

Summary of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7.30 in the Village Hall

The Chairman **Cllr Richard Fonge**, welcomed to the meeting **Cllr Alison Eastwood** and seven villagers.

Apologies for Absence.

Emily King. Kat Farmer.

High Speed Rail. (HS2)

Cllr Mike Powell reported. Banbury Road through Thorpe Mandeville, proposed re opening spring 2028. Also road from Magpie to Marston crossroads and original route of Welsh lane to be re instated at the same time. The Greatworth T junction will have served its purpose.

Banbury lane from Culworth to Thorpe closed at end of month. Lane will need full repair when works completed.

Anglia Water.

Meeting at Greatworth had been unsatisfactory. Future meeting with Anglia to be arranged in October, with Sulgrave participating.

Anglia water had recompensed homes in the village with a credit on their next invoice. They had also given £2,000 to the P.C for the inconvenience caused by lack of water supply.

The Chairman said the community should benefit from these monies. The harvest event sponsorship for one ,and he proposed that instead of paying a donation to the hall for the loan of table and chairs, that the P.C paid for and installed a sensory light over the church hall door. All agreed that he write to hall committee with this proposal.

West Northants Council.

Cllr Alison Eastwood reported. Unsatisfactory W.N.C meetings. Poorly run. Six officers had resigned in past year, including Chief Executive. New Chief Executive an experienced officer.

Harvest Event.

The Chairman read out a report and update from Emily. Council approved and looked forward to a great community event, with thanks to Emily, Kat and team for their efforts in organising. Marquee to go up Friday. Decorations and general set up Saturday morning.

Pocket Park.

Zip wire had passed safety inspection. **Cllr Parker** reported that waste bin needed for park, and Mrs Shelagh Trower had kindly offered to empty weekly. All agreed.

Defibrillator.

Cllr Priestman reported he had ten villagers interested in defibrillator training and would be arranging training in the next month.

Footpaths.

Paul Crowley wished it to be recorded his thanks to Charles Smyth- Osbourne for getting the Grafton hunt Staff to replace two new hanging posts on the gates on the bridal path.

Vandalism

The Chairman commented on the wanton vandalism the previous Saturday night. **Cllr Higginson** had photographed broken bollards and reported to Northants highways. Stockwell lane sign to be put back.

Invoices.

Invoices passed with the comment that the new dog bin contractor was very satisfactory. Regular service and regular invoicing.

Budget.

Clerk had produced a new budget sheet. Council after a short discussion approved.

Meeting Closed. 8.30 pm.

Richard Fonge. Chairman.