

Deene and Deenethorpe Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting
held on Monday 26th May 2026 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Hannah Chambers (Chair), Simon Hickling, Cllr Linda Watling, Jo Turner, Ian Bridden

In attendance: Clerk & RFO Joe Roberts

26.05.130	Welcome The Chair opened the meeting
26.05.131	Chair Election It was Resolved to elected Cllr Hannah Chambers as Chair of Deene and Deenethorpe Parish Council
26.05.132	Deputy Chair Election It was RESOLVED to elect Cllr Simon Hickling as Deputy Chair of Deene and Deenethorpe Parish Council
26.05.133	Signing of Declaration of Interests It was RESOLVED all Councillors would sign Declaration of Interests
25.05.134	Requests for Dispensation There were no requests for dispensations
25.05.135	Deceleration of Interests (Agenda items) Cllr Simon Hickling recorded a deceleration of interest with the Deene Estate and Cllr Hannah Chambers declared a personal connection to the Grass Cutting Contractor
25.05.136	Public Forum Members of the meeting that were presented had nothing to declare.
25.05.137	Updates from North Northamptonshire Councillors Apologies were received from Cllr E McDonald and Cllr B O'Brien, email updates were circulated with Councillors
25.05.138	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr E McDonald and Cllr B O'Brian of North Northamptonshire Council, and Cllr Jo Turner.
25.05.139	Minutes of previous meeting It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 th March 2026, with an amended.
25.05.140	Finance Matters a) It was RESOLVED to approve the payments listed in Addendum A b) Payments and receipts were noted A and February c) Bank Balances were noted as at 30/04/2026, Current Account balance was £13,288.11 and Savings Account balance was £21,770.28 d) It was RESOLVED to add Cllr Ian Bridden to the bank mandate
25.05.141	2025-26 Accounts & Audit • It was RESOLVED to approve the 2025-26 with variances • It was RESOLVED to approve and note payments above £100 for 2025-26

	- It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Certification of Exemption - It was RESOLVED to approve and sign AGAR Section 1: Annual Governance Statement - It was RESOLVED to approve and sign AGAR Section 2: Accounting Statement. Following approval the dates for 'Exercise of Public Rights' will commence on 1st July 2026, and will finish on 11th August 2026.
25.05.142	Policy Approval It was RESOLVED to approve the following documents for 2026-27: 1) Asset Register 2) Standing Orders 3) Financial Regulations 4) Effectiveness of Internal Audit
25.05.143	Meetings dates for 2026-27 It was RESOLVED to meetings would take place on the third Monday of the month, in July, September, November, January and March. Meetings will now start at 7:15
25.05.144	Insurance for 2026-27 It was RESOLVED to approve the insurance quote from Zurich Insurance for £300.82
25.05.145	Regular Payments 2026-27 It was RESOLVED to approve the regular payments for 2026-27, which can be found on the Council's website.
25.05.146	Planning Matters 26/01099/FUL – Full planning permission for installation and operation of a 1.4MW Ground mounted solar PV at Horizon Centre, Gretton Road, Deene, NN17 3AS Councillors raised concerns relating to the visual impact of this applications, but request this was discussed with Cllr Jo Turner due to the location.
25.05.147	Ground Rules Festival There was a verbal update on the ground rules festival, in particular what was discussed at the open Community Meeting before the Parish Council meeting started. The parish Council agreed that any concerns and complaints would be collated to ensure they can be used in future licensing appeals.
25.05.148	Highways and Village Maintenance a) Councillors had positive feedback on the progress of the grass cutting. b) It was AGREED regular reviews for litter picking will be done, and if there was a requirement for more litter picking this would be agreed at future meetings. c) Feedback on the current waste collection service was positive, and it was RESOLVED to continue with the current provider. d) Once again further concerns were raised on A43 speeding, and this will be something the Parish Council will continue to work on with North Northants Council and other Parish Councillors e) It was RESOLVED the Parish Council was going to apply to the Woodland Trust for additional trees for the Community Orchard
25.05.149	Official reports The Clerk reported on the correspondence received and confirmed that email correspondence would continue to be circulated to Councillors as it is received.

25.05.150	North Northamptonshire Rural Grants Due to a lack of support from NNC, the Parish Council were still unclear on the requirements for planning permission of this project, it was suggested for the Clerk to reach out to Galpethorn Parish Council to seek guidance on their requirement for planning permission on their recent equipment.
25.05.151	Tresham Village Update There were no further updates on Tresham Village
25.05.152	Clerk resignation Cllr Hannah Chambers moved to move the meeting to a closed session. It was RESOLVED to move into closed sessions, and the Clerk was asked to leave the meeting. In closed session it was RESOLVED to accept the Clerk's resignation and to begin a recruitment process to appoint a new Clerk"
25.05.153	Meeting closed at 8:50