

GREAT CRANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council meeting
held at 7 pm on 11 June 2026

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Barnwell Jane Mann Parish Clerk
Cllr Stuart Ablett
Cllr Emily James
Cllr Isabelle James
Cllr Michael Procter No members of the public
Cllr Colin Spickett

26.20 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Amanda Bussey.

26.21 Public session

There were no members of the public present.

26.22 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.

26.23 Approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on Thursday 14 May 2026

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as accurate.

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

It was reported that the clerk had chased NNC for an update on their review of the plan. Nothing forthcoming so far.

26.25 Planning:

- i. There was a new planning application for tree work in Church Lane 26/01004/TCA.
- ii. There were no further updates on existing applications or other planning enforcement issues.
- iii. Awareness was raised regarding the Local Plan consultation, which had a deadline of 1 July. Cllr Barnwell would review this. **Action point RB**

26.26 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.

26.27 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. Since the last meeting last year's balance £2,276.81 less £462.31 for noticeboard had been moved to the contingency account. Bank balances were now:

Neighbourhood Plan account	£558.73
Treasurers account	£10, 222.17
Contingency account	£12,243.68
Total	£23,024.58

- ii. Previously authorised payments made following the last meeting were reported:
 - Clerk's May salary £449.36 and HMRC statutory deductions £134.11
 - Clerk's expenses for May £23.24
 - NCALC subscription £647.38
 - Zurich Insurance £609.87
- iii. A schedule of payments due was authorised:
 - Clerk's salary and expenses and HMRC statutory deductions for June

26.28 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.
- 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. A disposal value would need to be determined for these. It was thought that the engraving alone on the Parish Council noticeboard was in the region of £800. Cllr Barnwell would review this. **Action point RB**
- iii. The new IT policy was approved.

26.29 Progress reports from previous meetings:

- i. NNC have been chased up to use their powers to pursue access to street lighting as shrubs need cutting back at Cransley Hall and access to shrubs around speed sign on Broughton Hill. **Action point NNC Councillors to intervene**
- ii. We are still awaiting installation costs for the new bin. **Action point NNC Councillors to intervene**

26.30 Village matters:

- i. It was felt that the quote to clean the War memorial was on the high side and should be looked at again when preparing the budget in November.
- ii. Concerns were 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. Some residents had taken to cutting the areas outside their house, which would cause a further problem. **Action point NNC Councillors to intervene**

26.31 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 some lights were on during the day.
- ii. Cllr Ablett provided an 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 31 cars were found speeding through the village, with speeds of up to 52mph.
- iv. Cllr Emily James had nothing further to report.
- v. Cllr Barnwell provided an update on Neighbourhood Watch. He reported that another person had joined.
- vi. Cllr Isabelle James provided an update on her role as Climate & Nature Champion. She had some ideas about planting some wildflowers in areas around the village.

26.32 To consider Councillor's training needs:

There were no training needs at present.

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

Cllr Spickett reported on his attendance at a repairs committee meeting looking at vacant council properties.

26.34 To receive items for the next Cransley Chronicle edition:

Items: Summary of meeting; the role of the Parish Council (**RB**) and the 800th anniversary of the church (**RB**).

26.35 Date of next meeting- 9 July 2026

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm.

Signed Date