

LILFORD CUM WIGSTHORPE THORPE ACHURCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at Barnwell Village
Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor G Hopkinson, S Moffat, T Bird, T Wright, C Brook

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Clerk)

247.001	To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllr J Clarke – apologies approved					
247.002	Public participation session None					
247.003	To receive declarations of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. None					
247.004	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th November 2025 Resolved: Approved and signed as a true record of the meeting					
247.005	To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only Letter re Lilford Mitigation land scheme sent to NNC.					
247.006	To receive a report from NNC Ward Councillors None					
247.007	To note the result of the bi-monthly Cllr Internal Control checks Resolved: carried out by Cllr C Brooks - all in order					
247.008	To receive and approve the Balance of Accounts/Bank Reconciliation Resolved: Approved and signed by the Chair					
247.009	To examine and approve the Bank Statements Resolved: No bank statement issued for December as no transactions. Cashbook balance stands at £4948.24 with a bank balance at January 5 th 2026 of £5825.59					
247.010	To approve payment of the following invoices					
	Payment	Payee	Item	Amount	VAT	Power to Pay
	100259	N A Phillips	November Expenses	£29.82	£0.00	LGA 1972 s 111
	100259	N A Phillips	December Expenses	£26.69	£0.00	LGA 1972 s 111
	100260	N A Phillips	January Salary	£252.42	£0.00	LGA 1972 s 112
	DD5	HMRC	Clerk's January Tax	£63.20	£0.00	LGA 1972 s 112
	100261	N A Phillips	February Salary	£252.62 (TBC)	£0.00	LGA 1972 s 112
	DD5	HMRC	Clerk's February Tax	£63.20 (TBC)	£0.00	LGA 1972 s 112
	Resolved: Approved, invoices signed by the Chair, cheques signed by Cllrs Moffat and Bird.					
247.011	To note excess hours worked by the Clerk Resolved: No further hours incurred					
247.012	To note the results of the bi-monthly budget review Resolved: All in order					
247.013	To resolve the council’s response to planning applications listed below plus any other applications advised by North Northamptonshire Council between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting. Resolved: None received					

247.014	To note LWTA PCs response to applications received between meetings None received
247.015	To note planning decisions made by NNC None received
247.016	To receive a report on policing issues Latest crime stats circulated (October 2025). Application made to Crime Prevention in a Box scheme.
247.017	To receive a progress report on remedial work to the Achurch Dew Pond. Resolved: No progress to review at the March meeting, Cllr Brooks to continue to work on this.
247.018	To discuss any matters concerning Highways/Rights of Way and to resolve what action to be taken. Resolved: To make further representation to NNC for remedial work to the River Nene footbridge at Achurch to reduce the slippery surface by some means. Cllr G Hopkinson to supply images of existing surface to the Clerk for sending on.
247.019	To receive an update on re-siting the village name signs at Achurch Resolved: Further information required by NNC before MEF grant can be approved. Cllr Hopkinson to provide images and dimensions of current signs. Clerk to send on.
247.020	To receive an update on the application of AONB for the Nene Valley Appears to be on hold until local warehousing action if finished.
247.021	To note any issues with Parish Council assets including an update on work to Achurch noticeboard. New battery may be needed for Lilford defib as power failure has affected it. Cllr T Bird has completed remedial work on the Achurch noticeboard, Cllr Hopkinson thanked him on behalf of Achurch residents.
247.022	To receive feedback on the North Northamptonshire BIG50 initiative Feedback circulated, Cllrs encouraged to access the Big50 website to see for themselves more about what this scheme is hoping to achieve.
247.023	To consider the implications of the Community Governance Review and to agree on the council's approach to engagement Resolved: To submit a 'no changes required' answer to the survey.
247.024	To resolve a response to the North Northamptonshire Council Local Transport Scheme consultation Resolved: To submit a request that consideration be given to the development of a safe pedestrian and cycle path into Oundle.
247.025	To receive feedback on the A605 meeting called by OTC Resolved: Minutes of the meeting circulated. A Council rep to attend further meeting when possible
247.026	Correspondence: CAN Champion Newsletter - circulated Police Commissioners Newsletter - circulated
247.027	To confirm the date of the next meeting as 10th March 2026 Date confirmed
247.028	To close the meeting The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed:

Dated: