

Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council
LODER HALL, MAIDWELL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 8th July 2026

Present: Cllr Paybody, Cllr Hackworth. Cllr Jackson-Stops
14 Members of the Public

28. Apologies for Absence were received: Cllr Munro, Cllr Blake, Cllr Goddard. Ward Councillor: Cllr Irving-Swift.

29. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda - None

30. Open Forum

Tom Wise, Chair of Governors at Maidwell Primary School presented a funding request to the Council for consideration. Mr Wise thanked the Parish Council for the contribution to a new PA system. The school has been approaching local businesses and other avenues of funding to aid with everyday spending on grass mowing and capital expenditure such as repairs to the school building due to the school's small budget. The Parents Association fundraises approximately £2000 each year through regular events.

Mr Paul Sanders-Hewitt requested that the Parish Council consider supporting the application to make The Stag pub in the village an Asset of Community Value. A resolution would be required by the Parish Council to formally move ahead with the application – this will be added to the September agenda. In the meantime the Parish Council agreed to support the distribution of a survey to the village to determine whether there would be any expressions of interest.

A resident addressed the Chair regarding the parking situation on Draughton Road at school pick up and drop off times which has been blocking resident's driveways and in May a full blockage of the road for over an hour. The question asked was who is responsible and can enforce nuisance parking.

The Chair opened the meeting to allow the Member of the Public to speak to the Chair of Governors, Tom Wise. An acknowledgment of the issue was made and an invitation to organise a meeting in September/October with the new Head Teacher and residents regarding the ongoing situation.

Some items on the agenda were brought forward and discussed as part of the Open Forum.

34. Highways

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

Email updates had been received from the Rt. Hon. Stuart Andrew MP following meetings he held with Danielle Stone PFCC and Cllr Mark Arnall (West Northants Council) re the traffic issues in Maidwell.

Response from Danielle Stone

'I have had a meeting with CEO, Martin Henry of WNC and with Paul Golley in my environmental protection Team. I urged Martin to encourage his highways team to have a more problem-solving approach to issues. He has a budget for matched funding for any ameliorations the PC deem to be appropriate. Paul Golley has assured me

that his work with the PC is evidence of his problem-solving approach and welcomes further discussion with the PC.'

Note from Stuart Andrew

Further to this following an online meeting 'WNC are to look into traffic calming measures and collaboration with the Parish Council on this, and also will also come back to him, clarifying where responsibilities lie between WNC, the Police and Highways'

The Clerk put together a document noting actions from the meeting held on 16th March and circulated to all. No updates from Sam Simons. PC will continue to chase for a response.

Northamptonshire Police continue to monitor speeding and are deploying the speed van regularly. Update on Community Speed Watch below.

A note was made regarding a **new A14 Social Value scheme** that has just opened to coincide with the drainage renewal scheme works happening on the A14 between June and September. The Clerk has already circulated a message to residents through the website and the village WhatsApp group. There will a small fund available to all Parishes situated along the A14 corridor whereby the contractor will choose to contribute to a project. It is a wish list not a promise to deliver. Ideas can be submitted to the Clerk on the email address below, the sooner the better, as there is no concrete deadline but it is envisaged that the 'pot' will be awarded before the works end in September.

Community Speed Watch

The Parish Council are looking for volunteers to help set up and co-ordinate the meeting of a Community Speed Watch Group. The Parish Council agreed to formally approve the setup of the group and the spend of **£150** on a speed gun. **Approved. Prop: Cllr Jackson-Stops. Sec: Hackworth**

The Parish Council are now looking for a Coordinator, someone to lead the group, and at least 6 volunteers. All training is included. More information about the scheme can be found here
<https://www.northants.police.uk/police-forces/northamptonshire-police/areas/northamptonshire-force-content/about-us/about-us/community-speed-watch/>

Please register your interest with the Parish Clerk at clerk@maidwellwithdraughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

- ii. Bridge on Blueberry Lane – It was confirmed that works to the bridge are due to begin w/c 14th July. The road will be open while the works are ongoing for 7 weeks.
- iii. SID Data – Cllr Goddard was absent from the meeting so no data had been received. Data continues to be shared with the Police.

35. School Parking – Item was discussed under the Open Forum. Cllr Paybody to liaise with Maidwell Primary School to arrange a meeting with the new head teacher and residents in September/October. Date TBC.

All Members of the Public left the meeting at 20:27

31. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th May 2026. Approved. Prop: Cllr Jackson-Stops. Sec: Cllr Hackworth.

32. Councillor Vacancy/Co-option - Noted

33. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th May 2026:

i. **(12) Allocation of Reserves - Maidwell School**

Maidwell School – Award of grant towards PA system – The Parish Council approved the spend of **£800**.
Approved. Prop: Cllr Jackson-Stops. Sec: Cllr Hackworth

Cllr Paybody will circulate the list of further requests to all Councillors with a view to a resolution at September's meeting.

ii. **(7) Deferred Item - Review of Councillor Responsibilities** – Confirmed. Item Closed.

iii. **(9) Broken Streetlight, Draughton** – Quote received from Eon requiring approval. **£748+VAT**.
Approved. Prop: Cllr Hackworth. Sec: Cllr Jackson-Stops. Clerk to claim via insurance once repaired.

iv. **(10) Maidwell Hall** – An invitation was sent to the Head of Overstone School to attend a meeting.
Awaiting a response.

36. Sustainability

- i. **Maidwell-Being/Coffee Morning** – There are no meetings in July and August. The next meeting is on the 12th September and includes the popular apple pressing – bring your own apples and bottles to have a go.

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.

37. Policies

- i. Financial Regulations

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

38. Planning and Licensing Consultations

Planning:

- i. **Noted: Deadline Passed: 2026/2297/MAF, Maidwell Hall, Draughton Road, Maidwell** - Change of use from boarding school (class C2) to flexible use as a school (class F.1(a) and boarding school (class C2).
Deadline for comment 6th July 2026

Consultations/Engagement Activities: None

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

Finance

39. Accounts: The Clerk produced the accounts ending 30th June 2026 including a bank reconciliation, bank statement and spend v budget v forecast.

Approved and signed. Prop: Cllr Jackson-Stops, Sec: Cllr Hackworth.

40. Payments

i. Resolution to approve payments

Parish Clerk – Jun-July'26 - £ 625.74

Blades – Inv 10 May'26 Grass Mowing - £ 391.85

Blades – Inv 22 Jun'26 Grass Mowing - £ 572.64

Expenses – Defib Store – New pads - £ 79.20

Approved Above – Eon – Lamp replacement - £ 748 +VAT

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

ii. Resolution to approve payments made since last meeting

Maidwell Primary School – Grant Payment - £ 800

Direct Debits

NPower - Streetlight Electricity Apr'26 - £ 48.37

NPower - Streetlight Electricity May'26 - £ 38.89

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

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

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

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

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

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

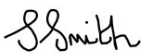
42. Date and Time of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9th September 2026** at 7.30pm at Loder Hall, Maidwell

Dates of Future Meetings

Wed Nov 11th 2026

Wed Jan 13th 2027

43. The meeting was closed at 20:47



Date & Signature of Chairman:

Mrs Sarah Smith, Parish Clerk

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