



LUTTON Parish Council



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DRAFT MINUTES OF LUTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN LUTTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 3RD MARCH 2025 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors Chris Cowdery, Jill Eaton, Julie Lane, Mike Smurthwaite, Carrie Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE: Kerry Rew, Clerk; four members of the public

25.12	APOLOGIES: None
25.13	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none
25.14	PUBLIC FORUM: Covered during preceding Annual Parish Meeting (see Notes)
25.15	WARD COUNCILLORS' UPDATES: There were no Ward Councillors present.
25.16	MINUTES OF MEETING 6TH JANUARY 2025: APPROVED as a true record.
25.17	FINANCE: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The March update to the year-to-date accounts and cashflow was prepared by the Clerk and circulated prior to the meeting.2. There was one payment presented for authorisation per the schedule below*. RESOLVED. There were four payments made since the last meeting: Clerk's salary for January and February by standing order, and bank charges for January and February.3. There has still been no acknowledgement of the letter sent to Barclays formally closing the account.4. Motion: <i>To agree to purchase a replacement defibrillator at a cost of £1074 (inc VAT).</i> The present defibrillator is no longer functioning, is out of warranty, and has been deemed beyond repair. A report was circulated prior to the meeting outlining three options for its replacement. Following discussion and comparison, it was AGREED to purchase the Zoll AED Plus from Defib Warehouse. Clerk to arrange purchase with delivery to Cllr Cowdery. RESOLVED5. Motion: <i>To agree to allocate funding for maintenance and additional planting to wildflowers and bulbs at an annual cost of up to £50.</i> Cllr Walsh, although standing down from the Parish Council, will continue to take responsibility for planting and care of the designated areas. RESOLVED
25.18	PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS: There were no planning applications received for consideration.
25.19	CORRESPONDENCE: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notification received from NNC/Kier regarding the Parish Path Warden Scheme to which Cllr Cowdery has signed up.2. A text messaging service has been launched by NNC/Kier to provide faster communication of planned works that may affect the network, gritting actions, and other essential maintenance services. Cllrs Cowdery and Walsh opted in to receive.3. Cllr Walsh completed the NCalc Northamptonshire Climate & Nature Action Survey about what the council does that contributes towards climate and nature action.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. An enquiry was received about the installation of EV charging in village halls. It was noted that there is insufficient power in Lutton, and it would not be a viable option. 5. It was noted that the public telephone is currently not working. The system self-diagnoses any faults and a repair is already in process. This service will be maintained as essential due to poor mobile coverage in the village. 6. An exhibition is being held in Oundle Museum from April to October about Oundle's Neighbouring Villages. These include Lutton and Papley. Residents are invited to provide any material which might be of interest. Email: oundlemuseum@gmail.com
25.20	<p>CLERK'S REPORT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information pack and nomination papers received and circulated to current councillors for upcoming local elections on 1st May 2025. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor must submit nomination papers by 2nd April. Papers must be delivered by hand to the Municipal Offices in Kettering. There will be two vacancies on the Parish Council, so residents are encouraged to consider standing. Cllr Eaton to compile a communication to be delivered to all residents. Nomination papers and further information available from the Clerk or Cllr Cowdery. 2. It was noted that Mr Parker will not continue grass cutting this season. All councillors will consider possible alternatives and seek quotes. The vacancy will be posted on the village WhatsApp group. Cllr Cowdery to obtain a new padlock for the playing field gate to allow access. 3. The Parish Council is to appoint two representatives as Trustees to the Lutton Relief in Need charity. Although it is not necessary for the representatives to be councillors, Cllr Cowdery has agreed to stand again, and Cllr Walsh will be the other. 4. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council will not specifically commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. It is possible that a commemoration could tie in with the May Bank Holiday Coffee Morning.
25.21	<p>REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highways updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllrs Cowdery and Walsh met with Sarah Barnwell from NNC to discuss a gateway feature at both ends of the village as a speed reducing measure. The Council is now awaiting quotes and a design. - Cllr Walsh reported that the new grit bin was installed at Papley End on 21st January. Cllr Cowdery has provided a shovel so residents may spread grit when necessary. 2. There have been no submissions recently to Fix My Street. 3. Cllr Cowdery reported that Cambridgeshire County Council Highways confirmed that the culvert on Bullock Road will be extended to mitigate flooding. To take place during 2025/26 financial year. 4. Cllr Walsh reported that the signs to designate the wildflower planting have been ordered.
25.22	<p>DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:</p> <p>Monday, 12th May 2025 to include Annual Meeting of the Council</p>

The meeting closed at 8:17 pm.

*** Payments for authorisation 03/03/25**

Clerk's expenses January & February £19.10