

## Minutes of the East Carlton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in the Cricket Club, East Carlton at 7.00 pm.

<b>Members Present</b>	Cllrs G Chambers (Chair), J Hanlon, J Underwood, and L Strutt.
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	Mrs J Medwell (Clerk)

Minute		Action
26/01	<p><b>To receive and approve apologies:</b>                      Cllr B Trevelyan                      PCSO A Wallace                      NNC Cllrs D Howes and B McElhinney</p>	
26/02	<p><b>Member's declaration of interest in items on the agenda</b>                      There were no declarations of interest in items on this agenda.                      There were no changes to the Members Register of Interests.</p>	
26/03	<p><b>To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting:</b>                      The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 were <b>agreed</b> as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.                      Proposed Cllr Hanlon      Seconded Cllr Underwood</p>	
26/04	<p><b>Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting:</b>                      There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda.</p>	
26/05	<p><b>Public Time:</b>                      There were no members of the public present nor any matters raised.</p>	
26/06	<p><b>Reports from NNC Councillors and Constabulary Matters:</b>                      There were no NNC Councillors present.                      PCSO Wallace had provided a report stating no recorded incidents of crime or antisocial behaviour over the last two months.                      PCSO 7074 ALI WALLACE can be contacted via e-mail on <a href="mailto:alison.wallace@northants.police.uk">alison.wallace@northants.police.uk</a>                      The Neighbourhood Policing Team can be contacted via <a href="mailto:NPT-CorbyTown@northants.pnn.police.uk">NPT-CorbyTown@northants.pnn.police.uk</a></p>	
26/07	<p><b>Specific Matters:</b>  <b>a) Consider the implications of the Community Governance Review and agree on the Council's approach to engagement.</b>                      The Council discussed the upcoming Community Governance review, which will allow parishes to assess council size and structure, parish boundaries and community representation.                      While the Council does not expect any beneficial changes for the community, it will proceed with the required consultation process as part of the review.</p>	
	<p><b>b) Defib Training:</b>                      A Basic Life Support and Defibrillator Awareness Training Workshop, run by the North Northants First Responders has been arranged for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in the Cricket Club. All residents welcome.</p>	

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26/08	<p><b>East Carlton Park Matters:</b></p> <p>The Council noted the following response from the Park Authorities on the proposed new hedge.                      'The hedge will have a number of benefits including - Increased biodiversity; Creating a wildlife corridor for flora and fauna; Carbon capture; Improved demarcation and will be less unsightly than stock proof fence.</p> <p>The hedge will comprise of native trees and shrubs, many of which will provide food for animals throughout the winter months. The Hedge will include the following species – Hawthorn, Hazel, Field Maple, Guelder Rose, Crab Apple, Spindle, Dog rose and Holly.</p> <p>The hedge will be cut on an annual basis (once of an age to do so) and will be kept to the height of the current fencing'.</p> <p>The Council observed the felling notice on beech trees at the entrance to the park.</p>																																
26/09	<p><b>Village Maintenance:</b></p> <p>The collapsed wall obstructing the pavement on Church Lane was reported to the landowner, with a request that it be cleared immediately due to the risk it poses to pedestrians.</p> <p>The Council extended its thanks to Cllr Chambers for his excellent work in repairing the white entrance gate post.</p> <p>The Parish Assets were reviewed and found to be in good order.</p>																																
26/10	<p><b>Finances:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Payments</b></p> <p>The following payments were unanimously <b>agreed:</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="242 1160 1394 1429"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>Legal Authority</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Kanda Print</td> <td>Nov /Dec Newsletter</td> <td>£77.00</td> <td></td> <td>LGA 172 S.111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G Chambers</td> <td>Entrance Gate Repair</td> <td>£468.24</td> <td>£77.97</td> <td>LGA 172 S.111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Microsoft Office</td> <td>Office 365</td> <td>£84.99</td> <td>£14.16</td> <td>LGA 172 S.111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ICO</td> <td>Data Protection</td> <td>£52.00</td> <td></td> <td>Data Protection Act 2018</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>(ii) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</b></p> <table data-bbox="242 1496 1378 1621"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£891.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,833.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Balance of Reserves</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£8,724.52</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on <a href="http://eastcarltonparishcouncil.org.uk">eastcarltonparishcouncil.org.uk</a></p>	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Legal Authority	Kanda Print	Nov /Dec Newsletter	£77.00		LGA 172 S.111	G Chambers	Entrance Gate Repair	£468.24	£77.97	LGA 172 S.111	Microsoft Office	Office 365	£84.99	£14.16	LGA 172 S.111	ICO	Data Protection	£52.00		Data Protection Act 2018	Current Account	£891.31	Savings Account	£7,833.21	Total Balance of Reserves	<b>£8,724.52</b>	
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26/11	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>There was no further correspondence discussed</p>																																
26/12	<p><b>Items for the Newsletter and next agenda:</b></p> <p>Details of the Defibrillator Training Workshop.</p>																																
26/13	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>The Chair closed the Meeting at 7.38pm</b></p>																																