

Cold Ashby Parish Council

Draft minutes of the ordinary general meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday April 1st, 2026 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Councillors Fiona Taylor (Chair), Bailey (RB), Harpham (NH), Alex Taylor (AT), Rachel Williams (RIW) and Richard Williams (RdW). Councillor Christine Ware (CW, WNC), one member of the public, two representatives of Deeley Homes. Jonathan Ward-Langman (Clerk, JBW-L).

Interests: None were declared.

26.04.01 – Apologies: Councillor Peel (accepted).

26.04.02 – Minutes of the General Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday March 4th, 2026, approved unanimously (proposed NH, seconded RdW).

26.04.03 - Matters arising: RB updated his report on DIRFT.

26.04.04 - Open forum: to receive and discuss matters raised by members of the public present at the meeting.

- CW reported on WNC discussions regarding devolution.
- CW also reported that concrete blocks had now been installed to deter access to land at J1/A14 (A5199 junction).

26.04.05 – Representatives of Deeley Homes spoke about their plans to develop land South of Cold Ashby, East of West Haddon Road.

- Deeley Homes have an option to buy the land subject to a planning application which they expect to submit in September/October 2026.
- They do not intend to develop land on the Eastern side of the site as it will be required for Biodiversity Net Gain and drainage. There is potential for the Parish Council to adopt this if it wished to do so.
- There was a general discussion which included queries regarding flooding and the presence of a spring/well on site and also traffic access.
- A member of the public expressed concern as the land is outside the village envelope and the proposed development would obscure the open aspect to the village.
- The previous planning application was discussed.
- The representative of Deeley Homes noted that the land available for development in West Northants (the 'land supply') is insufficient to meet central government requirements which is why the application may be approved despite the fact that it is outside the Local Plan.

The Council thanked the representatives of Deeley Homes for their attendance and engagement with the community.

26.04.06 – Accounts:

- Members approved the accounts for March 2026 (final accounts for 2025-26, Annex A) *N.B. these were updated to include additional transactions after the agenda was published.* (proposed FT, seconded NH).
- Members authorise the payments itemised below, including some payments already made as indicated to ensure their inclusion in the accounts for 2025-26, and an additional payroll invoice, DCK 27030. (proposed RB, seconded AT).
- The final budget report for 2025-26 is also included at Annex A.
- Banking arrangements. The Clerk updated the Council: the NatWest accounts now have nil balances, and he is making arrangements to close them. The new Unity Trust Bank accounts are now fully operational.
Action Clerk

26.04.07 – Community Infrastructure Levy: it was agreed to use of CIL payment of £5,790.53 as follows:

- Grant to Cold Ashby Memorial Hall for replacement of Village Hall blinds (£1,790.53)
- Grant to CAPFA towards refurbishment and renovation of Pavilion toilets (£4,000).

N.B both grants subject to confirmation that the organisation concerned has secured funds for completion of the relevant project. Action Clerk

26.04.08 – Planning matters: none.

26.04.08 – Refurbishment of telephone kiosk: Agreed to seek quotation for repainting and refurbishment including woodwork. *Action Clerk*

26.04.9 – Grass cutting 2026: Agreed to accept quotation from Thompson Ground Care for cutting as undertaken in 2025, and for pollarding of five lime trees. *Action Clerk*

26.04.10 – Meeting with WNC and Kier regarding highways March 24th, 2026. RIW and RdW reported:

- Meeting generally positive.
- Work to repair road surface West Haddon Road in hand.
- Road surface on Church Lane not yet sufficiently seriously damaged to merit remedial work.
- Work on white lines, bollards, reflectors etc. also in hand.

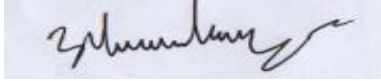
The Council thanked RIW and RdW for their work on this matter.

26.04.11 – VASL sign Agreed to ask Fewzed Ltd. To undertake work as quoted. Agreed to explore grant application to OPFCC for new VASL sign(s). *Action Clerk*

26.04.12 - Post: to note and/or discuss items of correspondence with the Council not considered elsewhere on the agenda.

- Application to install memorial to Darren and Christine Sellers from J. Stamp and sons approved unanimously (proposed RIW, seconded AT).

Date of next meeting: Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting/Village Assembly, Wednesday May 6th, 2026, in the Playing Field Pavilion at 7.30p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Jonathan Ward-Langman'.

Jonathan Ward-Langman April 2nd, 2026

Annex A February/March 2026 N.B. Updated March 31st 2026

Date	Account	Category	Desc	Credit/ Debit	£	VAT	Total
01/02/26	Main	Opening Balance				£0.00	£18,286.46
01/02/26	Savings	Opening Balance				£0.00	£9,957.14
03/02/26	Main	VAT reclaim	HMRC	Credit	£1,334.41	£0.00	£1,334.41
10/02/26	Main	Grants	To CA Memorial Hall for defibrillator training (25.11.07)	Debit	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
17/02/26	Main	Website & email accounts	IONOS V71099602-64347489	Debit	£3.00	£0.60	£3.60
18/02/26	Main	S136 Grasscutting (WNC)	WNC	Credit	£682.73	£0.00	£682.73
27/02/26	Savings	Interest	Interest	Credit	£7.26	£0.00	£7.26
17/03/26	Savings	Internal transfer	From Business reserve	Credit	£9,964.40	£0.00	£9,964.40
17/03/26	Main	Internal transfer	To Main	Debit	£9,964.40	£0.00	£9,964.40
17/03/26	Main	General Maintenance	Norse:Empty Dog/Litter bin, Feb 26 - Feb 27	Debit	£352.59	£70.52	£423.11
18/03/26	Main	Website & email accounts	IONOS V71099602-63376618	Debit	£3.00	£0.60	£3.60
23/03/26	Main	Clerk's salary & PAYE	Clerk's Salary Jan-Mar 2026 incl.	Debit	£784.80		£784.80
23/03/26	Main	Clerk's salary & PAYE	PAYE Jan-Mar 2026 incl.	Debit	£196.20	£0.00	£196.20
23/03/26	Main	Payroll	DCK Payroll 26861	Debit	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
23/03/26	Main	Bus Subsidy	Brixworth PC	Debit	£742.56	£0.00	£742.56
26/03/26	Main	Account transfer	From Natwest Main to Unity Trust	Debit	£27,940.13	£0.00	£27,940.13
26/03/26	Main	Account transfer	To Unity Trust from Natwest Main	Credit	£27,940.13	£0.00	£27,940.13
27/03/26	Main	Cemetery charges	J. Stamp & Sons	Credit	£55.00	£0.00	£55.00
31/03/26	Savings	Interest	Interest	Credit	£4.45	£0.00	£4.45
	Main	Total					£2,327.87
	Savings	Total					£9,964.40
	Income (Main)	Total					£12,036.54
	Income (Reserve)	Total					£11.71

31/03/26	Total	Nat West Main Account		Main Account			£55.00
31/03/26	Total	Natwest Reserve Account		Savings account			£4.45
26/03/26	Total	Transferred from Nat West Account 26/03/2026	Unity Trust Account	Main Account			£27,940.13
26/03/26	Total		Unity Trust Account	Savings account			£0.00
26/03/26		Total Funds					£27,999.58
N.B. £5790.53 CIL FUNDING IS RING-FENCED AND CAN ONLY BE SPENT AS STIPULATED BY WNC				Month Balance			
	Date:	March 31st 2026					

Annex A: BANK RECONCILIATION FOR COLD ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING April 1st, 2026 N.B. Updated March 31st 2026						
Name of smaller authority:	Cold Ashby Parish Council					
County area (local councils and parish meetings only):	West Northamptonshire					
Financial year ending 31 March 2026						
Prepared by (Name and Role):	Jonathan Ward-Langman Clerk/ RFO					
Date:	26/03/2026					
					£	£
Balance per bank statements as at 31/03/2026						
Nat West Business Current Account 1045	account 1				£55.00	
Nat West Business Reserve Account 2605	account 2				£4.45	
Unity Trust reserve 20552130	account 3				£0.00	
Unity Trust Current 20552127	Account 4				£27,940.13	
Petty cash float (if applicable)						£0.00
Less: any unpresented cheques as at 31/03/2026 (enter these as negative numbers)						£0.00
Net balances as at 31/03/2026						£27,999.58

Annex A: Invoices for approval Cold Ashby Parish Council April 1st, 2026

Date	Account	Category	Description	Credit/Debit	£	VAT	Total
10/02/26	Main	Grants	To CA Memorial Hall for defibrillator training (25.11.07) *	Debit	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
18/03/26	Main	Website & email accounts	IONOS V71099602-63376618	Debit	£3.00	£0.60	£3.60
23/03/26	Main	Clerk's salary & PAYE	Clerk's Salary Jan-Mar 2026 incl. *	Debit	£784.80		£784.80
23/03/26	Main	Clerk's salary & PAYE	PAYE Jan-Mar 2026 incl.*	Debit	£196.20	£0.00	£196.20
23/03/26	Main	Payroll	DCK Payroll 26861*	Debit	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
23/03/26	Main	Bus Subsidy	Brixworth PC*	Debit	£742.56	£0.00	£742.56
26/02/26	Main	General maintenance	Fewzed Ltd. Repair and replace VASL sign	Debit	£590.20	£118.04	£708.24
30/03/26	Main	Payroll	DCK Payroll 27030	Debit	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00

*** payments already made to ensure their inclusion in the accounts for 2025-26**

Above payments authorised:

	Clerk	Jonathan Ward-Langman	
	Councillor		
	Councillor		
	Date:		

**Cold Ashby Parish Council Budget report 2025-26 (N.B. Payments net of VAT as this will be reclaimed) N.B.
Updated March 31st 2026**

-	Actual to March 31st 2026	Full year 2025-26	Budget 2025- 26	Variance (budget vs forecast)	Notes
OPENING BALANCE MAIN	£9,687.21				
OPENING BALANCE RESERVE	£9,870.53				Incl. Interest 31/03./25
RECEIPTS					
Precept	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£0.00	
Cemetery charges	£629.00	£629.00	£400.00	£229.00	
S136 Grasscutting (WNC)	£682.73	£682.73	£650.00	£32.73	
Recharge CAPFA insurance	£1,956.92	£1,956.92	£1,900.00	£56.92	
Interest on reserve	£98.32	£98.32	£140.00	-£41.68	
Other grants and payments	£6,251.33	£460.80	£0.00	£460.80	
VAT reclaim	£1,334.41	£1,334.41	£0.00	£1,334.41	
Transfer to reserve	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
TOTAL	£22,952.71	£17,162.18	£15,090.00	£2,072.18	N.B. £5790.53 CIL not included in forecast
PAYMENTS					
Clerk's salary & PAYE	£3,924.00	£3,924.00	£3,600.00	-£324.00	
Payroll	£130.00	£130.00	£60.00	-£70.00	
Office costs	£0.00	£0.00	£25.00	£25.00	
Stationery	£0.00	£0.00	£25.00	£25.00	
Insurance	£2,609.23	£2,609.23	£2,550.00	-£59.23	
NCALC/ ACRE subscription	£269.85	£269.85	£290.00	£20.15	
HMRC	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Grass cutting	£2,039.80	£2,039.80	£3,000.00	£960.20	
Audit	£306.00	£306.00	£250.00	-£56.00	
Room hire	£232.50	£232.50	£360.00	£127.50	
Data protection	£47.00	£47.00	£50.00	£3.00	ICO fee
Training	£88.00	£90.00	£200.00	£110.00	
Website & email accounts	£165.94	£165.94	£150.00	-£15.94	
Cemetery maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£350.00	£350.00	
Consumables/IT	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00	
Street Lights	£1,287.65	£1,287.65	£1,450.00	£162.35	
Sundry	£334.00	£334.00	£0.00	-£334.00	Reimbursement overpaid cemetery charge
Water charges	£99.28	£99.28	£100.00	£0.00	
General maintenance	£352.59	£352.59	£300.00	£0.00	
S137	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Grants	£1,290.00	£1,290.00	£1,000.00	-£290.00	
Small Works/lengthsman	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Bus subsidy	£742.56	£742.56	£750.00	£7.44	
Special projects	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	
Contested election	£64.50	£64.50	£0.00	-£64.50	

Transfer to reserve	£0.00	£0.00	0	£0.00	
Total Variance payments				£1,126.97	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£13,982.90	£13,984.90	£15,060.00		
TOTAL (Surplus/overspend)	-	£3,177.28	£30.00	£3,199.15	Surplus

F'CAST CLOSING BALANCE MAIN		£12,766.17			
F'CAST CLOSING BALANCE RESERVE		£9,968.85			

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