

Minutes of the East Carlton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026 in the Cricket Club, East Carlton at 7.00 pm.

Members Present	Cllr G Chambers (Chair)) Cllr B Trevelyan Cllr J Underwood
Others in Attendance	Mrs J Medwell (Clerk) NNC Cllr H Howes PCSO Ali Wallace 2 Members of the Public

Minute		Action
26/41	To receive and approve apologies: Cllrs Strutt and Nelson – approved NNC Cllr D Howes	
26/42	Member's declaration of interest in items on the agenda There were no declarations of interest in items on this agenda.	
26/43	To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 7 th May 2026 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Trevelyan Seconded Cllr Chambers	
26/44	Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting: There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda.	
26/45	Public Time (15 Minutes) and Exchange of Information: The applicants for the proposed stables development on Wire Lane were invited to attend the meeting to provide Parish Councillors with the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on aspects of the planning application. During the discussion, Councillors raised a number of questions regarding the proposal. The discussion included clarification of matters relating to the existing hedgerow, proposed size and siting of the buildings and the current agricultural use livestock currently being farmed on the site. It was noted that some information contained within the planning application did not fully reflect Councillors' understanding of the current site conditions, and these points were discussed with the applicants. The Parish Council thanked the applicants for attending and for answering members' questions. No decision was made during this item, and the information provided will be taken into account when the Parish Council prepares its formal response to the planning authority. The members of the public left meeting at this point.	
	Reports from NNC Councillors and Constabulary Matters: PCSO Wallace reported that there were no significant policing matters to raise, other than damage to the memorial plaques on the benches in the park. The Chair raised concerns about nitrous oxide canisters being dumped locally, detailing the various locations and asked that the police monitor the situation.	

Chairman

Date

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26/46	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 NNC Howes had nothing to report on behalf of NNC. The Chair advised that the footpath along the northern side of the A427 had still not been cleared and asked Cllr Howes once again to follow up with NNC Highways Officer Chris McGiffin. PCSO Wallace left the meeting at this point.	
26/47	Planning: a) 26/01213/HFUL Removal of existing timber lean-to shed and construction of a two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension with associated internal alterations 27 East Carlton Park The Council had no objection to this application b) 26/01461/FUL Full Planning Permission: Erection of 1 No. rural building comprising of 6 No. stables and associated storage areas for agricultural equipment Land Adjacent to Wire Lane, East Carlton The Council supported this application in principle, recognising that the proposed building will provide appropriate facilities for the sustainable and environmentally responsible housing of horses. However, in view of the site's sensitive rural location, it requested that the following planning conditions be imposed should the Local Planning Authority be minded granting planning permission. The Council understood from the submitted application that the proposed building and associated paddock are intended solely for the keeping and grazing of horses and not for other livestock. It also noted that the roadside hedgerow referred to within the application documents has since been removed and therefore no longer provides the natural screening described in the submitted plans. Accordingly, East Carlton Parish Council recommended that the following conditions be attached to any planning consent: <u>Boundary Screening</u> - Prior to the commencement of development, a mixed native hedgerow incorporating suitable evergreen species shall be planted along the roadside boundary to replace the removed hedge. The planting should be maintained and any failures replaced to ensure the development is effectively screened from the public highway and the visual impact on the rural landscape is minimised. <u>Restriction on Building Height</u> - The maximum height of the building, measured from existing ground level to the ridge, shall not exceed 3.5 metres. <u>External Materials</u> - Details of the external materials, including their colour and finish, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to construction. The approved materials shall be used throughout the development to ensure the building assimilates appropriately into its rural setting. c) 26/01202/FUL Full Planning Permission: Conversion of a detached outbuilding to a granny annexe with a ramped entrance and an increase of the garden area Millstone Farmhouse, Corby Road 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	

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	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. d) 26/01641/FUL Wilbarston Solar Farm The Council sent the following comments to NNC in response to this application. <u>Traffic Management Plan</u> - The Parish Council requests that a comprehensive Traffic Management Plan be secured by planning condition to manage construction traffic accessing the site from the A427 via Pipewell Road, East Carlton. Given the restricted width of Pipewell Road, it is essential that delivery vehicles are prohibited from using this route during peak traffic periods. The Council therefore requests that delivery movements be restricted between 07:00–09:00 and 16:00–18:00, with appropriate monitoring and enforcement measures included within the Traffic Management Plan. <u>Biodiversity Net Gain</u> - The proposed development has the potential to deliver a significant enhancement in biodiversity if managed appropriately. To ensure that the development achieves a genuine biodiversity net gain, the Parish Council requests that a detailed Land Management Plan be secured by planning condition. This should set out: • the proposed planting and habitat creation beneath and around the solar arrays to replace the existing arable cropping; • long-term management and maintenance arrangements for these habitats; and • measures to maximise ecological value throughout the operational life of the development. Such a condition would provide confidence that biodiversity enhancements will be delivered and maintained over the lifetime of the scheme. <u>Grid Connection and Public Footpath HH6</u> - The proposed National Grid connection will affect Public Footpath HH6 between East Carlton and Wilbarston, which also forms part of the Jurassic Way long-distance footpath. The Parish Council seeks assurance that suitable arrangements will be made to divert the footpath safely during the construction phase so that public access can be maintained at all times. In addition, the Council requests that appropriate landscaping of the grid connection infrastructure be secured by planning condition to minimise its visual impact when viewed from Footpath HH6 and the Jurassic Way following completion of the works. <u>Permissive Paths on the Former Desborough Airfield</u> - The local community has enjoyed informal recreational access to the former Desborough Airfield perimeter road and associated tracks for more than 70 years. Whilst the application indicates that these routes will remain available as permissive paths, such access could be withdrawn at any time by the landowner. The Parish Council therefore strongly urges North Northamptonshire Council to require, as a condition of any planning permission or through an appropriate legal agreement where necessary, that these established permissive routes are permanently designated as Public Rights of Way. This would secure long-term public access, recognising the significant recreational value these routes provide to the local community and ensuring that this benefit is retained for future generations.	

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26/48	Village Matters: a) Safety Review of Parish Assets – These (defibrillator, beacon and noticeboard) were reviewed and found to be in order. b) East Carlton Park – The Chair advised that he had painted the white entrance gates and had planted out the stone flower bed adjacent to the gates. c) Highways and Rights of Way – The Council noted that Japanese Knotweed had been identified on the Pipewell Road. This had been reported to NCC. The Chair advised that the Wood Lane bridleway at the top of Middleton through to the A427 was completely overgrown. The Clerk will report this to NNC.	JM															
26/49	Finances: (i) Payments The following payments were unanimously agreed: <table><tr><th>Payee</th><th>Details</th><th>Amount</th><th>VAT element</th><th>Legal Authority</th></tr><tr><td>Kanda Print</td><td>June Newsletter</td><td>£46.20</td><td>£7.70</td><td>LGA 172 S.111</td></tr><tr><td>Curtis Website</td><td>Email Support</td><td>£119.00</td><td></td><td>LGA 172 S.111</td></tr></table> (ii) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation Current Account £2,721.19 Savings Account £9,911.68 Total Balance of Reserves <u>£12,632.87</u> All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on eastcarltonparishcouncil.org.uk	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT element	Legal Authority	Kanda Print	June Newsletter	£46.20	£7.70	LGA 172 S.111	Curtis Website	Email Support	£119.00		LGA 172 S.111	
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26/50	Correspondence: There was no further correspondence to consider.																
26/51	Items for the Next Newsletter: There was nothing to add.																
26/52	Date of next meeting: Monday 7th September 2026 The Clerk gave her apologies for this meeting.																

The Chair closed the Meeting at 8:15 pm