

GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council meeting
held at 7 pm on 9 April 2026

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Barnwell Jane Mann Parish Clerk
Cllr Stuart Ablett
Cllr Amanda Bussey
Cllr Isabelle James
Cllr Michael Procter

25.150 Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr Colin Spickett and Cllr Emily James. Also, NNC Cllr Brian Bennyworth.

25.151 Public session:

There were no members of the public present.

25.152 Declarations of interest and a reminder for Councillors to update NNC register of interests:

Cllr Barnwell declared an interest in his roles as Committee member for Kettering Neighbourhood Plan, Chair of Mawsley Parish Council and Chair of the Village Hall Committee, where he represented the Parish Council. All Councillors have completed NNC register of interests.

25.153 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on Thursday 12 March 2026:

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as accurate.

25.154 To receive an update on the neighbourhood plan and to consider whether to undertake a health check prior to Regulation 15 submission and approve relevant expenditure:

An update on the neighbourhood plan had already been provided. The clerk provided an update on costs for the NPiers health check. She explained that after discussion with NNC it had been agreed that Umrah Mahadik would undertake a quick review prior to submission to NPiers. It was agreed and approved that the Parish Council would request that two days @ £375 per day (plus VAT) would be spent on the health check.

25.155 Planning:

The clerk provided an update on the status of existing applications.
There were no updates on planning enforcement issues.

25.156 North Northants Council:

There had been no further updates received on member's enquiries. **Action point BB**

25.157 Finance:

- i. The clerk reported on the current financial situation. Bank statements were available for Councillors to view however it was noted that Cllr Bussey had reconciled figures with bank statements and invoices.

Neighbourhood Plan account	£558.25
Treasurers account	£2,276.81
Contingency account	£10,420.18
Total	£13,255.24

- ii. Previously authorised payments made following the last meeting were reported:

- Clerk's March salary £449.36 and HMRC statutory deductions £134.11
- Clerk's expenses for March £23.24
- Geosphere Membership £43.20

- iii. A schedule of payments due was authorised:

- Clerk's salary and expenses and HMRC statutory deductions for April
- NACRE training R Barnwell £30.00
- SLCC membership £100.00
- Community Heartbeat annual support £162.00

25.158 Progress reports from previous meetings:

- i. Update pending on the Asset of Community value application.
- ii. There was no update on paving issues at 8 Loddington Road. Cllr Spickett has now raised a complaint with NCC.

25.159 Village matters:

- i. The vehicle activated sign on Broughton Hill will be updated by NNC in its current position. Vegetation would still need to be cut back. **Action point-BB Item in Cransley Chronicle from NNC**
- ii. The purchase of another bin in Bridle Way had been approved. The clerk was still awaiting costings for installation. **Action point- BB to follow up with NCC**
- iii. Painting of the lampposts had not been completed as painters were still unable to access lights in Cransley Hall. This was now an NNC matter. Cllrs Bussey and Spickett have compiled a list of further work required around the village. Quote from painters will be sought when lampposts have been completed.
- iv. Cllr Ablett provided an update on the service plan for annual support for the defibrillator.

25.160 To consider Councillor's training needs:

Cllr Emily James would still like to attend the Community engagement course and social media course.

25.161 To receive reports from Councillors following attendance at NNC meetings:

Nothing to report.

25.162 To receive items for the next Cransley Chronicle edition:

Items: Summary of meeting; 300th edition in June look back at first edition and Church 800th anniversary; NNC issues: Speedwatch update and noticeboard.

25.163 Date of next meeting- 14 May 2026 for both Annual and Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed Date