

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

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Barnwell Jane Mann Parish Clerk
Cllr Amanda Bussey
Cllr Michael Procter No members of the public
Cllr Colin Spickett

26.36 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Isabelle James, Emily James and Stuart Ablett along with NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill.

It was a very hot evening, so the meeting was held outside.

26.37 Public session

There were no members of the public present.

26.38 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.

26.39 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on Thursday 11 June 2026

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as accurate.

26.40 To receive an update on the neighbourhood plan and to consider next steps

It was reported that NNC had provided their initial findings. The clerk would be talking to Umrah Mahadik on Friday. It was agreed to await full findings before taking any action.

26.41 Planning:

- i. There were no new planning applications since the last meeting however a communication from a resident had been received raising concerns about an application for Bottom Lodge. Reference 26/01329. Details of this application had not been received by the clerk, which both raised concerns regarding NNC administration along with the nature of the application. **Action point JM to contact Planning**
- ii. There were no further updates on existing applications or other planning enforcement issues.

26.42 To receive reports from North Northants Councillors:

- i. There were no NNC Councillors present.
- ii. Cllr Bennyworth had not provided an update on member's enquiries raised.
Action point RB to email NNC Cllrs.

26.43 Finance:

- i. The clerk reported on the current financial situation. Bank statements were available to Councillors to reconcile figures if required but it was noted that Cllr Bussey regularly reconciled figures with bank statements. Bank balances were now:

Neighbourhood Plan account	£558.95
Treasurers account	£9,611.21
Contingency account	£12,248.05
Total	£22,418.21

- ii. Previously authorised payments made following the last meeting were reported:
 - Clerk's June salary £449.36 and HMRC statutory deductions £134.11
 - Clerk's expenses for June £23.24
- iii. A schedule of payments due was authorised:
 - Clerk's salary and expenses and HMRC statutory deductions for July
- iv. Data Protection fee of £47.00 was approved.

26.44 Governance:

- i. An update was received on the annual audit. The certificate of exemption had been sent to the external auditor and the arrangements for the exercise of public rights had been published both on the website and the notice board. No requests to view records had been received.
- ii. Following the audit, changes to the format of the asset register were approved. It was agreed that responsibility for the notice boards at the village hall would be transferred to the village hall. Cllr Barnwell was able to provide the original value for the noticeboard so the changes to the asset register were now approved.
- iii. It was agreed that NCALC Data Protection policies would be adopted. **Action point JM to draft these**

26.45 Progress reports from previous meetings:

- i. It was now felt that painting of the streetlights at Cransley Hall could now be undertaken. The shrubs around speed sign on Broughton Hill had been trimmed so no further action was required. **Action point AB to contact painters**
- ii. We are still awaiting installation costs for the new bin. **Action point NNC Councillors to intervene**

26.46 Village matters:

Concerns had been raised regarding the grass cutting schedule. The review of the maps had shown discrepancies. In addition, there were areas that were on the map, which had been missed. In particular, the footpath near the noticeboard, which was in a terrible state. The clerk advised that Loddington PC had met with Kier and discrepancies were resolved. **Action point JM to contact Kier and arrange meeting with RB**

26.47 To receive an update from Parish Councillors on their specific roles:

- i. Cllr Procter provided an update on Highways, parking and lighting issues. It was reported that two lights were on during the day. Potholes reported on Northfield Road.
- ii. Cllr Ablett had advised that there was no further update on the defibrillator.
- iii. Cllr Spickett provided an update on speed watch equipment and 'crime prevention in a box'. In the latest speed watch session 24 cars were found speeding through the village, with speeds of up to 48 mph. He had also attended the PLR annual conference.
- iv. Cllr Emily James had nothing further to report.
- v. Cllr Barnwell provided an update on Neighbourhood Watch.
- vi. Cllr Isabelle James had provided an update on her role as Climate & Nature Champion. She had some ideas about planting some wildflowers at the village hall.

26.48 To consider Councillor's training needs:

There were no training needs at present.

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

The clerk mentioned the NCALC AGM on 3 October.

26.50 To receive items for the next Cransley Chronicle edition:

Items: Summary of meeting; the Cransley association, Tresham Fellowship and speedwatch update.

26.51 Date of next meeting- 10 September

There will be no meeting in August.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed Date