

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 6.30 pm in Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Annex.

Present: Cllrs Coughlan (Chair), Boucher, Denton and Bowyer, Mrs Medwell (Clerk), PLR Del Robertson and NNC Cllrs D and H Howes.

1. To approve apologies for absence:

There were none.

2. Declaration of Interests on Items on the Agenda or changes to the Members Register of Interests:

There were no Declarations of Interests.

There were no changes to the Members Registers of Interests.

3. To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting as a correct record.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 6th November 2025 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr Denton

Seconded Cllr Bowyer

4. Matter arising from the minutes, not listed on the agenda:

There were no matters arising.

5. To consider Councillor Vacancies:

The Council currently has three vacant Councillor positions. It was agreed that the Clerk will follow up with individuals who have previously expressed an interest in joining the Council. Additionally, a notice regarding these vacancies will be placed in the forthcoming newsletter to encourage further expressions of interest from members of the community.

6. Meeting Open to the public:

There was nothing raised.

7. NNC Councillor Report:

NNC Cllr D Howes reported that the NNC budgets have been finalised and that the consultation period is now open. He stated that, contrary to prior intentions, NNC has implemented a 4.99% increase in council tax due to escalating costs associated with adult social care and children's services.

8. Monthly Crime Report:

PLR Robertson reported to the Council that there have been no recorded incidents of crime or antisocial behaviour in the parish during the last two months. In response to concerns previously raised regarding speeding in the area, he will follow up with the police to request that speed checks be carried out in the village.

PCSO 7074 ALI WALLACE can be contacted via e-mail on alison.wallace@northants.police.uk

The Neighbourhood Policing Team can be contacted via NPT-CorbyTown@northants.pnn.police.uk

9. Orchard and Open Space:

The Council observed that the Glover Court side of the orchard has now been cleared. Following this, it was agreed to appoint Steve Morphy to undertake maintenance of the orchard, as well as the culvert and obelisk, on an as-needed basis. The Clerk will contact Mr Morphy to confirm these arrangements (*action JM*).

16. Finance:

a) The following BACS payments were presented and unanimously **agreed**:

Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Legal Authority
S Morphy	Grass Cutting / Maintenance	£450.00		OSA 1906 s.15
Information Commissioner	Data Protection	£52.00		Data Protection Act 2018
VHMC	November Hall Hire	£6.00		s.111 LGA 1972
Krystal Hosting	Website Dec/Jan	£17.40	£2.80	s.111 LGA 1972

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

Unity Trust Current Account £2,067.71

Unity Trust Savings Account £10,435.57

Total: £12,503.28

b) The Council **approved** the bank reconciliation which was then duly signed by the Chair.

17. Correspondence and Exchange of Information:

There was no further exchange of information.

Those residents who don't already and wish to receive information by email, please contact Jane Smith on jane@le.com.

18. Business for next meeting:

Review of Risk Assessment

19. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 10th March 2026

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed..... Chair Date.....