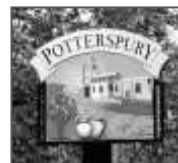


# Potterspurvy Parish Council

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## MINUTES of the meeting of Potterspurvy Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 February 2026 at 7:30pm in Potterspurvy Village Hall.

**Councillors present:** Dr S Parkin (Chair), Mrs J Millidge, Mrs C Nagle, Mrs B Silvester, Mrs J Blunden, Mr I Garbutt, Mr G Lucas and Mr J Soper.

**Parish Clerk:** Mrs J Spence.

**Apologies:** Cllr Capps and Cllr Norris.

6860	<b>APOLOGIES:</b> <i>It was resolved to approve the apologies for absence from Cllr Capps and Cllr Norris.</i> The Chair reported that Cllr Russell had submitted her resignation from the Parish Council.	
6861	<b>MINUTES:</b> <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 January 2026, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i>	
6862	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b> None.	
6863	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST UNDER COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:</b> None.	
6864	<b>MINUTES ACTION REPORT:</b> Noted.	
6865	<b>INVOICES, PAYMENTS &amp; BANK RECONCILIATION:</b> Checked by Cllr Nagle.	
6866	<b>PUBLIC FORUM:</b> No members of the public attended.	
6867	<b>WNC DEANSHANGER &amp; PAULERSPURVY WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT:</b> Cllr Dabbs sent his apologies. Cllr McCord report. WNC 2026/27 final Budget done - full Council meets end of February. Local Plan Consultation ends 27/03/26. Meeting requested with WNC and Chairs of PCs, possibly via Teams. If Parish does not have a Neighbourhood Plan (NP), the Local Plan (LP) will decide where houses will be built. 74 allocated to Potterspurvy. The benefit of having a NP is that the Parish can decide where houses are built and receive 25% share of CIL and what is wanted from 106 monies. NP expensive to create but can be light touch documents.	
6868	<b>NHW COORDINATOR &amp; POLICE LIAISON REP (PLR):</b> Mr Coppin sent his apologies and sent an email report. Crime figures: December 2025 SNC 135 (Potterspurvy 13). Local crime: Two motorbikes stolen from Oak View 22/23 January by entry into rear garden – motorbikes later located nearby. Several sightings late at night of young people trying to access gardens. Police announce reforms to speed up response times.	
6869	<b>PLANNING:</b> (Planning applications can be viewed on <a href="http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk">www.westnorthants.gov.uk</a> ) (i) <b>Planning Applications:</b> <b>2026/0515/LBC</b> New drive finish, alterations of window to door, new log burner flues into existing stacks, change of timber wall on outbuilding Byre to metal windows and doors. Internal works to include new log burners, re-siting of kitchen and removal of modern window and door. 75 High Street. <i>(Additional item to agenda).</i> <b>It was resolved that no comment was required.</b> (ii) <b>Planning Decisions:</b> (a) <b>2025/4661/FULL</b> Demolition of garage with asbestos & erection of new garden office with storage, replacing the garage. 127 Mays Way. Approved 13/01/26. Noted. (b) <b>2025/5019/FULL</b> Ground floor & attic side extension and extension of the rear dormer. 40 Mays Way. Approved 28/01/26. Noted. (iii) <b>Other Planning Matters:</b> (a) <b>APPEAL APP/W2845/W/25/3373629 Land east of Drovers Way.</b> Hybrid planning application seeking full planning permission for the erection of 20 no. affordable homes as an entry level exception site with upgrading of Furtho Lane, new access, parking, landscaping and all enabling works and outline planning permission (all matters reserved) for 3 self-build homes (amended plans). WNC reference 2024/0642/MAF. Hearing due to be held on 20 January 2026 at Council Chamber, The Forum was cancelled. <b>It was resolved to contact to enquire if new date yet.</b>	JS



6873	<b>VILLAGE MATTERS</b>	
(i)	<b>Defibrillator Monthly Check:</b> Cllr Parkin reported in working order. The paediatric pads expire in April. Clerk to check if required in addition to existing adult pads.	JS
(ii)	<b>CCTV/ANPR Monthly Check:</b> Cllr Blunden reported in working order. PSSC waste bin has been moved away from ANPR camera line of sight.	
(iii)	<b>VAS Equipment:</b> Cllr Soper prepared a detailed statistics report which will be posted on the PC website.	JM
(iv)	<b>Potterspurty Preschool:</b> Request for permission to install a ground fixed noticeboard near the gate and for the installation of railings at the bottom of the Preschool path along the road. The PC does not have the power to give permission for either request. <b>It was resolved to advise the Preschool to contact Northants Highways.</b>	JS
(v)	<b>Hedge Opposite 1-11 Mays Way:</b> Resident contacted the PC on 21/01/26 regarding the overgrown hedge. The Chair reported that he had met with the resident to discuss the matter and since the original contact RTM Landscapes have done the annual tree and shrub works and the hedge has been cut back. Further hedge and fence works would improve matters but the quote from July 2025 of £1835 exceeds the available budget. RTM Landscapes offered to review the work and price.	JS
(vi)	<b>Meadow View Football Pitch:</b> Application from under 9s girls football team to use the pitch on Saturday mornings from August 2026 to May 2027. <b>It was resolved to approve the application with a fee for the 2026/27 season of £130.</b>	JS
(vii)	<b>Parking on Grass Verges:</b> Complaints about vehicles parking on grass verges and causing damage. A letter was sent to a High Street resident on 03/02/26 requesting they stop parking on the grass verge – no parking has been noted since. A resident in Watling Street reported delivery vehicles causing damage – the PC does not have the necessary powers as the land is owned by National Highways. <b>It was resolved to provide the resident with the contact details for National Highways.</b>	JS
(viii)	<b>Rowan Tree Poundfield Road:</b> Following the report of a dead tree, Cllr Lucas inspected and confirmed it needs removing. Quote to be obtained from RTM.	JS
6874	<b>WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2043: Regulation 18 – Draft Consultation 29/01/2026 to 27/03/2026.</b> Cllr Millidge attended the LP consultation event in Towcester on 06/02/2026 and has yet to read the whole document but noted that (i) Potterspurty has a housing allocation of 73 houses between 2025 and 2043 and (ii) Parishes will be obliged to have a Neighbourhood Plan in place once the WNC LP has been ratified in 2027/28. If they do not, WNC will be able to impose change upon an area more easily. The Planning Officer advised there is an option for several parishes to produce an area plan together, possibly as a substitute for a NP. The Chair suggested contacting the other parishes who were previously part of the A5 Alliance with a view to re-starting. <b>It was resolved that the Chair and Cllr Millidge will prepare a draft Consultation response for the 11/03/26 PC meeting.</b>	JS SP JM SP
6875	<b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b> <b>Email 29/01/26</b> Resident response to PC email regarding trees & bushes rear of Mansion Gardens asking for more information regarding previous tree works. Clerk to review information available.	JS
6876	Meeting closed at 9:25pm.	
6877	Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 11 March 2026 – 7:30pm - Village Hall	
		JES 03/03/2026

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_