

LILFORD CUM WIGSTHORPE THORPE ACHURCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2026 at Barnwell Village
Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor S Moffat (Vice Chair), J Clarke, T Bird, C Brook

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Clerk)

248.029	To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllrs G Hopkinson and T Wright – apologies approved In the absence of Cllr Hopkinson (Chair) the meeting was chaired by Cllr Moffat.					
248.030	Public participation session None					
248.031	To receive declarations of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. None					
248.032	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th January 2026 Resolved: Approved and signed as a true record of the meeting					
248.033	To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only None					
248.034	To receive a report from NNC Ward Councillors None					
248.035	To note the result of the bi-monthly Cllr Internal Control checks Resolved: carried out by Cllr Moffat - all in order					
248.036	To receive and approve the Balance of Accounts/Bank Reconciliation Resolved: Approved and signed by the Vice Chair – 20p discrepancy noted					
248.037	To examine and approve the Bank Statements Resolved: Cashbook balance stands at £4,893.24 with a bank balance at February 28 th 2026 of £5272.26.					
248.038	To approve a grant to maintain the public right of way through St John’s churchyard Resolved: £100 approved					
248.039	To approve a donation/grant to Oundle 1st Responders for carrying out the necessary checks on the four defibrillators Resolved: £200 approved					
248.040	To resolve to rejoin CPRE for a further year Resolved: To rejoin at a cost of £36.00.					
248.041	To approve payment of the following invoices					
	Payment	Payee	Item	Amount	VAT	Power to Pay
	100263	N A Phillips	March salary	£252.42	£0.00	LGA 1972 s 112
	DD5	HMRC	March tax	£63.20	£0.00	LGA 1972 s 112
	BAC 8	Barnwell Vill Hall	Room Hire (May - Mar 25)	£180.00	£0.00	LGA 1972 s 111
	100264	N A Phillips	January expenses	£31.98	£0.00	LGA 1972 s 111
	100264	N A Phillips	February expenses	£29.14	£0.00	LGA 1972 s 111
	BAC 9	Achurch PCC	PROW contribution	£100.00	£0.00	HWA 1940 s 43
	BAC 10	Oundle 1 st Resp	Defib grant	£200.00	£0.00	PHA 1936 s234

	BAC 11	CPRE	Membership 2026	£36.00	£0.00	LGA 1972 s 143
	Resolved: Approved, invoices signed by the Vice Chair, cheques signed by Cllrs Moffat and Clarke.					
248.042	To note excess hours worked by the Clerk Resolved: No further hours incurred					
248.043	To note the Clerk's Annual Appraisal Resolved: To be carried out before the end of March					
248.044	To note the results of the bi-monthly budget review Resolved: Move to Version 4.					
248.045	To receive a report on the reserves held by this Resolved: Report received, reserves allocation approved					
248.046	To note the results of the twice yearly Internal Finance Checks Resolved: Carried out by Cllr Clarke – all in order.					
248.047	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					
248.048	To note LWTA PCs response to applications received between meetings None received					
248.049	To note planning decisions made by NNC Lilford Hall holiday lets to be discussed by NNC on Wednesday March 11 th .					
248.050	To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative on policing issues No information on Crime Prevention in a Box. January crime stats circulated					
248.051	To receive a progress report on remedial work to the Achurch Dew Pond. Resolved: No progress to date, would need tenant's permission to carry out any works. Clerk to investigate whether the pond is or should be listed.					
248.052	To discuss any matters concerning Highways/Rights of Way and to resolve what action to be taken. Resolved: No new issues reported, concerns with footbridge over the Nene logged on Fix My Street.					
248.053	To receive an update on re-siting the village name signs at Achurch Resolved: Apart from the village name plate as you enter from Thorpe all other signs are too large to fit on the gates. Clerk to continue to liaise with NNC to see if other signs can be purchased both for Achurch and Thorpe.					
248.054	To note any issues with Parish Council assets including the results of the annual assets inspection and to resolve what action to be taken. Resolved: All in good order with the exception of the Achurch noticeboard which may need replacing when funds permit. The two history boards at Achurch would also benefit from some remedial work.					
248.055	To receive a report from the Climate & Nature Champion, and to resolve what action, if any, to be taken Resolved: Forum meeting attended by the Clerk, with the focus on improving green spaces and home composting.					
248.056	To revisit the Biodiversity Action Plan and update as necessary					

	Resolved: Due to the Council not owning or controlling any land there is little that can be actioned other than to encourage residents and other landowners/controllers to consider what they can do to help maintain and improve biodiversity.
248.057	Correspondence: Lee Barron MP mobile phone connectivity survey and campaign – Clerk to recirculate STAUNCH judicial review – circulated to all Cllrs for information with link on website.. Pre-quotation insurance questionnaire – completed and returned to AJG
248.058	To set the date and time of the Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm on May 12 th 2026 immediately prior to the Annual Parish Council meeting (APCM)
248.059	To confirm the date of the next meeting as 12th May 2026 Date confirmed as 12 th May 2026, to follow on immediately from the APCM.
248.060	To close the meeting The meeting closed at 7.59pm.

Signed:

Dated: