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Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday 17th February 2026

Present: Cllrs, Creed, Goodrum, Huckle, Weston and Williams

Clerk: A Holt (Clerk), L Lavender (RFO) Cllr F Cole (WNC)

February Full Council Meeting																																									
	Opening comments from Chair:																																								
1454/2026	To receive and approve apologies for absence which have been notified directly to the Clerk directly Cllr Sharp, Cllr Sparks, Cllr Turnbull and Cllr Joyce																																								
	Declarations of Interest																																								
1455/2026	Declaration of any Disclosable Pecuniary or other interest. None																																								
1456/2026	Dispensations – To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI None																																								
1457/2026	Minutes - To agree and sign the minutes of Tuesday 20 th January 2026 Agreed and signed																																								
1458/2026	Public participation session 3 minutes max per person 15 minutes total. None present																																								
1459/2026	Reports received from outside bodies: including WNC Cllr 5 mins max per person. None received. Cllr Cole updated on local issues, planning issues and the Local Plan Consultation																																								
1460/2026	Election of Vice Chair. Cllr Williams invited interested parties or nominations. Cllr Huckle nominated Cllr Goodrum, Cllr Creed seconded, there being no further nominations a vote was taken. All Agreed and Cllr Goodrum was successfully elected as Vice Chair.																																								
1461/2023	Assign councillors into the following roles. a) Remembrance Sunday (suggest that this is assigned to two people, a small working group or Assign to Environment Committee) – All Agreed that it was appropriate to sit within the Environment Committee. b) Newsletter - a councillor to work alongside the Clerk on the Newsletter, Cllr Goodrum volunteered and All Agreed. c) Little Library – assign a councillor to help oversee with Clerk – Cllr Goodrum volunteered for this role and All Agreed.																																								
1462/2026	Update re Police Liaison Meetings (Cllr Huckle) – Cllr Huckle shared that we now have a new PC for the area. PC Jamie O'Sullivan. Cllr Huckle to make contact and introduce HPC.																																								
1463/2026	Account a) Council's financial position as at 31/1/2026 £27,592.22 Unity Bank Current Account and £45,535.46 Unity Bank Instant Access Savings Account Inclusive of reserves + receipts b) Received: £30.00 Cemetery related. c) To Approve Payments																																								
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	d) Banking Arrangements – Agreed to remove Tina South from the bank and add Cllrs Creed and Goodrum																																								
1464/2026	Community Grants 2025/26 a) Community Grants for 2026/2027 – New applications released, sent to all previous applicants, shared on social media.																																								
1465/2026	Parish Plan/Timeline Clerk has circulated previous plan, Clerk to arrange a meeting.																																								
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	<p>a) Book Library –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch Event – school have been invited for Friday 6th. <p>b) Coffee Morning – Discuss locking The Club each week – Clerk has had another set of keys cut each week, we will work on a 6 week rota for locking, using what's app poll to organise and review in 3 meetings to see how it's working.</p>																																			
1467/2026	<p>Environment Committee</p> <p>a) Updates from meeting – Cllr Sharp updated prior to meeting. Cllr Williams updated re Produce Show and plans for Bloom. Clerk informed the council of offer from Cadent of £200.00 to contribute to the Christmas tree stand removed in error. The replacement was £514.00 plus VAT, Cllr Huckle to draft a letter on council's behalf.</p>																																			
1468/2026	<p>Cemetery – New Applications – None</p> <p>a) New Applications – none</p> <p>Issues with coffin/grave from November 25, funeral director chased regarding their contribution to the costs of repairs, they have sent a £30.00 voluntary contribution.</p>																																			
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1470/2026	<p>Updates – Discussion of matters not otherwise on the agenda for information sharing only.</p> <p>a) Highways (including Street Lighting) and footpaths around the village (Clerk) Clerk to send Cllr Weston map for Rose Close/Rush Close. There still needs a councillor to take on Street Lighting, suggested we ask Cllr Turnbull to do.</p>																																			
1471/2026	<p>Correspondence/communication: - Letter from concerned resident regarding school parking, agreed for Clerk to contact the school and Cllr Huckle reach out to the police.</p>																																			
1472/2026	<p>Community Centre Update (Cllr Williams)</p>																																			
1473/2026	<p>Youth Club – To consider SLA and discuss/agree a way forward. All Agreed to proceed with a year-on-year agreement.</p>																																			
1474/2026	<p>Date of next meeting Tuesday 17th March 2026.</p>																																			

Meeting Closed at 20.55pm

Copies of all council papers are available on request. Requests should be made to the clerk at least 48 hours prior to when they are required.