

# Burton Latimer Town Council



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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the Properties and Land Committee held at the Harold Mason Centre on Tuesday 10 February 2026.

**PRESENT** Councillors S Baynes, J Currall, G Mellors and M Don; Graham Horn & Julia Bennie Library, Linda Gregory Heritage Centre.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Lionel Thatcher, Town Clerk.

**PL 26/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.** Councillor J Currall was elected Chairman .

**PL 26/02 APOLOGIES** were received from June Taylor

**PL 26/03 PUBLIC FORUM** was not used.

**PL 26/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

**PL 26/05 MINUTES** of the meeting of the Properties and Land Committee held on 9 December 2025 were read and approved as a true record of that meeting.

## **PL 26/06 THE HAROLD MASON CENTRE**

- a) Fire Doors. The Town Clerk said that there had been no progress as yet. The contractor building the Library extension will hung the doors, but has been delayed with the Library work because of bad weather.
- b) Heritage Centre. Linda Gregory expressed the thanks of the Society to the Council for allowing them the free use rooms for their Christmas craft event. She said that they were planning an open day on 9 May and hoped to have a line-up of vintage cars on the grass at the front of the Harold Mason Centre, as last year. She hoped there would be no objection from the Council. She also mentioned that their lease document was in need of renewal and the Town Clerk will arrange this.

## **PL 26/07 LIBRARY BUILDING AND CAR PARK**

- a) Toilets. The roof is now on and the entrance from the main building will be created soon.
- b) Automatic Doors. These have now been repaired.
- d) Refrigerator. A replacement has been ordered.
- e) Solar panels. It was agreed to seek advice as to the feasibility of this, together with likely costs and a survey of the roof will be arranged.
- e) Lighting. The emergency lighting has been repaired.
- f) Blinds. We are having difficulty in sourcing a supplier of commercial blinds.

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## **PL 26/08 POCKET PARK**

a) Letter from resident re clearance of nettles and undergrowth. The Town Clerk read a letter of complaint regarding the work done at the Park, the writer being particularly concerned about the loss of habitat. The Town Clerk was asked to reply and advise the writer that his views have been noted.

b) Green Council Biodiversity Solutions. The Town Clerk suggested that this organization be invited to visit and explain what they are able to do and at what cost. Their expertise could be useful in the establishment of the proposed sensory garden. It was agreed to invite them to make a presentation.

c) Nene Valley Trust. A Zoom meeting is shortly to be held for those interested in applying for funding from the Trust. Councillor Mellors said that she would attend.

d) Maintenance Contractor. Our regular contractor for mowing and tree work has asked if Council would provide a letter of commitment to using his services and offering him first refusal (subject to price) of doing work. It was agreed to do so and to recommend to Finance Committee that a term of 3 years be specified.

A job list will be provided to the contractor for those repetitive jobs such as mowing and hedge trimming. Councillor Mellors asked that he spread chippings below the noticeboards as the ground is very muddy.

e) Hole in riverbank. It is understood that the Environment Agency will be responding within the next three weeks.

f) Hedge Trimming. It was agreed that, having brought the hedges under control, there will be regular trimming to maintain them in good condition.

## **PL26/09 FARMERS' MARKET**

Interest in the market is growing, with additional stall holders and it is expected that the market will grow when the better weather arrives.

**PL 26/10 NEXT MEETING** to be held on 14 April 2026, commencing at 5.15pm.  
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1810 hours.