

Warkton Parish Council



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Parish Council meeting held on Friday 12th June 2026 at 7:00pm at Warkton Village Hall, Church Street, Warkton, Kettering NN16 9XH.

Councillors Present: Chair M Cullinane, Vice Chair C Issitt, Cllr R McCormick and Cllr V Lamb.

In attendance Megan Ellis (Clerk)

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26/040	Apologies: None.
26/041	Public to address to Council: No issues discussed.
26/042	Declarations of Interest: None to declare.
26/043	To approve the minutes from meeting on 1st May: All Councillors were happy for the minutes from the 1st of May to be signed by Chair Cullinane inside of the meeting.
26/044	Councillor Vacancy: Warkton Parish Council can now co-opt for the current vacancy. The 14-day period for the notice of vacancy expired on the 29th of May 2026, and the required number of requests for an election to fill the vacancy were not received by NNC. The vacancy will be advertised on the Parish website, notice boards and verbally with parishioners.
26/045	Policy Review: <u>Risk Assessment:</u> All Councillors agreed to adopt the Risk Assessment policy. This policy will replace the Risk Management policy that is currently included on the Parish website.
26/046	Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26: This report was read aloud in the meeting by Chair M Cullinane. Two comments

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	have been raised by Nigel from the accounts that were presented, and all paperwork has been signed. Dates agreed for the 'Notice of Public Rights' are 01.07.26 – 12.08.26. The website and notice boards will be updated with this information.
26/047	Section 1 – Annual governance Statement 2025/26: This document was reviewed and approved in the meeting.
26/048	Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26 for Year End This document was reviewed and approved in the meeting.
26/049	Correspondence: None.
26/050	Planning: <u>Tree on the Green:</u> The work to the tree on the green has implicit approval. Cllr McCormick has spoken with the tree surgeon and hopefully this work should commence in the next few weeks. The biggest issue is parked cars around the tree. The cost quoted for the tree works is £400 + £80 VAT and this amount was approved inside the meeting.
26/051	NNC Highways Engagement Walkabout: Highways Walk Around Warkton Village (started at the village hall) Tuesday 27 th May 11.15am. Attendees: Cllr Brendon Lovell-Moore, Ashley from NNC, +1 from Highways, Vice Chair C Issitt and Chair Cullinane. - Drain at the side of the village hall, repaired about 2 years ago after I reported that the area around it had collapsed and it was like a large pothole. The repair raised the drain, and it is now too high that water doesn't fall into the drain it bypasses it and then runs down Pipe Lane. - Highways took the action to review and repair. - Area of road around the holly tree corner. When the new stone wall was built the new foundations and remedial work has made the area look untidy. Part of the area was tarmacked by Boughton Estates Ltd contractor the remainder was left. - Highways took the action to look at options, but they didn't feel that they would be able to do anything. 6th Row footpath which has been deteriorating over several years and now the tarmac has now nearly disappeared. - Highways advised that this is not their land or their responsibility. The land is registered to Boughton Estates Ltd. - The verge opposite the new stone wall. Due to the stone wall work taking over and for H&S half the road was sectioned off with Harris Fencing for the workers, traffic drove over the verge for over a year. This resulted in the grass verge being compressed and water then ran down this new lower level instead of

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	down the road and into drains. • Highways will look at the details but don't feel that there is anything that they are able to do. • The large pothole which is at the end of the access road to Elm Green and Chestnut Cottage. This was previously reported. • The boundary line for Highways and Boughton Estates Ltd land will be checked and if this is Highways it will be repaired. This has also been reported to Boughton Estates Ltd. • The road sign on the access/exit road (Warkton Lane end of the village). • Warkton Parish Council contacted contractors as advised by Highways. Highways advised that there are some changes to signage and we can work together to ensure that the new signage is coordinated. • At the side of the road close to the grit bin a water point has been damaged, and water is running down the road. • Highways took the action to follow up and arrange the repair. This has been completed since the meeting. • Solar speed devices, Highways in agreement that a device could be installed towards the Warkton Lane village sign and the options regarding battery and or solar may need to be checked due to the trees and hedges. It was agreed that having 2 devices, 1 at either end of the village would help capture all traffic. • The area around drain opposite number 7 has collapsed again and has been reported. • The water running down the road opposite numbers 5/6 to number 1 was reviewed. Due to the dry weather this has dried up. This work has been scheduled for 7th July. • The village signs towards the bridge which have the old historic village branding will be changed by Highways when the new branding has been confirmed. • HGV's speeding and volumes of traffic all need to be managed with the Police and not Highways. • The footpaths from the village signs towards the bridge and the bridge are in poor condition. The repairs have been completed previously in small sections. This is because of budgets and there is no action that Highways can take. • The grass cutting from the village signs towards the bridge was originally not undertaken and then a strip of land towards the side of the road was cut. Both Warkton Parish Council and Brendon reported the difference and asked if there was a reason. • Highways took the action to find out what had happened. This was cut within days of this meeting. • Highways to confirm the frequency that the bridge condition is checked. • Additional Points. • Highways are happy that if a streetlight is not working, we have been reporting the to be repaired.
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	• Highways are happy that we keep checking the level of the grit bin and reporting if this needs to be topped up. • Highways are happy that we keep reporting potholes.
26/052	Bank Updates: • The access for Christina Merrington needs to be removed from Unity bank. • The Clerk will process all future payments in Unity bank and Chair Cullinane will be added as an approver.
26/053	Next Agenda: • Model Publications Policy • Co-Option Meeting closed 7.30pm.

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