

GRENDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday, 11th August 2026 at 7.30pm
in Grendon Community Centre

Present: M White
H Horton
A Hands
B Ainsworth
M Hammersley

Also Present: A Wright
R Young – Clerk to the Council

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from C Rich-Bate and B Davey. No apologies received from E Harris.

2) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised.

3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

4) MINUTES

It was proposed (H Horton), seconded (A Hands) and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th July 2026 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th July 2026.

5) MATTERS ARISING

a) Bus Shelter

L Fisher at Pickerings Solicitors confirmed the following:-

Registration has not yet completed. I have had requisitions from the Land Registry which I have responded to and the Land Registry's estimated completion date is November 2027. Please note that this is just an estimate and could be earlier.

b) Flood Action Group

A Wright reported he attended a site meeting with Keith Evans (NWBC) who said he could see the problem with accumulated silt.

M White
Chairman

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

R Berry (WCC) replied as follows:-

My apologies, I have not had a response from the EA about a site meeting. I have sent a follow up email today asking for a date within the next two weeks as it has been long enough (they replied to me in February and have not replied since). As soon as I have a date, I will let you know.

d) **Housing Association**

Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator replied as follows:-

“Thank you for your email. I have passed this on to our Customer Service team to action as a service request in the first instance”.

e) **Manhole Top Missing – Opposite Swan Farm**

The Clerk reported this matter had been requested with National Highways quoting the postcode for Swan Farm.

f) **Path Adjacent to M Hammersley’s Home**

➤ Ongoing.

g) **WCC Highways – Poor Road Surface by Dairy House Farm plus Major Potholes**

➤ This matter was ongoing.

h) **Play Equipment in Park**

➤ Damaged item removed.

i) **School Bus Transport**

Transport Operations at Warwickshire County Council replied as follows:-

We understand the Parish Council’s concerns regarding students having to stand on the service and the reports from parents about occasions when the vehicle has braked suddenly.

The safety of our students is always our priority. While we appreciate these concerns, the current arrangements are fully compliant with the relevant legislation and the vehicle is operating within its authorised passenger capacity. Standing passengers are permitted on this type of vehicle, and this is considered a safe and legal method of transport for students.

At present, we have no plans to reduce the capacity of the service or to change the vehicle type. The operator is unable to provide an alternative vehicle, and the current vehicle size is required to accommodate the number of students travelling, as the service is currently at full capacity.

We will, however, continue to work closely with the operator to ensure that the service is operated safely and that drivers are reminded of their responsibilities to drive with due care and consideration for all passengers on board.

Thank you for taking the time to raise these concerns. We will continue to monitor the service and review any feedback received.

- The Clerk to enquire as to whether there is a limit on the number of children allowed to stand on a Coach.

j) **Additional Noticeboard**

Martin Ainsworth to provide a quote to repair all three Noticeboards.
B Ainsworth Declared and Interest.

6) **PLANNING**

a) **Planning Applications Received**

- i) PAP/2025/0549
Outline Planning Application
Land to East and South West of Whittington Lane, Grendon

Development Description: Outline residential development (up to 1,440 dwellings) with elderly housing provision (up to 100 bed/unit); a service centre, including a mix of uses; demolition and re-use of existing redundant buildings at Whittington Cottages, Whittington Farm and Whitley Farm; canal side retail unit; the provision of a Primary school; provision of formal and informal open space, green infrastructure and landscaping; provision of access points from the A5, Whittington Lane, and Holly Lane (via the H1 Allocation to the east); solar energy and battery storage provision; and supporting infrastructure and utilities with Access to be considered (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved).

- ii) 2026/0545/FUL
Full Planning Application
Gaytons Bakery, Maypole Lane, Grendon

Development Description: Removal of structure to rear and erection of single storey rear extension incorporating the Change of Use of land from residential to use as bakery and retention of three existing storage containers (part retrospective).

- iii) 2026/0588/HH
The Bungalow, 145A Watling Street, Grendon
Ground level changes with construction of returning wall to front with fence above and 1 No. Pergola to front. (Retrospective).

7) **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- NWBC – Amelia Bow) – Local Plan Consultation.
- WCC – Temporary Closure of Whittington Lane, Grendon – 19th September 2026 – Completion Date: 2nd October 2026.
- WCC – Trading Standards warns of car buyer scam targeting private sellers.

- WCC – Intention to process speed limit reduction to 40 mph – Old Holly Lane.
- Temporary Road Closure of Hastings Road, Grendon – 24th August 2026 until 1st September 2026.
- Penmire Rise Development – C Rich-Bate confirmed the grassed areas have been cut – waiting for further repairs to fencing and dog waste bin being emptied.
- Warwickshire Police enquiry regarding access to cameras on Boot Hill – Refer to County Highways.
- WCC – Introduction of Boot Hill Drop and Collect Post Office, Boot Hill.
- WALC Round-Up.
- Chetwynd Drive – C Rich-Bate waiting on an update from DVLA and Warwickshire Police regarding the car left at the top of the Drive with no MOT, Tax or Insurance.
- **North Warwickshire North Beat Report**

Reporting Period: 28/06/2026 – 28/07/2026

Officer Completing: PCSO Mollie Thompson

Theme		Commentary
Current and Emerging		X 258 calls to service
	Shuttington	X 7
	Alvecote	X 2
	Austrey	X 6
	Grendon	X 32
	Polesworth	X 82
	Birchmoor	X 2
	Warton	X 28
	Newton Regis	X 3
	Seckington	X 0
	No Man's Heath	X 0
	Baxterley	X 6
	Baddesley	X 18
	Dordon	X 72
	Summary	We have been to many events this past month, as well as our regular patrols. Some of the events we have attended are: - Baddesley Party in the Park - Baxterley Party in the Park - Polesworth Carnival - Shuttington Coffee Morning

Theme	Commentary
	On 4th July, we hosted a VAWG (Violence Against Women & Girls) walk in Dordon. It was great to listen and speak to so many females from within our community. Unfortunately, we have had some vehicle thefts or attempted vehicle thefts this past month; a few of which have taken place in Polesworth. Officers have since been targeting patrols in the area, to reassure the community and gather evidence. A keen-eyed member of the public noticed a vehicle that had been parked up in Warton for a number of days. The member of public used an app to confirm that the vehicle was stolen. Officers attended, confirmed that the vehicle had been stolen from Austrey earlier in the week, and got in contact with the owner to arrange collection. After safety concerns were raised regarding school parking at Newton Regis Primary School, officers carried out patrols. They advised several parents on parking safely when collecting their children from school. We have continued to carry out our CKB (Car Key Burglary) Operations. This involves late night/early morning patrols around residential streets. Officers have also supported the dedicated Community Speed Watch team at Warton. Thanks to the volunteers who help to keep the community safe! We are still offering a free faraday pouch to anyone living within North Warwickshire. 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.

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[Your area / Warwickshire Police](#)

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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

- Spon Lane – B5000 junction – Spon Lane Sign knocked over. Clerk to notify Mark Kennel at NWBC.
- Clerk to download “Good Councillors’ Guide” and circulate.

9) FINANCE

a) Payments

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

Details	£
Bus Shelter Clean	50.00
M G Garden Services	255.00
Parish Clerk	322.40
L G Services	325.50
HMRC (PAYE)	233.29
Total:	1,186.19

Resolved: To make the above payments.

b) NatWest Bank Account

It was proposed (B Ainsworth), seconded (H Horton) and agreed the Bank Account with NatWest should be closed.

Resolved: That the Bank Account with NatWest should be closed.

10) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 8th September 2026.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm

M White
Chairman

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