

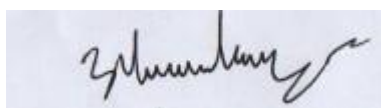
Cold Ashby Parish Assembly May 2026

Minutes of the annual Cold Ashby Parish Assembly held on May 6th, 2026.

Councillor Fiona Taylor (Parish Council Chair) chaired the meeting.

Present, Councillors Fiona Taylor, Rachel Williams, Alex Taylor, Neil Harpham, Councillor Christine Ware (WNC), the Parish Clerk and a member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillors Richard Williams, Alan Peel, and Rod Bailey.
2. **Minutes of the 2025 assembly:** agreed as a true record. Signed by Councillor Rachel Williams.
3. **Welcome and introduction:** The Chair explained the purpose and nature of the meeting.
4. **Community Infrastructure Levy:** The Chair provided an update. The Parish Council has 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).Both grants subject to confirmation that the organisation concerned has secured funds for completion of the relevant project.
5. **Village Hall:** report from Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee was received and is appended below.
6. **Cold Ashby Playing Field Association:** Councillor Harpham reported: overall financial position is sound. Grants have been secured from the Community Trust (windfarm) for floodlights and the Parish Council for toilet renovation (see above). Further grant applications have been submitted
7. **Bus services and bus shelter:** The Chair provided an update. The Parish council decided not to install a new Bus Shelter (see PC minutes, March 2026, 26.03.12) but continues to subsidise the bus service.
8. **Traffic issues:** deferred to a future Parish Council meeting.
9. **Any other matters of general interest. Open Forum:** report from Christine Ware (WNC) was received and is appended below.



Jonathan Ward-Langman

CAPC Clerk May 14th, 2026

Cold Ashby Memorial Hall Report from Chair for Parish Assembly 6.5.26

Present bank account £11,500

At present we are in a good position financially. This is due to the hard work of the committee who work tirelessly to keep the hall in a secure financial position and provide opportunities for the community to come together at social events. Although we receive some regular support from a few residents in the village, our main support comes from residents of other villages particularly Welford and Spratton and without their support the Memorial Hall could fall into financial difficulties again. We are so grateful that they regularly attend, support and enjoy our events, We are also appreciative of Cold Ashby Skittles Teams for using the hall as their home venue, they continue to be one of our main sources of income and we are very grateful for their support. Once again, we could only run the skittles team due to residents from other villages playing for the team.

It would be good to receive some more support from residents of Cold Ashby to help keep our future secure and we would welcome any suggestions of events the residents would like to see us host.

Cllr Christine Ware - Ward Councillor for Naseby Ward Annual Report - Spring 2026

I have been honoured to represent the eleven parishes in the Naseby ward at West Northants Council since May 2025. My duties have covered ward responsibilities as well as wider West Northants responsibilities. Eight of the eleven parishes have Parish Councils and two more have Parish Meetings. I am grateful to all for the welcome they have given me as I have attended their meetings.

To date I have attended forty six Parish Council/ Parish Meetings. I will continue to do my utmost to attend as many as I can but I am grateful for the understanding that some parishes have their meetings on the same evening. I've yet to work out how to appear in two places at once so I am grateful to Councillor Jonathan Harris (Brixworth ward) and FOCUS team member Tony Nixon who have sometimes attended on my behalf to make sure I get news from the villages as soon as I can.

I've attended all six of the West Northants Council meetings that have happened since last May's election plus the one extraordinary meeting held in March. I have been on the Non Strategic Planning Committee since December 2025 and to date, I have attended six committee meetings. I've attended one Democracy and Standards Committee and I am now a substitute member on this committee. I am also on the Democracy and Standards Working Group. I am a substitute member on the Adult Social Care, Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and I have attended two meetings in this capacity.

I have also attended five cabinet meetings in my capacity as an opposition councillor. I am appointed to two outside bodies by West Northants Council. Spratton Town and Charity Trust and the Clipston School Charity. I have attended four meetings of the Spratton Charity and Land Trust and one at the Clipston and School Charity. I am grateful to all the trustees on both these charities for their warm welcome and for bringing me up to speed with the Trusts.

Casework has been wide and varied in its nature. Rural transport continues to be a focus for me with work including local buses and the infrastructure needed to make the public transport experience positive.

My contact details are below. Please do get in touch if you need to.

Best wishes **Cllr Christine Ware Ward Councillor for Naseby**

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