

Present:

Cllrs H Hoier (Chair), C Johnson, W Pidd, S Luck, P Carver.

Public attendance:

No members of the public were in attendance.

26/65 Apologies

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllrs D Hall and M Scott

26/66 Declaration of interests.

None

26/67 Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 8th July & 8th August 2026 as a correct record and signed by the chair.

26/68 NNC & Public session.

a) No NNC representative in attendance.

b) A resident had raised a concern about people parking on the grass island in Rushwell Close. This was discussed and noted, but GAPC has no power to take any action about parking. The resident could raise the issue with Highways if they wish to. **Action: Cllr Hoier** to liaise with resident.

26/69 Correspondence

a) To receive and note correspondence/reports/publications from other organisations:

i. An email was received from Danny Moody (NCalc) about the Community Governance Review being an opportunity for reducing Cllr numbers for our parish. This was noted and discussed but GAPC does not want to reduce the number. Having an odd number helps make the Chair's casting vote more effective, and as a proactive parish, having 7 councillors means more hands to share the workload.

ii. NNC invitation to Community Governance Review consultation. **Action: Cllr Luck** to attend Session 2 on 10/09/2026.

iii. An invitation to the NCalc Annual Conference was received. Cllr Hoier informed the Council that the event is now fully booked but will register an interest in attending if a place becomes available. Cllr Johnson also registered an interest in attending the session (**ACTION: Cllr Hoier** to register an interest in two spaces if they become available.)

b) To receive meeting/training reports from Councillors:

i. Community Governance Review Meeting - 2nd stage Consultation Session 1 Cllr Scott attended (no updated provided at meeting as not present).

26/70 Financial matters

The net balance as at 31/08/2026 was £28,326.00.

a) **RESOLVED** to agree that the financial regulations would be suspended by Cllr Hoier (acting RFO) to allow for Bank Reconciliation in October.

b) To note payments made under delegated authority, and to approve other payments in accordance with relevant legislation and once confirmation has been received that the proposed transactions have been budgeted accurately.

Pay/Rec ref	Payee/payer	Description	Credit Amount	Debit Amount	VAT	Power
PAY26-27/33	YU Energy	Street lighting July 2026		£34.98	£1.67	PCA 1957, s3, Highways Act 1980, s301
PAY26-27/34	Sarah Geyton	Payroll		£217.93		LGA 1972 S111, 112
PAY26-27/35	HMRC	Income tax		£54.40		LGA 1972 S112
PAY26-27/36	JME Ground Services Ltd	Maintenance of Closed Churchyard – June 2026		£129.00	£21.50	LGA 1972 S215
PAY26-27/37	Lloyds Bank	Credit card		£3.00		LGA 1972 S111
PAY26-27/39	Unity Trust	Monthly Charges		£7.00		LGA 1972 S111
PAY26-27/38	Public Works Loan	Loan		£434.90		LGA203 S1

- c) **RESOLVED** to agree the authorisation of the BACS payments. It was noted that Cllr Luck has now been authorised to approve payments through Unity Bank.
- d) **RESOLVED** to approve costs for Councillor training for Cllr Carver (Off to a Flying Start) and Cllr Luck (Social Media) – 2 x £46.00 + VAT
- e) The current budget was reviewed in order to ensure affordability for unbudgeted items below.
- f) **RESOLVED** to approve the costs for spare batteries for the VAS sign. 2 x £52.99 inc VAT.
- g) **RESOLVED** to approve costs for a Solar Kit for the VAS sign. £509.08.
- h) **RESOLVED** to approve part-costs towards the purchase of 2 x VAS signs - £2178.97. (A grant sum of £2500 from PFCC has already been received towards the purchase.)

26/71 Planning

- a) To note any new applications which have been made from NNC:
RESOLVED to object to planning application 26/02207/FUL – Little Addington (outdoor riding arena). **Action: Clerk** to send response as agreed by GAPC.
- b) To note any decision on applications from NNC – none.

26/72 4-Year Action Plan – GAPC reviewed and updated the plan. Topics discussed: Cllrs Luck and Carver are meeting Lucy Hawes from NNC to discuss the Greenway, and how this relates to the Nature Recovery Plan; annual residents' survey to be drawn up in November for use at January's coffee morning; Queen's Green Canopy and potential for further grant funding.

- a) Walking Paths & Facilities:
 - i. Self-watering planters. This was discussed and agreed in principle. **Action:** Cllr Luck to provide costs for next meeting.
 - ii. Zig Zag lines and bus parking outside school. This was discussed and agreed not to seek changes at present.
 - iii. Grass verge on Lower Street. Proposed change to cut schedule discussed and agreed in principle. **Action:** Cllr Luck to contact Kier to discuss.
 - iv. Dog foul bin. The lid is broken and NNC Waste Management team have been contacted. Response awaited.
- b) Traffic Calming
 - i. Road Narrows signs. Signage and line marking to indicate the narrowing of the road in Lower Street was discussed and the need was agreed by GAPC in principle. Funding to be investigated. **Action:** Cllr Luck to contact NNC to discuss.

- ii. VAS signs. The preferred position of the current and two new VAS signs was discussed. It was agreed that the signs in Cranford Road and Lower Street should stay in the current positions, but the sign in Ringstead Road should be moved.
Action: Cllr Carver to check on available posts to mount the VAS.
- iii. Speeding and collision data. It was noted that NNC has moved to using average speeds to assess whether or not speeding is an issue in any specific site. The average speed for Lower Street is 24mph, which means that it is not categorised as a priority area for tackling speeding. Agreed that speed data should be published in more detail for residents.
- c) Community Engagement
 - i. Next coffee morning. It was agreed that the next coffee morning would be on Saturday 31 October, 10.30 – 12.00. The following topics would be covered:
 - Update from Headlands re site in Cranford Road – **Action: Cllr Scott** to invite
 - Nature Recovery Plan presentation – **Action: Cllr Luck** to prepare
 - Speeding and traffic calming update – **Action: Cllr Carver** to prepare information
 - Age concern scheme. **Action: Clerk** to prepare
 - NHS Health Checks. **Action: Clerk** to arrange.
- d) Communications
 - i. It was noted that the website subscriber list mailing option is not used effectively at present. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Luck** to meet to discuss website mail function

26/73 Community

- a) Kettering Energy Park – No updates
- b) Playing Fields/Village Hall – Cllr Johnson and Andrew Fett are meeting with a company representative to discuss play equipment.
- c) Saints Alive – items were agreed for October issue.

26/74 Action Log

Noted the items for the action log.

26/75 Additional business to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

None.

26/76 Next scheduled meeting

14th October at 7.45pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:15 hours.

Signed Chairman, Wednesday 14th October 2026

These minutes are draft until agreed at the next full council meeting.