC Highways for residents to express their concerns regarding the A508. All are welcome to attend.

- ii. **SID Data** – The latest speed data information was shared with all Councillors ahead of the meeting. A new summary will shortly be available to view on the website.

The Parish Council would like to extend thanks to the village Wombles who continue to work tirelessly to keep the village looking tidy. Also a special thanks to the resident who recently cleaned the road signs.

108. Sustainability

- i. Maidwell-Being/Coffee Morning – Next meeting Saturday 14th March 2026, 10:30-12 noon

Recycling Bins - Don't forget the recycling bins just inside the gate at Loder Hall for anyone to use – we collect medicine blister packs, contact lens cases, old pens, used make up and toothpaste tubes.

109. Meeting Dates 2026/27 – The following dates were noted.

Wed July 8th 2026
Wed Sept 9th 2026
Wed Nov 11th 2026
Wed Jan 13th 2027
Wed Mar 10th 2027
Wed May 12th 2027

110. Policies

- i. Asset Register
- ii. Equality and Diversity Policy
- iii. Risk Assessment
- iv. Freedom of Information
- v. Complaints Procedure
- vi. Transparency Code
- vii. Website Accessibility
- viii. Anti Bullying & Harassment Policy

Approved. Prop: Cllr Paybody. Sec: Cllr Blake

111. Election Recharges Consultation – Following the May elections, West Northamptonshire Council is reviewing the cost of elections and how this is recharged to Town and Parish Councils. A series of options was put forward. Option C was agreed. Clerk to respond to the consultation.

112. Reports:

Planning

- i. **DEADLINE PASSED - Notification of Tree Work (TPO) - Draughton Village Hall, High Street, Draughton, NN6 9JQ** - T1 + T2 yew trees laterally reduce back by 2-3m from hall to allow clearance from building following on from recent roof repairs. Deadline for comment **3 March 2026**

Consultations:

The following Consultations were noted.

- i. **West Northamptonshire Local Plan 2043 - Regulation 18- Draft Consultation January 2026** - The Draft Plan and supporting documents will be available for public inspection until 23:59 on **Friday 27 March 2026**

The Parish Council received with thanks a note from Pete Redman regarding the Local Plan – Regulation 18 Consultation. Both recommendations were noted and it was agreed that no further comment would be made at this time.

- ii. **West Northamptonshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy** – Deadline for Comment **25 March 2026**
<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/consultations/local-nature-recovery-strategy-consultation>

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

Finance

113. **Accounts:** The Clerk produced accounts to 28th February 2026 with a bank reconciliation, bank statement and spend v budget v forecast. **Approved and signed. Prop: Cllr Goddard, Sec: Cllr Blake.**

114. Payments

- i) Resolution to approve payments

Parish Clerk – Feb-Mar'26 & Homeworking Expenses - **£ 731.74**
Loder Hall – Rent PC Meetings 2025/26 - **£ 120.00**

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

- ii) Resolution to approve payments made since last meeting

Direct Debits
Npower Dec'25 - IN14718488 - **£ 95.75**

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

- iii) Resolution to approve any additional payments received since publication of agenda

Parish Council Websites – Domain Renewal. £14.40

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

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

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

116. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – The Annual Parish and Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th May 2026** at 7.30pm at Loder Hall, Maidwell

Dates of Future Meetings

Wed 13th May 2026 - AGM

117. The meeting was closed to Public at 20:34

Confidential Item

Item 105 (iii)

The Clerk appraisal was noted.

It was agreed to increase Homeworking Expenses to the HMRC recommended amount as per NCALC guidance.

Approved. Prop: Cllr Hackworth. Sec: Cllr Jackson-Stops.



Date & Signature of Chairman:

Mrs Sarah Smith, Parish Clerk
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