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**DRAFT MINUTES OF LUTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN LUTTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY
5TH JANUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillors Karl Brace, Chris Cowdery (Chair), Jill Eaton, Julie Lane, Terry Waites

IN ATTENDANCE: Kerry Rew, Clerk; one member of the public

26.01	APOLOGIES: none received
26.02	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: none
26.03	PUBLIC FORUM: There were no comments from members of the public
26.04	WARD COUNCILLORS' UPDATES: None present
26.05	MINUTES OF MEETING 27TH OCTOBER 2025: APPROVED as a true record.
26.06	FINANCE: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The update to the accounts was prepared by the Clerk and circulated prior to the meeting. There were two payments presented for authorisation per the schedule below*. RESOLVED. Seven pre-authorised payments were made since the last meeting: Clerk's salary for October, November, and December by standing order, bank charges for October, November, and December, and training for Cllr Brace. Following discussion of the budget and forecast, the precept request for 2026/27 was AGREED to be retained at £4400. Clerk to submit request to NNC by 19th January.
26.07	PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS: No current applications
26.08	CORRESPONDENCE: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that NorthantsCALC is operating a scheme to appoint Climate and Nature Champions – no volunteers amongst councillors (though open to non-councillors) Northants Police, Fire, and Crime Commissioner has conducted a consultation on funding for policing, fire, and rescue services in the county. North Northants Council to conduct a Community Governance Review – councillors considered this not to apply to small parishes It was noted that a Local Transport grant is available for transport schemes proposed by local councils – deemed by councillors not to be relevant to small parishes. It was noted that the local Police Community Support Officer is Tim Butter (based in Warmington). Cllr Cowdery to register as contact for liaison. It was noted that a Teams briefing will take place on 20th January about the Community Safety Plan 2025 – 2029. A Highways Briefing will take place in Corby on 19th January – Cllr Cowdery to attend.
26.09	CLERK'S REPORT: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk reported that the grant funding application to Northants OPFCC was successful and the Parish Council has been awarded £5000 towards the purchase of a vehicle-activated radar speed sign. Clerk to start Section 50 Licence application for permission to

	carry out works in the highway. This must also be completed by the contractor, Silver Fern Agri then sent to NNC for approval. Processing thereafter should take approximately 10 days, following which the installation of the posts can be progressed, and the order submitted for the radar sign and solar panels.
26.10	<p>REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Cowdery attended a multi-agency meeting on 21st November hosted by Oundle Town Council Mayor, John Wade, including the police, Lee Baron MP, along with representatives of parishes the length of the A605 and councillors from North Northants CC. Frustrations were expressed with the current traffic on the road, and that the impact of additional development has not been taken into consideration. Various solutions for either road improvements, or strategies to discourage usage were discussed. A further meeting is to be organised with representatives from North Northants and Cambridgeshire Highways to attend. A letter has been drafted on behalf of the parishes to request their participation along with a comprehensive capacity and safety study to identify the most effective long-term solutions for managing the increased traffic volume, reducing noise and pollution, and improving safety along the entire corridor. 2. It was noted that the litter bin outside the old post office was removed by NNC as it is on private land. NNC claim there to be no requirement for an additional bin in the village. They will monitor littering and usage of the other two bins over the coming months and review the situation. In the meantime, it was suggested that the existing litter bin should be relocated to the other side of the road for greater convenience and safety for users. Cllrs Brace and Cowdery to follow up with NNC. 3. It was noted that quotes need to be sought for the grass cutting contract next year. Cllr Cowdery to re-contact contractors who quoted for 2025.
26.11	<p>DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:</p> <p>Monday, 2nd March 2026 – To be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting</p>

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm

*** Payments for authorisation 05/01/26**

Ms K Rew - Clerk's expenses Nov & Dec 25	£15.10
SLCC membership contribution	£31.00