

Minutes of the East Carlton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2026 in the Cricket Club, East Carlton at 7.00 pm.

Members Present	Cllrs G Chambers (Chair), A Nelson, B Trevelyan, J Hanlon, J Underwood and L Strutt.
Others in Attendance	Mrs J Medwell (Clerk)

Minute		Action
26/14	To receive and approve apologies: NNC Cllrs D and H Howes	
26/15	Member's declaration of interest in items on the agenda There were no declarations of interest in items on this agenda. There were no changes to the Members Register of Interests.	
26/16	To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 5 th January 2026 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Underwood Seconded Cllr Strutt	
26/17	Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting: There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda.	
26/18	Public Time: During the public session, the Chair addressed several concerns relating to the ongoing partnership between North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) and Keir regarding highways maintenance. The Chair expressed significant frustration with the effectiveness of the current working arrangements, particularly highlighting that the systems in place for managing work appear to be inefficient. Dissatisfaction was expressed about the overall management of the contract, which appeared to be of a very poor standard. These issues were illustrated by recent examples within the parish, in particular the incomplete repair works undertaken on potholes along Church Lane, where only partial repairs had been made and the clearance of vegetation along the section of the A427 which is rarely, if ever, used by pedestrians. The Chair confirmed that these frustrations had been formally relayed to NNC Highways in the hope of addressing the inefficiencies and improving the management of future works carried out within the parish.	
26/19	Reports from NNC Councillors and Constabulary Matters: There were no NNC Councillors present. PCSO Wallace provided a note for the Parish Council meeting, addressing recent events in the park. It was acknowledged that, although a serious incident had occurred involving the discovery of class A drugs, the police records indicated that there had been no reported incidents of crime or antisocial behaviour within the last two months. PCSO 7074 ALI WALLACE can be contacted via e-mail on alison.wallace@northants.police.uk The Neighbourhood Policing Team can be contacted via NPT-CorbyTown@northants.pnn.police.uk	

Chairman Date

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26/20	<p>Specific Matters:</p> <p>a) Community Governance Review</p> <p>Details of the Community Governance Review, including information on how members of the public could respond, were circulated to residents via the parish newsletter and the parish council website. The review enabled parishes to consider matters such as council size and structure, parish boundaries, and community representation.</p> <p>No representations were received from residents regarding the review.</p> <p>After consideration, the Council resolved not to submit any proposals for changes as part of the review.</p>	
	<p>b) Review of Risk Assessment:</p> <p>The Risk Assessment document was distributed to all members of the Council for their review. During the meeting, the Councillors considered the contents of the assessment and collectively agreed that no amendments were necessary. The Risk Assessment was therefore approved in its existing form, confirming that all Councillors were satisfied with its accuracy and relevance.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Strutt Seconded Cllr Nelson All in favour</p>	
26/21	<p>East Carlton Park Matters:</p> <p>The Council expressed its concern that the park authorities had proceeded with the planting of the hedge adjacent to the cricket pitch without first consulting the cricket club. This lack of communication resulted in several practical issues, most notably the insufficient space left for disabled access, proximity to the beacon and the turning circle required for the mower.</p>	
26/22	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. 25/01545/HFUL Millstone Farmhouse, Conversion of detached outbuilding to granny annexe and addition of a ramp</p> <p>The Council objected to this application since the site no longer conformed to the terms of the original planning permission, which was granted based on a viable mushroom-growing business. The current application represents a departure from that approved use and undermines the justification on which the original consent was granted. The Council expressed its concern that approval of this application would set an undesirable precedent, encouraging development outside the defined village boundary and weakening established planning policies intended to protect the rural character of the area.</p> <p>b. 25/01919/HFUL 83 East Carlton Park Single storey rear and side extension. Single storey front porch extension and new cladding to elevations</p> <p>The Council had no objection to this application.</p>	
26/23	<p>Village Maintenance:</p> <p>Cllr Underwood advised that the defibrillator battery would need replacing at the end of the year.</p> <p>It was noted that the stone debris from the collapsed wall on Church Lane, which had been obstructing the pavement, had been removed. The wall was still to be repaired.</p> <p>The Parish Assets were reviewed and found to be in good order.</p>	

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26/24	<p>Finances:</p> <p>(i) Payments The following payments were unanimously agreed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="240 398 1394 551"> <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>Feb Newsletter</td> <td>£38.50</td> <td></td> <td>LGA 172 S.111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NNC</td> <td>Election Costs</td> <td>£25.00</td> <td></td> <td>LGA 172 S.111</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(ii) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</p> <table data-bbox="240 618 1374 748"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,105.83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6,833.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Balance of Reserves</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£7,939.04</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on eastcarltonparishcouncil.org.uk</p>	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Legal Authority	Kanda Print	Feb Newsletter	£38.50		LGA 172 S.111	NNC	Election Costs	£25.00		LGA 172 S.111	Current Account	£1,105.83	Savings Account	£6,833.21	Total Balance of Reserves	<u>£7,939.04</u>	
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26/25	<p>Correspondence: There was no further correspondence discussed</p>																						
26/26	<p>Items for the Newsletter and next agenda: Full details of the upcoming Defibrillator Training Workshop. Reminder to Residents to remain vigilant regarding shed break-ins now that spring is approaching. At this point the Council considered a request from an individual outside the parish seeking to advertise in the newsletter. It was agreed that only residents who contribute to the cost of the newsletter through their precept are permitted to advertise.</p>																						
26/26	<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 7th May</p> <p>The Chair closed the Meeting at 7.54 pm</p>																						