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**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting,
Held on Wednesday September 3rd, 2025.
at 7pm Parsons Meade Community Centre**

Members Present: Councillors Linda Hook (Chairman), Kathryn Barker, David Garrett, Jacqueline Hughes, Kevin Read (7.30pm) Carl Squires, Stephen Godfrey, Ros Chisholm

Also, present– Fiona Young (Clerk)

WNC Cllr Pinder Chauhan, Cllr Ron Firman and Cllr Glen Butcher

Members of the public – circa 40

Item no	
25/140	<p>To receive and approve any apologies for absence.</p> <p>It was Resolved to approve the apologies from Cllr Read who had been delayed. Cllr Read arrived at approx. 7.30pm.</p>
25/141	<p>To receive any pecuniary and non-pecuniary Declarations of Interest in respect of items on the agenda.</p> <p>None received.</p>
25/142	<p>Public Forum Residents are invited to address the Council. The session will last for 15 minutes with each contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes. Each resident may speak once. Representations shall not require a response at the meeting or start a debate. Residents must address the Chairman who may direct that a written or oral response be given.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the planning process. The parish council has recently prepared two documents to help residents with the planning process; paper copies of both documents were made available at the meeting.</p> <p>The public forum was extended to give residents plenty of time to voice their concerns.</p> <p>Many residents spoke during the public time, in summary, the comments noted were as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is very little information available on the applicants, this is a safeguarding concern.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no visible notice advertising this application, the application notice did not appear to have been posted near the property. • There are concerns about how the number of children and the ages of those children would be enforced. • There are covenants on the properties in Whaddon Close preventing any businesses from operating from them. • Work appears to have already started on the property in advance of the planning application. • There are concerns from properties to the rear of Whaddon Close on Greenglades whose privacy will be affected by this application. <p>In addition to the comments above the main material planning consideration that residents mentioned was the impact that this application would have on Whaddon Close and the amenities of its residents. Whaddon Close is a small, quiet cul de sac with a very narrow entrance road, 4 Whaddon Close is served by a private shared drive. It is felt that the two parking spaces at the property will not be adequate and that additional cars will cause obstructions which could be potentially detrimental to residents.</p> <p>This concluded the public forum for the first planning application, also on the agenda is an application for 12 Heronsford. A resident explained that their property is adjacent to the site and that they had met with the applicant to discuss some concerns that they had with regard to privacy and the street scene. These issues have now been resolved. The Chairman explained that the council could only consider the application as it was in the plans and that the council would be notified of any future changes. The resident was encouraged to send their comments to the planning officer and the applicant was encouraged to speak to the planning officer and the architect.</p>
25/143	<p>Planning</p> <p>Councillors to consider the following planning applications –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025/3027/FULL 3 Whaddon Close Northampton NN4 9XS Change of use from dwelling (C3) to childrens home (C2) and garage conversion <p>Following a discussion it was proposed that the council submit an Objection to this application. In addition to this the council would also submit the residents main concerns. The proposal was voted on and Resolved unanimously.</p> <p>The Objection will be based on the following material planning matters –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal will have a detrimental impact on the existing character of Whaddon Close, which is a very small, quiet residential Close, consisting largely of older, retired residents. • There is serious concern that there will be considerable disruption to existing residents during staff shift changeovers and that staff vehicles will obstruct the very narrow, shared access to the property. The staff shift changeovers will have a negative impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

- The application form states that there are just two parking spaces for this property but with shift changes and visitors there is serious concern that the number of parking spaces will be wholly inadequate for a commercial property. There is concern that additional vehicles would cause obstructions and prevent access for emergency vehicles.
- There is concern that there will be a need for commercial waste removal and this will have an additional detrimental impact on neighbouring amenity and the narrow road.
- If there are school aged children placed at the property they may not be able to attend schooling within walking distance to the property, depending on their needs they may have access to private school transport which will again impact on the vehicle movements in the small, narrow Close.

In addition to the above the council will also submit the following residents concerns –

- There is very little information available on the applicants, this is a safeguarding concern.
- There was no visible notice advertising this application, the application notice did not appear to have been posted near the property.
- There are concerns about how the number of children and the ages of those children would be enforced.
- There are covenants on the properties in Whaddon Close preventing any businesses from operating from them.
- Work appears to have already started on the property in advance of the planning application.
- There are concerns from properties to the rear of Whaddon Close on Greenglades whose privacy will be affected by this application.
- Public transport is very limited in West Hunsbury and it would not be easily accessed for older children or staff.

2025/3302/FULL 12 Heronsford Northampton NN4 9XG Erection of a two-storey front and porch extension to the existing dwelling

After a discussion it was **Resolved** to submit the following observations,

- There is a concern that a window that overlooks 14 Heronsford should have frosted glass to protect residents privacy
- According to the plans the whole property is going to be rendered, this will not ally with the existing street scene.

	<p>2025/2992/FULL 31 Hill Fort Close, Northampton, NN4 9RT Single storey extension</p> <p>Application decided prior to the meeting.</p>
25/144	<p>Resolution to install a new waste bin at Hunsbury Hill Country Park, location what3words - brass.gloves.refers. Approx cost £695.00 plus installation.</p> <p>After some discussion about the location of the new bin it was Resolved to ask West Northants Council to order and install the new bin. It was also agreed that the parish council would be responsible for the cost of adding this bin to the emptying schedule at a cost of £231.13 per year. In total the bin will cost approx. £695 to purchase, £396.70 to install on grass and £231.13 a year to empty.</p>
25/145	<p>Next meeting date – Full council meeting September 18th 2025</p>