

Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council
LODER HALL, MAIDWELL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13th May 2026

Present: Cllr Paybody, Cllr Blake, Cllr Hackworth. Cllr Jackson-Stops, Cllr Goddard.

1 Member of the Public

5. **Election of Chair** - Cllr Paybody was duly elected as Chairman for 2026/27. Prop: Cllr Blake. Unanimously approved.
6. **Election of Vice Chair** – The Council decided not to elect a Vice-Chair for 2026/27 and instead in the absence of the Chair will elect a Chair before a meeting if required.

Cllr Paybody thanked Cllr Munro on behalf of the Parish Council for her work as Chair over the last few years.

7. **Councillors' Declarations of Office Forms** – Cllr Munro was absent from the meeting. The Declaration of Office form will be received by the Clerk at the next meeting in July.
8. **Apologies for Absence were received:** Cllr Munro. Ward Councillor: Cllr Irving-Swift.
9. **Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests** under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda - None
10. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2026.** Approved. Prop: Cllr Goddard. Sec: Cllr Blake
Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 30th of April 2026. Approved. Prop: Cllr Goddard. Sec: Cllr Hackworth

11. **Councillor Vacancy** - Noted

12. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2026:**

- i. **(105) Allocation of Reserves** - Draughton Clubroom and Maidwell School

Draughton Clubroom presented a grant application detailing a specific list of works required. **£5,500** from the Parish Council earmarked reserves was awarded to the Clubroom to be put towards the following:

Works to Trees £834

Heating £3476

Windows – Balance towards £1190

Conditions – Receive copies of all invoices once works completed.

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

Maidwell Primary School – A request was received to possibly purchase traffic signs to be placed outside the school however no more information was received so no firm decision could be made. More information required. Update at next meeting.

13. Open Forum – No members of the public present.

14. Highways

- i. A508 – Road Surface/Noise – including any updates from meetings held on 16th March and 30th April Extraordinary Meeting

The Clerk will request an update from the MP Stuart Andrew to the meeting that was due to take place on 1st May between WNC and the Police Commissioner.

Clerk to compile a list of actions from both meetings for Sam Simons.

Note re blocked drain requires reporting on the A508 just down from Loder Hall. Clerk to report on Fix my Street.

- ii. Bridge on Blueberry Lane – Ongoing. Bat box now in place. Update at next meeting.

A Member of the Public left the meeting.

- iii. Draughton Road – Protection of Verges – The Parish Council appointed volunteer Mr Pete Redman to work on behalf of the Council and continue the good work done so far on verges in Draughton.
Approved. Prop: Cllr Goddard. Sec: Cllr Jackson-Stops.
- iv. A14 Closure – Social Value – Clerk to share with village. Note since meeting: Project now closed due to end of works. Confirmation received that the company chose to support a local charity with some works to a community allotment.
- v. SID Data – Cllr Goddard

Data has been shared with Sergeant Greg Harriosn since the meeting on 30th April. The data clearly shows a drop in traffic since the works on the A14 had finished. Peak speeds occur between 6-7am, Fridays from the Market Harborough direction and on Wednesdays towards Market Harborough.

All data can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

A note was made regarding setting up a Community Speedwatch group. Clerk to research eligibility criteria and costs involved for presentation at the next meeting.

15. Sustainability

- i. Maidwell-Being/Coffee Morning – The next meeting will be held on Saturday 2nd June where a seed swap will take place. After the June meeting, no more meetings are planned until September 12th
- ii. Terracycle Bags – Purchase of x3 bags to continue the recycling from the bins outside the Loder Hall.

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.

16. Policies

- i. Standing Orders
- ii. Code of Conduct

Approved. Prop: Cllr Goddard. Sec: Cllr Blake

17. Review of Councillor Responsibilities – Defer Item

18. Annual Insurance Renewal – Renewal quote £363 Zurich approved. Approved. Prop: Cllr Goddard. Sec: Cllr Blake

19. Broken Streetlight, Draughton – Eon were appointed to fix the lamp. Update at next meeting.

20. Correspondence:

- i. Noted: Trees between land at Loder Hall and The Stag – overhang due to be trimmed back by the landlord.
- ii. ‘Village Library’ - Correspondence was received regarding the book drop in the bus shelter. The Parish Council had no objection to its management by a resident and re-confirmed that the Parish Council do not own the shelter.
- iii. Maidwell Hall – The Parish Council agreed to extend an invitation to the new head at Maidwell Hall to attend a meeting.

21. Reports:

Planning - None
Consultations – None

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

Finance

22. Audit 2025/26

- i. The **Internal Auditors Report** was received and actions noted.
- ii. **Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025/26** was read, all questions answered and the document signed by the Chair. **Approved. Prop: Cllr Goddard, Sec: Cllr Jackson-Stops**
- iii. Section 2 Accounting Statements 2025/26 was approved and signed. **Approved. Prop: Cllr Goddard, Sec: Cllr Jackson-Stops**
- iv. The **Certificate of Exemption** was approved and signed. **Approved. Prop: Cllr Goddard, Sec: Cllr Jackson-Stops**

23. Accounts: The Clerk produced the year-end accounts to 31st March 2026 and new financial year accounts ending 30th April 2026 including a bank reconciliation, bank statement and spend v budget v forecast.
Approved and signed. Prop: Cllr Hackworth, Sec: Cllr Goddard.

24. Payments

- i. Resolution to approve payments

Parish Clerk – Apr-May’26 & Homeworking Expenses - **£ 834.74**
Zurich – Insurance Renewal - **£ 363.00**
Expenses – Terracycle Bags x3 - **£ 102.90**

NCALC – Annual Membership Inv-5319 - £ 610.03
Blades – Inv 2 – Grass Cutting Apr'26 - £ 361.58

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

- ii. Resolution to approve payments made since last meeting

Direct Debits

NPower - Streetlight Electricity Jan'26 INV14883673 - £ 92.12

NPower - Streetlight Electricity Feb'26 INV15083080 - £ 72.30

NPower - Streetlight Electricity Mar'26 IN15270997 - £ 67.30

Unity Trust Bank – Bank Charges Mar'26 - £ 7.00

Unity Trust Bank – Bank Charges Apr'26 - £ 7.00

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

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

Grant payment to Draughton Clubroom, £5500, approved above

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

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

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

26. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – The Annual Parish and Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th July 2026** at 7.30pm at Loder Hall, Maidwell

Dates of Future Meetings

Wed July 8th 2026

Wed Sept 9th 2026

Wed Nov 11th 2026

Wed Jan 13th 2027

27. The meeting was closed at 21:44



Date & Signature of Chairman:

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