

GRENDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Tuesday, 14th October 2025 at 7.30pm
in Grendon Community Centre

Present: M White
C Rich-Bate
H Horton
B Ainsworth

Also Present: B Davy
R Young – Clerk to the Council

Prior to the start of the Meeting, S Maxey and D Wright gave a detailed summary of the proposed Local Government Reorganisation. An illustrated booklet entitled North Warwickshire Borough Council – Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) was circulated. The Chairman, M White, thanked S Maxey and D Wright for attending.

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from A Hands, M Hammersley and A Wright.

2) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters raised.

3) MINUTES

It was proposed (C Rich-Bate), seconded (H Horton) and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th September 2025 be approved as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendment.

2) Declaration of Interest – Delete A Hands.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2025, subject to the detailed amendment.

4) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

M White declared an interest should Lioncourt be raised during the meeting.

5) MATTERS ARISING

a) Bus Shelter

➤ This matter was ongoing.

b) Field Brook Farm - Bollards

➤ This matter was ongoing.

M White
Chairman

c) **Provision of Waste Bin on Folly Lane**

- P Richards confirmed location for installation agreed with Merevale Estates (Kate).

d) **Flood Action Group**

- Ongoing.
- The Clerk to write to Edward Harris that Councillors are disappointed he has not attended a Parish Council Meeting and not provided an update regarding flooding.

e) **Costa Coffee**

- The Clerk to email Costa Coffee again regarding litter around their site. Failure to respond, the Clerk to notify Environmental Health.

f) **New Noticeboard**

- Agreed new Noticeboard design should be completed.
- Donate old Noticeboard to Grendon Church – M White discussed with Liz Bickley.
- Clerk to ask P Richards to be careful removing old Noticeboard.

g) **WCC Highways – Spon Lane Flooding**

- Clerk to enquire with WCC Highways regarding planning for the winter.

6) **PLANNING**

a) **Planning Applications Received**

- No Applications received.

b) **Other Planning Matters**

- PAP/2025/0258
Land South of Dairy House Farm, Spon Lane, Grendon
Development of up to 70 dwellings with open space, green infrastructure and surface water drainage systems. Save for access, all matters of layout, scale, appearance and landscape are reserved for future determination.

Comments by: Alison Kennedy, Transport Planning, Warwickshire County Council.

DM Officer: Chris Lancett

Date: 24th June 2025

Active Travel comments/ recommendations

Cycle Parking

There are no residential cycle parking standards in North Warwickshire. However, cycle parking provision is important and supports:

- North Warwickshire Local Plan Policy LP27 ('All developments should consider what improvements can be made to encourage safe and fully accessible walking and cycling'),
- Warwickshire Design Guide (3.10)
- Latest national guidance such as LTN1/20.

The site is within close proximity of local services and employers (less than 3 miles to Birch Coppice employment site to the west and Aldi HQ and Atherstone Railway Station to the east). Cycle parking provision encourages active travel and reduces dependence on private cars.

The Transport Assessment says,

5.15. In relation to cycle parking, NWBC Parking Standard's states that the minimum provision of cycle parking is "Not relevant" for residential developments however WCC Design Guide Section 3.10 states that cycle parking should be provided at places of residence. In accordance with this, sufficient space for cycle parking will be provided within the curtilage of each dwelling noting larger garage dimensions may be required to accommodate both cycles and car parking.

Recommendation:

- Provide further details of long-stay, secure cycle parking, in line with standards in other areas of Warwickshire, such as neighbouring Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.

On-site walking, wheeling and cycling routes

The Transport Assessment and Masterplan show 2m wide footways on both sides of the internal 5.5m roads. There are no cycling facilities proposed. The Transport Assessment states,
5.12 The internal road network of the site will be designed in accordance with WCC such that it is conducive to cycling on carriageway with low vehicle volumes and low-speed roads.

An Emergency Access Route, approx. 3m wide is proposed onto the A5 Service Road at 191 Watling Street. It is described in the Transport Assessment (1.8) as an *emergency, pedestrian and cycle access*.

Active Travel comments/ recommendations

There is a public footpath along the eastern edge of the site, however it is unclear how this is to be upgraded or how it connects this Phase of development with previous Phases – including paths to Hastings Road and Brook View. The Transport Assessment states,

5.19 Footway links will also be provided to the Public Right of Way (PRoW) to the east, connecting with A5 Watling Street near bus stops.

Recommendation:

- Ensure that the Emergency Access Route is available 24/7 for walking, wheeling and cycling
- Provide details of the Emergency Access Route including surfacing, lighting, signing and safe transition to/ from existing footways/ highway
- Provide details of the public footpath alignment and its connections with Phase 3, Phase 2, Emergency Access Route and A5
- Provide details of the public footpath upgrade including surfacing, lighting, waymarking and safe transition to/ from existing footways

Off-site walking, wheeling and cycling routes

Although this development is for 70 dwellings, it is the 3rd Phase of a larger development and consideration needs to be given to the cumulative impact of traffic which has to pass through Phases 1 and 2 along Hastings Road, which may also have been designed as Type 4a: Link Road / Tertiary Road (Type 1) rather than Type 3b: Secondary Distributor Roads / Secondary Routes, as defined in the Warwickshire Design Guide. Secondary Distributor routes require cycleways and widths of 6.1m or 6.7m as well as footways. Link roads should have no more than cumulatively 150 dwellings from a single point of access, up to 200 cumulatively where a separate emergency access is provided from a separate point onto the adoptable highway network. No cycle routes are currently proposed.

In the absence of proposals for any cycle routes on Hastings Way and Spon Lane, it is essential that safe access for cycling is provided along the Emergency Access Route to the A5 at Watling Street, and that further footway/ cycle track links and crossings on the A5 are provided to safely access local amenities, bus stops, schools and employment facilities.

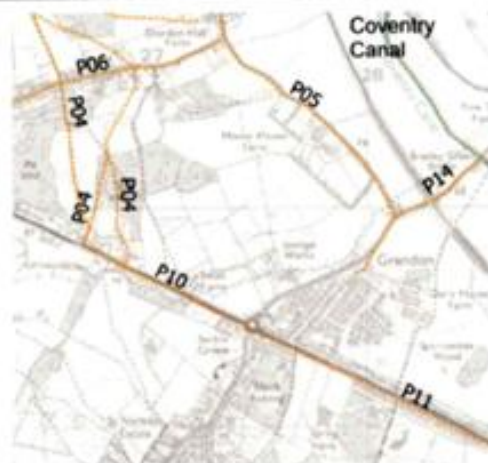
Bus stops are situated on both sides of the A5, therefore crossing improvements will be needed from the Emergency Access Route and/ or public footpath.

The catchment schools are Woodside Primary School and Polesworth Secondary School, both under 3 miles from the site. The most direct route to Woodside is on Public Rights of Way – footpath AE33, bridleway AE41x(Waste Lane), AE41y, but it does involve crossing to the south side of the A5.



Active Travel comments/ recommendations

There are local employment sites to the west at Birch Coppice and to the east in Atherstone. The Warwickshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan identified potential routes to connect with these (P11 and P14 – see table below). P14 uses a section of Spon Lane before heading southeast along the Coventry Canal into Atherstone). [WCCC-1615347118-1390](#)



LCWP ref	Scheme	Possible type of route	Location	Programme potential	Effective-ness	Policy	Deliver-ability	Economic	SCORE	PRIORITY
P11	A5 Watling Street (Grendon to Atherstone)	Footway/ cycle track adjacent to road	Polesworth/ Dordon/ Birch Coppice	Potential (3rd party)						High (3rd party)
P14	Coventry Canal (Grendon - Whittington)	Towpath	Polesworth/ Dordon/ Birch Coppice	Potential	3	3	2	2	10	Medium

Recommendations:

- Provide contributions to off-site improvements including controlled crossing facility and footway/ cycle track links on the A5 in discussion with National Highways
- Provide contributions to enable upgraded access, waymarking and surfacing of Public Rights of Way
- Provide contributions to measures on Spon Lane to mitigate the impacts of additional development traffic, and improve safety

C Rich-Bate commented as follows:

- Spring Farm Development – Highways deferred decision three months as not happy with entrance.
- Dairy House Farm – WCC Highways stated must provide funding for A5 crossing.
- Hastings Road – Spon Lane – 3rd phase agreed – Not good access points.

7) CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NWAC Meeting on Local Government Reform.
- WALC Roundup.
- Warwickshire Matters – September 2025.
- NWBC – Planning Development Board – 6th October 2025.
- NWBC – Community and Environment Board – 29th September 2025.
- Community Renewals – Confirmation Insurance Premium received.

M White
Chairman

➤ **North Warwickshire North Beat Report.**

Reporting Period: 01/09/2025 – 01/10/2025

Officer Completing: PCSO Mollie Thompson

Theme		Commentary
Current and Emerging		X 194 calls to service
	Shuttington	X 3
	Alvecote	X 1
	Austrey	X 10
	Grendon	X 32
	Polesworth	X 59
	Birchmoor	X 6
	Warton	X 7
	Newton Regis	X 5
	Seckington	X 0
	No Man's Heath	X 2
	Baxterley	X 3
	Baddesley	X 13
	Dordon	X 53
	Summary	<p>Working closely with cross-border forces has resulted in the arrests of two local car thieves. They were found hiding in a flat in the Tamworth area.</p> <p>We have also continued with our crime prevention initiative by visiting local communities, discussing home/ vehicle security and issuing faraday pouches.</p> <p>Last week PCSOs visited Bradley Green Nursery in Grendon. The children were pleased to see us and enjoyed learning about the Police role. We have another school visit planned for next week in Austrey.</p> <p>We are still offering a free faraday pouch to anyone living within North Warwickshire. Again, this month, we have delivered hundreds of pouches in the area. If anybody has a keyless vehicle and would like a free faraday pouch, please send an email with your address and contact details to: nwn.snt@warwickshire.police.uk and a member of the team will deliver one to you.</p>

To check your local neighbourhood crime figures, please click on:

[Your area / Warwickshire Police](#)

For news, pictures and updates from your local SNT Team, click on the below link to our Facebook site which has daily updates on officers' activities.

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We also publish regular updates and information on a community messaging service which you can sign up to via the below link.

[Home Page – Warwickshire Connected](#)

Updates are also published on our police newsletter and if you wish to be added to the mailing list, please can you contact the below email and we will get you added onto the newsletter distribution list.

nwn.snt@warwickshire.police.uk

The local team can also be contacted on here for any direct enquiries – nwn.snt@warwickshire.police.uk

8) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- TPO enquiry refer to North Warwickshire Borough Council.
- WCC Highways – R Berry confirmed gullies cleaned out end of Spon Lane by Fish and Chip Shop.
- Grit Bin by Woodside School – M White confirmed filled with grit.
- Overhanging Tree Branches – Sparrowdale Close – M White to follow up.
- Remembrance Sunday Service – 9th November 2025.

It was proposed (C Rich-Bate), seconded (H Horton) and agreed a Remembrance Wreath should be purchased.

Resolved: A Remembrance Day Wreath should be purchased.

- Website message duplication to be checked.

9) **FINANCE**

a) **Payments**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed the following payments should be made:-

Details	£
B Ainsworth	83.77
L G Services	500.00
Bus Shelter Cleaning	150.00
HMRC (PAYE)	221.71
Parish Clerk	309.62
Khoo Seller	16.80
M G Services	135.00
Total:	1,416.90

Resolved: To issue the above payments.

10) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

➤ Tuesday, 11th November 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm

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Chairman

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