

	<p>Walk, thankfully it is not freezing, but if it did it would be a major hazard, how does this get resolved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Illingworth confirmed she notified them well over a year ago and BT came and put the cover back and, in the summer, it was dry and since then it has started again, reported to BT again and WNC Highways, drainage etc. Cllr Hodges believes it may be storm water from the underground storm drain connecting into that system. Cllr Marsh stated that he and Cllr Keeble were there when Anglian water came out to access the drain and put a camera down, they found that where it butts up it has dropped so when it rains it spurts out the cracks, Highways need to come and replace the pipeline. • The Chair of the Parish Hall wished to let everyone know that Giga Clear provides WIFI free of charge to the Village Hall and wanted that on record. • He also confirmed that in relation to the water leak, they have now got costs down slightly, with offers of help and Anglian water will repair road for free if they repair the leak, the costs we have are about £1300 to replace the pipe rather than to find the leak which will be much more costly. It was requested that the Parish Hall Chair provide the Clerk with the quotes to be looked at and a decision made at the March meeting. • Cllr Evans advised he was sad to see what had happened at the Playing Fields with cars going round and round and ruining the turf, he asked what the Committee are planning to do. • It was confirmed that the Chairman is meeting a fencing contractor, also the removable bollard has disappeared which didn't help but they also need to ensure they lock the barrier in future, this issue should be resolved shortly. 	
119	<p>Planning: Updates</p> <p>Appeal No: 6002676 - Original Planning Application No: 2025/0571/FULL - Manor Farm House 2 High Street Astcote NN12 8NW – decision due midnight 12.02.26.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Evans advised that the Parish Council has to put in a response prior to midnight and it was agreed that the Parish Council will be objecting on the basis that the green area will be lost and this would affect the spatial layout of the village. Also, there will be an impact on the Methodist Chapel, which is a non-designated heritage asset, who use the garden in the summer for wellbeing and children's activities. It is preferable to have a green area next to them than it be developed as a large house. The application is also contrary to the Local Plan and WNC have highlighted this and they want to keep this as a green area, they are very large imposing houses and if you walk along Gayton Road to Tiffield you can only see these large houses overlooking the villages. All Councillors agreed they had read the official response and it was AGREED by all to object on that basis. Clerk to lodge objection. <p>Update on 2025/5247/MAO - Land at Fosters Booth Road to the east of the A5 Pattishall - Outline planning application (all matters reserved except for access) for up to 41 dwellings, associated public open space, landscaping, drainage, associated infrastructure, utilities and engineering works, pedestrian link to Orchard Close and access from Fosters Booth Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Evans confirmed the Parish Council have lodged their objections to this major application and this is showing on the portal, all are in favour of objecting to this particular development, lots of reasons but not least the amount of traffic going through the narrow small road that goes through the village. • Mr Taylor, a parishioner who represents PRADA (Pattishall Residents Against Development Association) advised that lots of people want to object to the site, the current status in terms of objections is there is about 100 on the portal. They do not know what the closing date for objections is. Amongst concerns are the fact that the applicant does not own all the land they are making a request on, the Local Authority said the drainage is not sufficient, the Highway Authority that controls the section of the A5 were not consulted and did not complete a survey. The Association have no criticism of the Parish Council. He advised that residents were written to on 23 December when the planning application went live and given 2 weeks to respond, the description on that letter was that it was a Minor Development, which is for developments of up to 9 houses which it is clearly not, there were no site notices up at that point. He confirmed the Site Notice went up on 14 January 2026 within 21-day period which in theory finished on 5th February and was the date listed on portal until last week. The Association objected strongly as residents were told it was a 	CLERK

Minor Development and that was corrected and they were told that 27 new Notices went out on 17th January but none have been received so they have not been told when the new date is and that it is a Major Development. They have lodged a complaint with the Local Authority, and the Local Ward Councillor, who has complained by sending a letter to the CEO from the MP on their behalf but no response received to date. The Association are considering a Judicial Review; they feel they are dealing with a Local Authority that cannot run the local services that they are obliged to provide by Law.

- Cllr Evans advised that on behalf of parishioners bordering Manor Farm in Astcote, they contacted WNC to ask who had been sent letters and they advised that they have all been sent one but none one has been received and there are no Site Notices showing what is going on .
- Mr Taylor stated that in law WNC have misled the public, they are obliged under law to re issue so they will carry out a Judicial Review.

Refusal Decision on 2025/3010/FULL - Land off Banbury Lane Pattishall - Change of use of land and building to scaffolding storage place (Class B8) (retrospective)

- Cllr Evans confirmed there had been no further communication since the last meeting and there has been no response from Environmental Health and Stewart Tolley was unable to attend the meeting so the Parish Council will continue to follow it through.
- A parishioner stated that before Christmas they expected the scaffolding firm would move to the industrial unit up the road, however there seem to be two scaffolding companies in there.
- Cllr Evans advised this was an option if they wished to take it but it was their decision. Cllr Mitton advised that the Planning Authority have decided not to take enforcement action at this time and that is why they are still there. They are allowing them to stay until the appeal is lodged and that is why they haven't moved yet. Cllr Russell advised that before Cllr Keeble left on holiday he asked if Cllr Russell would speak to an Acoustic Consultant to see if worthwhile carrying out a survey and report as it seems that you have to start again once the refusal has been done, nothing carries forward. He felt local people who are affected should be aware this is an option.
- A resident advised that they use the WNC app Environmental Health provided and record the noise every day, Cllr Russell suggested this is not the same as having an official Acoustic Consultant carry out a report. He advised there is one in the village who is willing to carry out a survey and report and suggested it may carry more weight if comes from a company rather than individual, he doesn't think it will have a financial impact as the equipment can be borrowed, the only cost may be if the company wants to have recompense for using their company name, Cllr Keeble will investigate this on his return.

Update on 2025/3145/LDP - Application by PPC for the Lawful Development certificate for the perimeter Church St Boundary Wall works

- Cllr Russell advised that the wall is deteriorating, we have to pay for it as the Church responsibility does not stretch to the boundary wall or the churchyard, there is no option but to address the problem as the stones are starting to fall out of the wall, we can do something remedial in the short term but in the long term we have to pay for it and it will not be cheap.
- Cllr Russell confirmed he has written a Report which sets out where we are at the moment, have to apply for a faculty from the Diocese, he has applied for approval from the Consistory Court and also submitted the faculty for two wall repairs, area to the left of the double gates towards Church Street and a little bit around, about 5 metres each. He confirmed he has tried to get the Diocese to agree rolling maintenance but they declined, but he has applied and that is in progress. There is a Notice on the church gate giving 28 days' notice and if no objection it will go to Court. He confirmed he had to make two Planning Applications to WNC, one for consent and one for Listed consent as the wall is a Listed Building. The Application numbers for these applications have not been issued yet as it was only applied for last week. He has issued a Certificate B which lets the Diocese know we have made these applications as we are not owners of the wall. There have been issues trying to get action from Highways, had to make a Dangerous Structure Report with WNC, no action there so Cllr Banister rang the Kier emergency number who put up 2 x Chapter 9, plastic fences. He has asked EM Pell for assistance and provided a sketch of how the wall could be supported in the interim and waiting for a cost for that, it will mean taking some of the stones out as now protruding so Cllr Russell is speaking to a couple of stonemasons who will carry out the structural work as well, regarding foundations etc.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A parishioner asked if the wall does fall down and cause damage who is responsible? • Cllr Russell confirmed the Parish Council would be liable so he has arranged that if there is a bigger fall it will be removed before Highways does it. The wall is part of consecrated ground so everything has to stay on the site. • Cllr Russell asked Cllr Little if he is able to let the WNC Planning Team know that having the planning numbers quickly would be helpful along with information as we have provided all the drawings, calculations structural information etc and would be good to get some feedback. Cllr Little confirmed that he will chase this if Cllr Russell sends over the information on the application. <p>Application 2021/1819 and 2026/0043/M – Beggars Lane site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Evans advised that the above is the small bridleway that goes off the Main Street in Astcote, the first turning after Hodges Close at the top of the bridleway on the left. There was a lot of concern a while ago as surveyors were there and it was thought that the top soil from the larger development was going to be dumped by large trucks down that lane. Cllr Russell has investigated this and found that is not the case. • Cllr Russell advised that during the DHL application the Parish Council raised an objection that the land was not suitable for that process, and the land was put down to use as planting to gain a tick for offsite biodiversity, their plan was to move surplus material on site to be dumped and then planted, the Parish Council objected and this was withdrawn. When the Panattoni application was put in there were concerns again about that happening so we obtained confirmation from Daniel Callis, from the Senior Planning Team, that this is not the case and there would have to be a separate application to do that, Cllr Russell advised the new document shows there is a balance and no materials would need to be removed but he is not sure of that <p>Update on 2025/2365/FULL - Fourways 2 School Road Pattishall NN12 8NE - Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and construction of two new self- build dwellings</p> <p>Update on 2025/2333/FULL - Fourways 2 School Road Pattishall NN12 8NE - New self- build dwelling</p> <p>A parishioner raised that there had been a request for an ecological assessment in relation to the above which took place in December and in the previous month the owner cleared it completely so there was no opportunity for the assessor to look at anything other than a bare piece of land. It seems that a choice has been taken to circumvent the process of planning, he asked if that is something we accept as one of those things, or is there an argument that says if you are going to have a planning process you need to go through those stages,, he cannot understand why no one is complaining about it as there could have been all sorts of wildlife on that field given the site was abandoned, he thinks there must be sanctions against them.</p> <p>Cllr Illingworth confirmed that it has not come up for Planning Committee yet, but the Parish Council have objected and when the decision comes out on 6th March Cllr Keeble will be back to see if we are able to make any further objections before then. Cllr Russell advised that anyone who has objected will be informed when it is going to Committee. Clerk to highlight this to Cllr Keeble on his return.</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>DK</p>
<p>120</p>	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Green Bin payment for Churchyard – Cllr Illingworth asked if the Parish Council wish to retain the green bin as there is a cost implication, AGREED BY ALL to renew for another year. (b) To Approve Payment Schedule dated 12th February 2026. The Payment Schedule dated 12th February 2026 was approved and proposed for agreement by Cllr Suzanne Raper and seconded by Cllr John Russell and will now be authorised on UTB by Cllr Hodges. (c) To Receive Income & Expenditure Reports for December 2025 and January 2026. Approved and AGREED BY ALL. (d) To Approve and Sign the Bank Reconciliation for All Accounts as at 31.12.25 and 31.01.26. These were approved and AGREED BY ALL and signed by Cllr Hodges as a member of the Finance Committee. 	<p>II</p> <p>CLERK/ DH</p> <p>DH</p>

The following invoices are set up on the U1B account approved at the meeting and authorised on line by David Hodges they will be paid on 12th February unless otherwise stated

InLine Ref	Inv No	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Total	
IL26 01/1	INV-15844	Starboard Systems Limited	Scribe Monthly fee February 2026	51	10.2	61.2	Not Received yet
IL26 01/2		Maria Sadler	February Salary	957.77	0	957.77	Agreed
IL26 01/3		HMRC	February PAYE and NI for Clerk	58.17	0	58.17	Paid needs ratified
IL26 01/4		NEST	Clerk Pension Employer & Employee	65.54	0	65.54	DD
IL26 01/5		DB Communications	Clerk Mobile phone contract February 26	23	4.6	27.6	DD
IL26 01/6	10664	CGM	Blacksmiths Close Burial Ground removal of snapped limb/clear hedgerow	1540	308	1848	
IL26 01/7	IN4197	Signlogic	Noticeboards lettering	357.26	71.45	428.71	
IL26 01/8	PVH1181	Parish Hall	Community Café x 3	72	0	72	
IL26 01/9	6018814717	EON	Street Lighting Maintenance Q3	208	41.6	249.6	
IL26 01/10	34UG050-0006	Parish Online XMAP	Website annual fee and email addresses	385	77	462	
IL26 01/11	IN14750314	Npower	Electricity Use SIDS January 26	24.09	1.2	25.29	
IL26 01/12	IN14935741	Npower	Electricity Use SIDS February 26	24.09	1.2	25.29	
IL26 01/13	PVH1188	Parish Hall	Parish Council meetings x 3	60	0	60	
IL26 01/14	PELL5662	E M Pells	New Village Name Plates	4835	967	5802	
IL26 01/15	PELL5670	E M Pells	Signs on posts	300	60	360	
IL26 01/16	pi_3Sx7RODWcRiFoOTY0ziNYGwf	J Russell (paid to WNC)	Boundary Wall Planning Permission App	745	0	745	
IL26 01/17	pi_3Sx7RODWcRiFoOTY0ziNYGwf	J Russell (paid to WNC)	Boundary Wall Planning Permission S Chg	70.83	14.17	85	
IL26 01/18		Northants School Conference	Donation of £150 to Conference at Franklins Gardens	150	0	150	
IL26 01/19		Peterborough Diocesan Board of	Boundary Wall Church faculty request	312	0	312	
Total				£ 10,238.75	£ 1,556.42	£ 11,795.17	
Bank balances 31 January 2026				Current	£ 1,826.23		
				Savings	£ 130,890.92		
				Total	£ 132,717.15		
Receipts Jan 26				Current - Burial Fees	£ 350.00		
Receipts Jan 26				Savings - Interest	£ -		
				Total	£ 350.00		

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Policy:

(a) Councillor Gov.uk email addresses.

- Cllr Evans confirmed that everyone now has access to their new Gov.uk email address and should be using this for all Parish Council business only. The Clerk confirmed that we are now ahead of schedule in getting the email addresses up and running along with the website and Parish Mapping.
- Cllr Evans wished to minute a big thank you to Bob Illingworth for carrying out the 2 days training sessions and support to get the email addresses up and running.
- Cllr Evans requested that thought is put into using emails so people are not overwhelmed, mark for the person's attention, and also note that where an email is sent marked "For Information Only" you do not need to respond.
- Cllr Hodges felt there had been multiple emails going out unnecessarily and that all emails and reports shared with Councillors should be done sparingly and with only the necessary information.
- Cllr Mitton advised that he has put the new email addresses in Around Pattishall and asked if there was anything else to go in. Cllr Evans requested that information about the Boundary Wall in Church Street is put in so people are aware that the church are not paying, that parishioners need to pay for it and the wheels of the diocese turn very slowly.

(b) Cllr Russell advised that the website and Parish Mapping are all on track and Cllr Russell has written a report explaining where the Parish Council is with Parish Mapping

(c) Parish Mapping Training Session Date – Cllr Russell confirmed that things are difficult for him for the next couple of months so suggested putting off the next training session for now. **AGREED** by all. Cllr Evans stated that there are 4 bags of grit ready to be loaded in to the Parish Council grit bins if needed so let him know.

(d) Policy List – List provided by Clerk to all Councillors of where we are with the Policy List at present and that it will be updated as work carried out.

(e) Review of Financial Regulations will take place in March once Cllr Keeble is back.

(f) Review of Standing Orders – Clerk confirmed the updated Standing Orders have been shared with Cllr Evans and Cllr Hodges for their comments and once received back by the Clerk they will be shared with all Councillors for review and hopefully agreement in March 2026.

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Community & Environment:

(a) Litter pick date confirmed as Saturday 14th March 2026, this will be advertised in Around Pattishall and was advised to those in attendance at the meeting

(b) Around Pattishall items – Cllr Mitton asked if any other items apart from litter pick to go in, it was reiterated that it would be helpful to have an article about the Boundary Wall goes in to

	<p>clarify to parishioners that the Parish Council will be carrying out work on the wall and it will be done with parishioners precept money as the Church have no responsibility for the wall, although we do have to request permission from them and WNC to do the work on it.</p> <p>(c) New Bus Shelter location – Cllr Illingworth advised that WNC had some spare money and want to provide a bus shelter, they asked if the resident in the bungalow nearest the possible location had been asked and WNC said they had been asked and agreed. Cllr Hodges does not believe this to be the case as he has spoken to the owner who said he has no objection but he has had no contact. Cllr Illingworth feels that asking one person is not a survey and a proper survey should be carried out to ensure residents want this in the parish. Cllr Marsh advised that the new bus shelter, if it goes ahead, would be set back so it wouldn't obscure the new signage, WNC would put in additional hard standing to enable that to happen, the bench we would have to be removed or they would scrap it. Cllr Illingworth advised she had spoken to Linda from Neighbourhood Watch who feels it may become a meeting place for people opposite Peggotty's and could cause problems, Cllr Evans asked if it could be put on Fosters Booth Road instead, Cllr Hodes advised they tried this previously but the house owner behind objected as he has wide access to his rear garden where they wanted to put the bus shelter. Cllr Marsh advised that even if permission was given at Fosters Booth Road, they would need to confirm that the kerbing meets the regulations. Cllr Illingworth feels there is not enough time to canvas residents as WNC want a decision by end of the month to put the shelter in in March. Cllr Evans asked Cllr Raper to put this on the Community Page on Facebook that we have been offered a bus shelter and given the exact location and ask for thoughts back by Monday evening to the Clerk. AGREED by all. .</p> <p>(d) Cllr Marsh raised the issue of the ownership of Red Lion Public House, he confirmed that the Police are still trying to find the official directors and legal owners. PSCO Matt Taylor has been informed that the metal fence has been moved and bent back and the back door is open, he has acknowledged receipt and will assess it along with the garden and caravan, WNC are looking into the land ownership register as it is not ascertained who is responsible to get site secure, once they know the Parish Council could put in a FOI request to find out who it is, as it is stated in the Local Plan that derelict buildings will be looked at. Agreed to take no further action until the Police find out ownership then discuss further.</p> <p>(e) Cllr Illingworth noted that there was a request for a Defibrillator in Fosters Booth so spoke to WNC about a possible grant yesterday, she advised that the Grants cannot be used for defibrillators, it is only for things like gardening clubs etc, not for things already established. Cllr Illingworth feels it would be good to have one at the top of Fosters Booth Road, near the A5, it would need to be on a wall, ideally on Johns Motors, but we would need permission from them. Cllr Hodges said this had been considered previously but there was a nominal cost for the electrical charge for the light in the box so didn't proceed last time but he will speak to John's Motors again. Cllr Illingworth advised that if agreed the Parish Council could fundraise the cost of the defibrillator. AGREED by all that Cllr Evans speak to John's Motors in the first instance.</p> <p>(f) Stone Walls around Vale/Cherry Cottage – Cllr Marsh reported that the walls here are starting to crumble into the pavement, the mortar is saturated, they owners are aware it is their responsibility but he wished to make everyone aware in case it falls.</p> <p>(g) Clerk said there had been a report that a grave is showing signs of subsidence. Cllr Evans advised this could be to do with the amount of rain, Cllr Hodges advised they have been sinking each year over the years and Cllr Russell advised this is the same on Blacksmiths Close burial ground as for a period of time when funeral directors put in a coffin they would put a veneer over the top which held for 40-60 years but which is now starting to collapse and holes are appearing, it will need something but unsure what and when. Cllr Illingworth advised that if the Parish Council cannot find out who owns the grave, then it would be up to the Parish Council to repair it, once the weather improves. It was AGREED by all that the Clerk will advise the lady that reported this issue that when the weather improves the Parish Council will attempt to help in this instance.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>SR</p> <p>BE</p> <p>CLERK</p>
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(a)	Allotments BE	<p>Cllr Evans advised the person who used the water for his pond last year has made an offer of £60.12 for its usage and would require a receipt for payment. It was discussed whether this should be accepted or not as a one off.</p> <p>There was discussion around how this can be prevented from happening again and it was suggested that an inline meter could be fitted onto the hose to measure the water used. AGREED by all that Clerk would send an invoice which would be receipted on payment and request that, in any future use of the taps to fill the pond, an inline meter would be fitted and the amount of water used measured and shared with the Parish Council for charging back.</p> <p>Cllr Hodges advised that there are now multiple taps on site and there needs to be some sort of plan about how water usage is managed given the cost last year of one being left on. It was AGREED by all that Cllr Evans would speak to the landowner of the allotments and ask if we can pass the payment of the water bills over to the Allotment Association. Cllrs believe that the ownership of the water supply should be passed to the Allotment Association and bills issued in their name so they take ownership of usage, this can be discussed further after Cllr Evans speaks to the landowner. In the interim it was requested that the Allotment Association attend a meeting half hour prior to the next Full Council meeting to discuss this further. AGREED Clerk to speak to L Dark to try and arrange this.</p> <p>Cllr Marsh asked for an update on the shed, Cllr Evans advised that the landowner is dealing with this and he has not heard anything further in the last couple of months.</p>	CLERK
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(f)	Community Engagement NB/II/MM/SR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Illingworth confirmed she has changed the battery in the defibrillator at the school and so that will be fine for two years • Cllr Evans confirmed that he, Cllr Marsh and Cllr Illingworth met with Emma at Pattishall School to discuss the walking bus and gave her lots of suggestions she should investigate before getting back to the Parish Council, so we will wait to hear from her. • Cllr Russell stated the verges by Birds Hill are being wrecked by parked cars however the Parish Council have no jurisdiction as this is Highways land. Cllr Illingworth suggested requesting dragons teeth are put in, but Cllr Banister may already be looking at that. • Cllr Mitton advised that Around Pattishall is under control, there is an extension to copy date until 13th due to the Parish Council meeting being on the 12th February. • Cllr Mitton confirmed litter picking date is set for Saturday 14 March 2026 and the foyer at the Parish Hall is available and equipment pick up arranged with WNC, they are praying for good weather so more volunteers turn up. Cllr Mitton requested a copy of last year's area plans from Cllr Illingworth to mark out who is going where, Cllr Illingworth will share these and also requested that the footpath up by Blacksmith Close, old burial ground behind houses Simons Walk gets cleaned as well in the first two accessible sections. • Cllr Raper confirmed that the Community Café would provide refreshments if required, this was requested by Cllr Mitton and agreed. 	II
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	Churchyard & Burial Ground II/DH	No further updates.	
	Grass cutting, trees, hedges, churchyard, and burial ground maintenance	<p>Cllr Hodges advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has spoken to the grass cutting contractors to see if they would continue as they have been cutting the grass at the same price for 5 years. They have quoted a new price which increases each cut by £26.25 for the whole parish, so instead of paying £588.75 it will now be £615 for every cut. We currently budget for 14 cuts a year but last year the grass didn't grow as much due to weather. 	

<p>DH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has had a look around for different contractors but it is hard to find someone to take on this Parish as it is split up and includes the mowing of the burial ground at Blacksmith Close and the Churchyard Burial ground and playing fields. AGREED by all that the new price is agreed, and Cllr Hodges will try and get this price fixed on a 3-year agreement before the contract is drawn up. • Looking at Lime trees in Churchyard and those at Butchers Lane, there is an Oak tree planted by the Parish Council some time ago which is overgrown so asked contractors to look at cutting all around and taking branches off the Willow tree and some off the Ash that is dying back and obtained two quotes. One was nearly £5000, the other just under £3000, the contractors with the lower quote has equipment to do it and has also included the removal of the two lime trees. They need to sort out Highways and any road closures, Cllr Hodges will request this quote is put in writing, we were going to take the lime trees down to 18 ft tall but Cllr Russell advised that if the boundary wall comes down the trees will follow it so they need to be removed, although he did clarify that this area of the wall is not covered by the application currently in progress. • A parishioner had raised an issue about a tree opposite the substation stating it is bending at the bottom and could fall across the road. Cllr Illingworth confirmed it belongs to one of the houses in the Beeches, she will investigate ownership of that tree. • Cllr Illingworth requested that the contractors tidy up all the dead branches around the top of Fosters Booth Road but wait until the bulbs come up. Cllr Hodges confirmed he will look at this in the near future as the bench is broken and also needs to be removed. • Cllr Hodges confirmed that in Church Street the Burt's they have done all they are planning to do but we don't know what is happening about the wall as WNC have put those barriers up not the landowner. • Cllr Hodges confirmed two more applications have come in from National Grid to trim trees around cables, one is on the Village Green in Astcote, which we gave permission for 9 months ago, so have given it again. 	<p>DH</p> <p>DH</p> <p>II</p>
<p>Highways NB</p>	<p>Cllr Banister provided an update by report summarised below:</p> <p>SIDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SID on Banbury Lane has been intermittently turning off and been advised it is due to poor sun and daylight and at times little wind. • Received a response regarding the SIDS advising that TWM is now formally in receivership, spoken to the lead Receiver who advised there are no funds available and that any warranties will not be supported. The SID's should have a five-year warranty. • The Centralised Management System (CMS) provided by TWM has been closed down. FTS, the company that bought the assets from CMS, are due to relaunch their version of the CMS and waiting to hear when it will be available. Until it is, reports are not available. The SID's are working so reports will be available as soon as the CMS is up and running • Will update on the situation including the Banbury Lane SID when information received. • The working older yellow SID is to be returned to the Parish Council and waiting to have a chat with FTS about its potential use <p>A5 safety points update - Awaiting feedback from National Highways, in the first quarter of 2026 hopefully.</p>	

	<p>Other highways points: Village signs – The two extra village signs agreed to be purchased at the December meeting now installed. Chicane – To be discussed further, would suggest we use the data after a few months of evidence from the SID's to discuss this further to help make a better-informed decision Facebook – 307 followers, 13,531 total views of the page and 1574 interactions. Gayton and Tiffeld Community Bus – nothing to report</p>	
	<p>Lighting Cllr Marsh asked if any questions in relation to the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hodges asked about the light that was constantly on, Cllr Marsh advised that the photocell failed and the repairs have now been carried out to replace this. • Cllr Marsh advised that there had been a report of another streetlight being damaged on the other side of the A5, this is Cold Higham Parish Council asset but there is an anomaly where the confines cross into Cold Higham, so parts of Cold Higham are within the Pattishall boundary. Cold Higham Parish Council are going to repair the street light as it is their asset but work will need to be done to get the boundary drawn correctly between Pattishall and Cold Higham. Cllr Marsh will look into this to try and resolve the anomalies. • Cllr Marsh confirmed the streetlight Invoices are all paid and showing as paid on portal. He will speak to another contractor to check we are getting a good deal at the moment and will be speaking to other suppliers. 	PM PM
	<p>Footpaths JR Cllr Russell advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Footpath Warden, Chris, is doing a really good job and walked every footpath in the parish since he started volunteering. A lot of the waymarks are very badly worn, he has received 10-15 from Kier which is not enough so they are trying to get hold of some samples of black vinyl arrows which we can stick on, there may be a small cost but there is enough in the footpath budget for that. Cllr Russell is having regular meetings with Chris and jointly working on Public Rights of Way and we can quickly discuss if there are issues and what actions can be taken • Cllr Illingworth requested that thanks be given to Cllr Russell for this work on the footpaths. 	
	<p>Playgrounds JR Cllr Russell advised there is a little bit of work to be done, he is waiting for the grass matting in School Road, but the weather been too wet.</p>	
	<p>Village maintenance JR Cllr Russell confirmed: The new lettering is complete on the noticeboard and he has not heard anything about waste bin. The Parish Council need to give some thought to the base of the millennium sign to find out how we are going to deal with it.</p>	
124	<p>Report from the Clerk and Key Items for next agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precept form has been returned to WNC and acknowledgement received • Standing Orders on March agenda to be reviewed and agreed prior to the end of the year • Risk Assessment and Asset Register to be reviewed prior to end of financial year • VAT form to be submitted prior to end of the financial year • Playground equipment on Parish Mapping to go on next agenda. • Local Plan response to go on March agenda. 	
125	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from resident confirming that he has sustained damage to his wall from a HGV turning into Fosters Booth Road from the A5. Clerk requested he take photos and attend the Parish Meeting, if possible, to raise these concerns. Cllr Hodges believes the damage was actually a delivery driver to Mr Burt's residence and not an incident from the A5 but that this was now in hand. • Request for interment of ashes in a pre-existing grave, need to confirm if a fee is payable. The Clerk advised that the fee for the interment of ashes is now included in the plot cost, 	

	<p>whereas it used to be separate. We have had a request for a set of ashes to be interred in a grave where his parents have been buried for some time, the Funeral Directors wanted confirmation that there is no fee to pay. It was AGREED by all that there will be no fee. The Clerk will advise the Funeral Directors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email From Linda Hemming, PLR – Beat Bus not being well used, she requested that the Police attend the start of the Community Café sessions instead. • Email from resident making an offer of land available for building that is not overlooked, nor does it go through the heart of the village, between Sharman’s and the Pond Field at the Pattishall crossroads. There is a call for land on WNC site and it closes on 27th March 2026. • Response from request to remove the wire in Festival Road, the wire does not belong to the houses it is there from SNC time and has been there for over 30 years, it was the key care call line for the OAP bungalows, residents suggested we speak to WNC or Housing Association. • Email from Kier/West Northants with request to sign the new Grass Cutting Contract for this year 26-27 • Ditches on Butchers Lane flooding issue raised by Cllr Marsh who has reported to WNC, they will write to owners and request that they clear the ditches and if not carried out an enforcement letter will follow. 	<p>CLERK</p> <p>PM/ CLERK</p>
126	<p><u>Report from West Northants Councillors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Little advised that with the Local Plan coming up lots of landowners will want their land to be taken up. One idea that has come up out of the Local Plan is that parishes in close proximity should cluster together to form a Local Plan rather than individual parishes, they can look together at suitable sites where house building can occur, there will a demand on villages but there will be moves to minimise that. He advised that Towcester has been earmarked for another 1400 houses on the other side of the relief road on A43, they will be opposing that as it is problematic in terms of capacity for the A5 and accessing Towcester across a busy road as there need to be walking routes. Officers are currently shading in areas with ideas for building houses, but other ideas are coming forward in consultation but he advised the Parish Council be prepared as there will be concerned residents about where houses may go. He confirmed he is meeting Mr Taylor of PRADA next week to discuss further, he also stated that in his view a Development Plan Document is not as useful as a Neighbourhood Plan. • Cllr Evans advised he had a long conversation with Margaret Howe from WNC, and had been on a zoom meeting about the Local Plan, which had focused mostly on Daventry, Towcester and Brackley. Margaret Howell advised the Parish Council can manage a Neighbourhood Plan without the large expense if there is the expertise within the Parish Council. <p>Cllr D Tarbun and Cllr S Tolley were unable to attend the Parish Council Meeting so sent over a report, a summary of which is below:</p> <p>Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Reform Administration have revised their budget after the consultation which reduces the Council Tax increase to 4.95% instead of 4.99%. • They have reduced the proposed green bin increase by £11, from £80 to £69. • In Towcester WNC Council have backtracked a little on parking but failed to give specific details which will be revealed at Cabinet next Monday. It may include 2 free hours of parking and then charges afterwards at a rate yet to be decided. There are also rumours of a day charge of £5 but in the long stay car park only which they feel will be damaging for people working in Towcester. They continue to be in full opposition of these changes and have a plan for an amendment proposal to the budget, which is costed and viable. The budget goes to full Council on the 26th Feb 2026. 	

	<p>Potholes: There have been lots of reports received regarding deep potholes, some causing damage to vehicles. We have been advising people to log them on fix my street and then to send David Tarbun the details so they can apply some pressure.</p> <p>Local Plan: The Local Plan consultation is live and some presentations have happened in locations across the county to show plans and have officers available to answer questions. You will no doubt be aware of the patch of a minimum of 59 houses on the outskirts of Pattishall. Please make sure you submit your comments on the consultation. After the Plan has been agreed, please also make sure your Neighbourhood Plan is updated accordingly.</p> <p><u>Report from Parish Councillors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Evans reported that the Pattishall Clerk will now also be the Cold Higham Parish Clerk, he hopes this will help build up the relation with Cold Higham Parish Council, who they have started to work with more closely over the last year. • Cllr Illingworth spoke to Cllr Hodges about the local Nature Recovery Strategy from WNC involving trees, they will look at that and report back. • Cllr Hodges had some emails about cars in the Parish without MOT and Tax, he advised that there is a scheme called ELVIS (End of Life Vehicle Impound Scheme) run by Northants Police, abandoned cars can be reported on there if they have no TAX and MOT and they will remove it. They impound it and if the owners don't want to collect it then it gets scrapped. 	II/DH
115	Date of next meeting – 12 th March 2026	

End of Meeting: 21.28