IRCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Wednesday 28th January 2026 at the Village Hall, School Road at 7.15p.m.

Councillors:
B Leeson (Chair), JP Carr, P Smith, C Fuller, A Rodgers, M May, A Howden, G Brotherson, D Shroll, A Hurley.
Clerk: S Geyton – Cemetery Officer: J Rigby

The meeting started at 7.15pm. there were 10 members of the public present.

Apologies - Received and accepted from Cllr J Dunkley and M Dunckley.

25/90 Declaration of Interest
No interests declared.

25/91 Public Questions, Police Report and NNC Update
Public –

- Member of public raised further query on the PROW TL2 by Knuston Lodge Farm. Letters presented to clerk to circulate to full council after meeting. Resident looking to obtain support towards DMMO.

SO suspended at 7.37pm to allow more time for public session.

- Member of public made enquiry about a blocked guttering overspilling onto High Street, NNC Cllr Carr to pick up as a footpath issue.

Police Report – Cllrs received the crime stats during the meeting, no queries raised.

NNC Update – Local link sent out via the Clerk.

SO resumed at 7.48pm

25/92 Minutes
a) **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes held on 26th November 2025 and signed by the Chair as a true record.

25/93 Financial Matters
a) Payments – **RESOLVED** that the payments of £6,903.42 for December 2025 and £12,274.66 for January 2026 were approved.

List of Payments made between 01/12/2025 and 31/12/2025

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
01/12/2025	NNC Cemetery Rates	DD	53.00	LGA 72 s214	NNC Cemetery Rates
08/12/2025	Yu Energy	DD	365.52	PCA 57 s3	Streetlighting
09/12/2025	Three Business Services	DD	45.30	LGA 72 s111	Parish Council Mobiles
29/12/2025	NCALC	BACS1201	190.80	LGA 72 s111	New Cllr Training x3 19.11.25
29/12/2025	A & R Printing	BACS1202	1,030.00	LGA 72 s142	Printing Dec 25
29/12/2025	M Geyton	BACS1203	50.00	LG Prov 53 s4	Bus shelter cleaning
29/12/2025	Mowerman	BACS1204	90.00	OSA 06 s9,10	Remove bin base - Austin Cl
29/12/2025	Mowerman	BACS1205	180.00	OSA 06 s9,10	VAS sign maint
29/12/2025	Mowerman	BACS1206	250.00	Litter Act 83	Litter picking
29/12/2025	Mowerman	BACS1207	2,224.90	OSA 06 s9,10	Grass cutting
29/12/2025	Mowerman	BACS1208	375.00	LGA 48 s133	War Memorial maint
29/12/2025	NCALC	BACS1209	294.00	LGA 72 s111	Planning training x7
29/12/2025	S Geyton	BACS1210	1,463.62	LGA 72 s111,112	Salary & Expenses
29/12/2025	J Rigby	BACS1211	281.23	LGA 72 s111,112	Salary & Expenses
31/12/2025	Bank Charges	DD	7.95	LGA 72 s111	Bank Charges
31/12/2025	Bank Charges	DD	2.10	LGA 72 s111	Bank Charges
		Total Payments	6,903.42		

List of Payments made between 01/01/2026 and 31/01/2026

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
01/01/2026	NNC Cemetery Rates	DD	53.00	LGA72 s214	NNC Cemetery Rates
08/01/2026	Yu Energy	DD	406.38	PCA57 s3	Streetlighting
08/01/2026	Three Business Services	DD	45.30	LGA72 s111	Parish Council Mobiles
28/01/2026	M Geyton	BACS0101	50.00	LG Prov 53 s4	Bus shelter cleaning
28/01/2026	S Geyton	BACS0102	1,474.82	LGA72 s111,112	Salary & Expenses
28/01/2026	J Rigby	BACS0103	281.23	LGA72 s111,112	Salary & Expenses
28/01/2026	Seagrave Inspection Services	BACS0104	372.00	OSA06 s9,10	Annual play inspections
28/01/2026	Mowerman	BACS0105	375.00	LGA48 s133	War memorial maint
28/01/2026	Mowerman	BACS0106	250.00	Litter Act 83	Litter picking
28/01/2026	Mowerman	BACS0107	2,224.90	OSA06 s9,10	Grass cutting
28/01/2026	Mowerman	BACS0108	180.00	OSA06 s9,10	VAS sign maint
28/01/2026	Mowerman	BACS0109	428.54	HA80 s43,50	Grit x5 - bin fill
28/01/2026	Spoor Solicitors	BACS0110	71.50	LGA76 s19	Indemnity Policy - ISA
28/01/2026	Eddisons	BACS0111	6,000.00	LGA72 s124,126,127	Professional fees - Austin Cl
28/01/2026	Viking Office UK Ltd	BACS0112	53.44	LGA72 s111,112	Ink
31/01/2026	Bank Charges	DD	8.55	LGA72 s111	Bank Charges
		Total Payments	12,274.66		

b) The current financial statement after the payments £234,793.05.
c) **RESOLVED** that Cllr Brotherston and Cllr Smith to authorise the bacs payments for January 2026.
d) **RESOLVED** to approve the Cemetery Rules & Regulations updates with a full review pending for the whole document.
e) **RESOLVED** to decline the grant application, council requested the Clerk to obtain quotes from the breakdown of works from the committee.

25/94 Recreation Ground

a) Report received from the Clerk following the annual inspection.
b) **RESOLVED** to approve quotations for wet pour cleaning in both parks, also cut back and top tree in Little Irchester park. **RESOLVED** to approve delegated powers to Clerk for value of up to £500 towards removal of end-of-life equipment in recreation ground and posts in skate park.

25/95 Highways

a) Potholes raised and being reported, transport grant from NNC Clerk to request extension if possible.
b) **RESOLVED** to approve the quotation for replacement Solar light in Alleyway by working men's club.
c) **RESOLVED** to approve the quotation for cutting back the hedges on corner of High St and Station Road.
d) Report provided prior to the meeting no further queries from council.

25/96 Community Orchard

a) Community Orchard report provided by email. Working party meeting to be organised and a list of volunteers to be obtained.

25/97 Cemetery/War Memorial

a) Report provided by the Cemetery Officer presented to Councillors, no queries from council. Noted new best practice, for an Officer to attend all services to verify nameplate in graves moving forward.
b) **RESOLVED** to approve the cemetery charges with no changes.
c) **RESOLVED** to approve quotation for flagpole maintenance.

25/98 Planning

a) To discuss new applications received from North Northants Council – None.

25/01760/HFUL - Location: Chester Lymes, Higham Road, Irchester, NN29 7EZ
Two storey side garage extension with first floor balcony to rear. Remove timber lean-to.

- No comment from the council – neutral.

b) To note any decisions notified by North Northants Council - None.

c) To discuss new applications received from neighbouring parish – deferred to next meeting due to extension of time.

NN/24/00021/WASFUL – Location: Land between and rear 30 to 50, Doddington Road, Wollaston, NN29 7PR Proposed development of an industrial/commercial building, including office space, for purpose of plastic, paper, and metal recycling (Use Class B1, B2 and B8), provision of lorry and car parking, installation of an impermeable concrete surfacing for storage and site manoeuvrability, site access, soft landscaping, and the provision of a flood storage area.

25/99 Correspondence

- Emails received had been sent out to councillors when received.

Public, Cllr Rodgers and Cemetery Officer left the meeting at 8.55pm

25/100 Exclusive to Public and Press

RESOLVED: That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press is excluded from the meeting for the items below of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

25/101 Cemetery Matters

a) Clerk gave an update on the conclusion of the current issue within the cemetery.

25/102 Sports Association Club

a) Clerk gave an update on the lease renewal documentation being signed and now with the solicitors to complete the process.

Meeting closed at 9.04pm

Chair 25th February 2026