Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council
LODER HALL, MAIDWELL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 11th November 2026

Present: Cllr Paybody, Cllr Munro, Cllr Goddard, Cllr Jackson-Stops. Cllr Hackworth.
Ward Councillor: Cllr Irving-Swift. 1 Member of the Public

70. Apologies for Absence were received: Cllr Blake.

71. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda – Cllr Paybody declared an interest in Item 75 (i) Maidwell Primary School.

72. Open Forum

Cllr Irving-Swift gave an update to the Council.

WNC still have not closed last years financial position. Currently in 2026/27, they were £14 million overspent. There is a high risk that reserves will be used to close the gap.

Cllr Irving-Swift has written to the new leader of Highways David Harris. An offer of a closed meeting between Councillors and Mr Harris has been proposed regarding the ongoing issues of the A508 in the village.

A note was made regarding recent burglaries in Haselbech and Arthingworth. Please be vigilant and report.

Please report all crimes whether big or small to the police. This can be done online www.northants.police.uk - Report a Crime or by calling '101'. Please only call 999 in an emergency.

A note was made on Maidwell Hall which opened its doors Monday. The Parish Council has received no correspondence with the Hall on any matters despite an open invitation. Invite will be re-issued.

Cllr Irving-Swift left the meeting at 19:50

73. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th September 2026. Approved. Prop: Cllr Munro. Sec: Cllr Goddard.

74. Councillor Vacancy/Co-option

Tami Coles introduced herself to the Council.

The Council vote to co-opt Tami Coles to Councillor was unanimously approved.
The Council now has no vacancies and item can be closed.

Cllr Coles signed the Declaration of Acceptance and joined the Council in discussions.

75. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th September 2026:

i. **(56i) Allocation of Reserves –** Maidwell Primary School has been awarded a sum of money from the National Highways Community Legacy Fund as a way of apology for the months of disruption from the A14 closures. The money will go towards fixing play equipment. The Fund has also sourced some laptops

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for the children to use during lessons. The Council will therefore not be allocating any reserves to the School at this time. Item now closed.

ii. **(56ii) Broken Streetlight, Draughton –** Work to repair the damaged lamp in Draughton now complete. Invoice due to be paid by the Council. Clerk to claim via insurance – excess due of £100. Item Closed.

iii. **(56iii) School Parking –** Ongoing. It was noted that the new headteacher has implemented a series of changes which have helped to alleviate traffic and parking issues at peak times as well as engaging with residents. The situation will continue to be monitored.

iv. **(58) Asset of Community Value (ACV) –** Application form submitted. Awaiting decision from WNC.

76. Highways

i. **A508 – Road Surface/Noise/Speeding**
ii. **A14 Diversions/Closures –** Note closure of Harborough Road, Wednesday 18th November 2026

Council Actions from 7/09/26

- Letter written to National Highways regarding impact of diversions including SID data – **Complete.** Note on grant awarded from National Highways Community Legacy Fund to Maidwell Primary discussed above.
- Road Surface/Vibration Impact – Ongoing – Cllr absent. Update at next meeting.
- Forward any Correspondence with Sam Simons to Cllr Irving-Swift – **Completed**. Cllr Irving-Swift responded and forwarded emails. **Clerk chased SS 26/10/26**. **Note:** Cllr Irving-Swift to set up meeting between new head of Highways and the Parish Council as noted during the Open Forum.

iii. **Bridge on Blueberry Lane** – Works now complete. Item Closed.

iv. **Anglian Water/Water Supply Issues –** The PC would like to understand the extent of the issues and risk factors re water supply. Cllr Paybody agreed to write to Anglian Water.

v. **SID Data –** The latest data is available to view on the website. As expected, with the A14 re-open, the A508 was quieter and multiple closures due to water repairs also had an impact.

Cllr Goddard left the meeting at 20:08

Community Speed Watch

The Parish Council have 4 interested volunteers however a minimum of 6 is needed to be able to create a group. Without the 6, this Speed Watch group cannot move forward. Item will be closed in January if not enough participants come forward.

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

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77. Sustainability

i. **Maidwell-Being/Coffee Morning** – The next meeting is ***Saturday 7th November*** – the November meeting will be a week earlier than usual on due to the Christmas Bazaar on the 14th.

Over £400 was raised during the McMillian Coffee morning. Monies raised from other cake/coffee mornings has provided wool etc for knitting poppies. The display has now been erected on Draughton Road.

From January, the Loder Hall committee will take over the running of the coffee mornings.

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.

78. Policies

i. Training Statement
ii. Street Lighting Policy
iii. IT Policy – Item deferred. Query raised.

Copies of all policies and procedures can be found on our website.
Approved. Prop: Cllr Munro. Sec: Cllr Hackworth

79. Planning and Licensing Consultations

Planning: None
Consultations/Engagement Activities

i. West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) Draft Housing Strategy 2027-2032
Deadline for Comment - 29 November 2026
https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/consultations/share-your-views-west-northamptonshires-draft-housing-strategy-2027-2032

ii. West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) Draft Road Safety Strategy
Deadline for Comment – 6 December 2026.
Virtual drop-in session via Microsoft Teams - Monday 23 November from 10am to 11:30am. If you would like to attend, please email LocalTransportPlan@westnorthants.gov.uk and we will send you a joining link.
https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/consultations/help-shape-draft-road-safety-strategy

A note was made regarding the Road Safety Strategy – this consultation will be shared again with residents and Councillors.

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

Finance

80. Budget 2027/28 – First Draft – Final sign off at January Meeting. A short discussion was had on absorbing any inflationary increases and earmarking reserves for Road Safety related strategies with the Precept due to stay the

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same for another year.

81. Accounts: The Clerk produced the Accounts ending 31st October 2026 including a Bank Reconciliation, Bank Statements and Spend v Budget v Forecast

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

82. Payments

i. Resolution to approve payments

Parish Clerk – Oct-Nov'26 - **£ 644.32**
Expenses – Printer Ink - **£ 42.04**
Grass Mowing – Oct'26 Inv 32 **- £ 180.79**
Grass Mowing – Sept'26 Inv 30 **- £ 391.85**
Annual Website Hosting – Inv-4954 - **£ 273.60**
Eon – Street Lamp Draughton - **£ 897.60** (Due to be recovered via Insurance minus £100 excess)

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

ii. Resolution to approve payments made since last meeting

Direct Debits
HMRC – Employer NI **- £ 71.28**
NPower - Streetlight Electricity Aug'26 - **£ 46.85**
NPower - Streetlight Electricity Sept'26 - **£ 59.02**
Unity Trust Bank – Bank Charges Oct'26 - **£ 7.00**
Unity Trust Bank – Bank Charges Sept'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.

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

84. Date and Time of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th January 2026** at 7.30pm at Loder Hall, Maidwell

Dates of Future Meetings

Wed Jan 13th 2027
Wed Mar 10th 2027
Wed May 12th 2027

85. The meeting was closed at 20:34

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Date & Signature of Chairman:

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