

SUMMARY OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2026

The Chairman **Cllr Richard Fonge** opened the meeting with a minutes silence in memory of **Molly Wootton**.

Apologies for Absence.

Cllr W Priestman.

Cllr Alison Eastwood and **Cllr Butler** from West Northants Council were also in attendance.

High Speed Rail (HS2).

Cllr Mike Powell reported. Traffic lights on B 4525 on new road due to work on water main adjoining road. Radstone road opening late March. Failed M.O.T. inspection. Earth moving due to start in late March.

Dog Waste Bins.

New contractor working well.

Litter Picking.

Date set for Saturday March 28th. [10.00 am meet](#) at Village Hall car park.

Pocket Park.

Chairman's grandson Oliver to continue to mow the Pocket Park and also the Allotment paths.

Defibrillator.

Cllr Priestman had arranged new model to be installed next month.

Pavements.

Council expressed concern over vegetation growing over pavements impeding walkers and asked that it was trimmed back where possible. Also a request to only put bins out on pavements when necessary.

Historic Door.

Door taken off cottage in Manor Rd made by Vincent Cugini. **Tony Keatley** repairing. Council looking for suitable place to position.

Allotments.

Now cleared with two new tenants. Five out of ten rented. Council agreed some rules to tenancy. Advert in newsletter advertising plots.

Grass cutting.

C.G.M. increasing charges by £20 each cut for 2026. Agreed.

Councillors' Reports.

Chairman reminded all of coffee morning on Saturday to promote library. **Cllr Jo Peppiatt** organising.

War Memorial. Chairman will report back to villagers with P.C.C. response.

West Northants Council Chair, **Cllr Alison Eastwood**, reported on the forthcoming local plan and asked all to read.

Cllr Butler, WNC cabinet member for highways, updated the council on potholes. Work force at full stretch repairing, especially bad after frost and lengthy spell of rain. Planning to make developers etc responsible for any damage to local roads in future. No parking charges for Brackley . Only when over two hours.

Villager reported a near dangerous accident at Helmdon cross roads with HS 2 lorry. **Cllr Powell** would report back to HS 2 with concerns over lorry speeds.

Meeting closed. 8.40 pm.