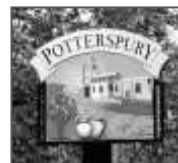


Potterspurty Parish Council

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

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

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Spence.

Apologies: Cllr Capps, Cllr Millidge, Cllr Blunden and Cllr Norris.

Also Present: Ward Cllr Ian McCord.

6878	APOLOGIES: <i>It was resolved to approve the apologies for absence from Cllrs Capps, Millidge, Blunden and Norris.</i>	
6879	MINUTES: <i>It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 February 2026, which were duly signed by the Chair.</i>	
6880	MATTERS ARISING: (i) Cllr Lucas gave an update on the mole problem in Mill Pond Meadow – there are over 350 piles of soil and some tunnel openings which Cllr Lucas has filled in as best he can, but visitors should take care not to step into the openings. (ii) Cllr Soper reported that the six 20mph Advisory Speed Limit signs have been installed around the village.	
6881	DECLARATION OF INTEREST UNDER COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT: Cllr Lucas – reimburse expenditure of £19.95 Minute 6889(vi).	
6882	MINUTES ACTION REPORT: Noted.	
6883	INVOICES, PAYMENTS & BANK RECONCILIATION: Checked by Cllr Nagle.	
6884	PUBLIC FORUM: No members of the public attended.	
6885	WNC DEANSHANGER & PAULERSPURTY WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT: Cllr McCord: The final 2026/2027 WNC Budget has been passed, and he was pleased to report that parking charges will not be introduced in Towcester and Daventry. The cost of emptying garden waste bins has increased to £69. Overall Council Tax increase is 4.95%. A special council meeting is being held to discuss devolution. There are controversial aspects in the Local Plan, including why a minimum housing allocation can be stated but not a maximum figure and how student housing and care homes allocations are calculated. Cllr McCord has obtained concerning accident statistics for the 8 miles stretch of the A5 from Old Stratford roundabout to Towcester – whilst fatalities and serious accidents are recorded, minor accidents are not and so it is not an accurate report. The Chair thanked Cllr McCord for arranging today's Teams Local Plan briefing with WNC Officers, Richard Wood and Alan Munn. The Clerk will write to thank Mr Wood and Mr Munn.	JS
6886	NHW COORDINATOR & POLICE LIAISON REP (PLR): Mr Coppin sent his apologies and provided an email report. Crime figures January 2026 – SN 115 (Potterspurty 5). The Beat Bus visited on 25/02/26 and intelligence was gathered from residents. Several sightings of young people riding electric scooters around village roads in last two weeks – being monitored. Northants Police wish to make the community aware of best-practice safety measures following reports of unsolicited street sellers operating in and around Watling Street, Towcester – including suspicious behaviour of attempted scams at public machines. A talk by the Police on staying safe from scams is taking place on 16/03/2026 at 10:30am in the Village Hall. In 2026 the Police are holding 17 BikeSafe workshops at Wootton Hall.	
6887	PLANNING: (Planning applications can be viewed on www.westnorthants.gov.uk) (i) Planning Applications: None. (ii) Planning Decisions: None. (iii) Other Planning Matters: None	

6890	<p>PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS:</p> <p>(i) Clerk's Retirement: The Chair reported that interviews have been held and a formal offer will be made after terms and conditions have been agreed.</p> <p>(ii) PC Councillor Vacancies: Three vacancies.</p> <p>(iii) Platinum Jubilee Plaque – Poundfield Road: Cllr Lucas brought the rusty plaque to the meeting and suggested that it be replaced with a stainless-steel plaque which can be purchased for approximately £100. The Chair will contact the supplier to ask why it has rusted and deteriorated.</p>	SP JM SP
6891	<p>VILLAGE MATTERS</p> <p>(i) Defibrillator</p> <p>(a) Monthly Check: Cllr Parkin reported in working order with two sets of pads.</p> <p>(b) Parts: The Clerk reported that the current model and parts are no longer manufactured and therefore once the two sets of pads which are kept in the defibrillator are used, they will not be able to be replaced and therefore the PC should consider the timing of purchasing a new defibrillator so that parts are easily available.</p> <p>(c) New Defibrillator: David Smith at South Northants First Responders has advised that he will assist in sourcing a new defibrillator and the current estimated cost is £850.</p> <p>(ii) CCTV/ANPR Monthly Check: Cllr Parkin reported in working order.</p> <p>(iii) VAS Equipment: Moved to High Street on 19/02/2026 – and installed on streetlight column 60 near The Cock, facing the A5.</p> <p>(iv) Hedge Opposite 1-11 Mays Way: Two alternative quotes have been received to improve that state of the hedge and fence - £1,835.00 or £780.00. Funds are not currently available. Deferred.</p>	
6892	<p>CONSULTATIONS:</p> <p>(i) West Northamptonshire Local Plan 2043: Regulation 18 – Draft Consultation 29/01/2026 to 27/03/2026. The Chair advised that a draft response to be prepared by Cllr Parkin and Cllr Millidge will be circulated before the deadline and a copy put on the PC website.</p> <p>(ii) Grand Union Canal Transfer – Deadline 02/04/2026: <i>It was resolved that the Chair will respond on behalf of the PC.</i></p> <p>(iii) Parish & Town Council Election Recharge Consultation – Deadline 10/04/26: <i>It was resolved that the Clerk will respond indicating Option C for Uncontested Elections.</i></p>	SP JM SP JS
6893	<p>CORRESPONDENCE:</p> <p>(i) Phone 16/02/26: A resident phoned with concerns about activities inside and outside The Old Talbot public house on Watling Street which is a listed building. <i>It was resolved to report to Planning Enforcement as the internal construction may breach listed building regulations.</i></p> <p>(ii) Email 26/02/26 Sarah Bool MP – Trees Mansion Gardens: <i>It was resolved to respond that the PC is looking into the matter.</i> <i>It was resolved to contact the resident to enquire if The Guinness Partnership has been approached.</i></p> <p>(iii) Email 07/03/26: Resident expressing concern about speeding on village road – witnessed at 00.09 that morning and offering video footage. The Clerk replied on 09/03/26 advising about the VAS and the Data it provides and the 20mph Advisory Speed signs recently installed. <i>It was resolved to respond to ask which road and that the video footage is not required.</i></p>	JS JS JS JS
6894	Meeting closed at 9:45pm	
6895	Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 8 April 2026 – 7:30pm - Village Hall	
		JES 24/03/2026

Signed _____ Date _____