

Summary of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4th September 2025 at 7.30 in the Village Hall

The Chairman, **Cllr Richard Fonge**, opened the meeting with a Minute's Silence for the late **Mrs Janet Tattersall**.

Attendance.

Full Parish Council, West Northants **Councillor Alison Eastwood** and four villagers.

Apologies.

Colin Wootton. Graham Roberts.

HS2 (High Speed Rail).

Cllr Mike Powell reported on his monthly meeting. He had expressed the strong feelings of the Council and many villagers of the noise and dust coming from the new dumping site adjacent to the Magpie. We had not been informed that this field would be used. It would be used for two years .

Second roundabout on new road to be opened in November taking traffic over the rail line to Greatworth junction. Work ahead of schedule on Banbury road to Thorpe Mandeville Probable re opening next autumn.

He answered questions from villagers and would follow up on suggestions.

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Cllr Alison Eastwood gave an update.

Pocket Park

Cllr Sarah Parker reported on the Council's submission to HS2 for funding to update the pocket park, including plans to make it more community based. Council agreed to include an outdoors table tennis in the application. Sarah hoped to submit application within the next fortnight and she was thanked by Council for her hard work.

Representative for Nature and Environment.

Item deferred to October Meeting

Allotments.

One quote received to clear overgrown material. Two more to be obtained. **Cllr Peppiatt** to advertise in neighbouring villages. Only three plots in use.

Village Newsletter.

The Chairman thanked **Lisa Roberts** for her editorship over the last three years. September would be her last month. **Victoria Barker and Kat Farmer** would succeed in October.

Mains Water Supply.

Water leak in Helmdon Road reported to Anglian Water Authority. Outcome awaited.

Tree Work.

Cllr Neil Higginson to get quotes for remedial work to copper beech on Stocks Green.

New Parish Council Website.

Cllr Priestman to liaise with clerk.

Signs.

The Chairman thanked **Tony Keatley** for his work on the three street signs. Council agreed to ask highways for new fingerpost in village centre. Also a warning sign to the approach to pocket park.

Defibrillator.

Chairman thanked **Taylor Smith** for voluntary repairs. Much appreciated by Council. **Cllr Priestman** to organise a refresher class on use of the defibrillator.

Charity Supper.

Decided to not progress with this idea. Church hall too small and Manor not available.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Richard Fonge. Chairman.