

# Burton Latimer Town Council

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**MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 March 2026, commencing at 7.00pm in the Harold Mason Centre, Burton Latimer.

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**PRESENT** Councillors S Baynes (in the Chair); J Currall ; M Sinclair; J Taylor; M Don; N Padget; S Edwards; J Davies and J Mitchell-Bunce.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Five members of the public.

Lionel Thatcher, Town Clerk recorded the minutes.

**26/25 APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Councillors G Mellors (Council business); J O'Hara; A Evelyn and Unitary Councillors M Eglin and L Gibb

**26/26 WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER** The Chairman welcomed Councillor Jay Mitchell-Bunce, who was attending for the first time since his election. He has completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**26/27 PUBLIC FORUM** A resident referred to the development of 1000 homes which has been mooted and asked that the Council call a public meeting to discuss it. This request was declined, since there is, to Council's knowledge, no planning application in being at present. It is difficult to know what could be discussed in the absence of firm information regarding any proposals. It was, however, agreed that a public meeting would be called once an application is presented.

The subject of potholes was raised. There has been slight improvement, though many repairs appear to be only temporary. It is understood that mention of repairs being done in other parishes, together with videos of badly potholed areas, was available, but there is no mention of Burton Latimer. It was agreed to place this on the agenda of the next meeting with a view to making representations to North Northants Council.

**26/28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None were made.

**26/29 MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on 3 February 2026 were read, approved and signed as a true record of that meeting.

**26/30 MINUTES** of the

- a) Properties and Land Committee of 10 February 2026
- b) Events Committee of 17 February 2026, and
- c) Finance and Policy Committee of 24 February 2026

were received and the recommendations of the Finance & Policy Committee relating to a) confirming Warnes Garden Services as the Council's preferred contractor for three years and b) the obtaining of a quote for a survey of the roof of the Library were agreed.

d) The Planning Committee of 10 February 2026 was inquorate and could not be held, therefore the following applications were considered –

NK/2025/01067 16 Hawthorn Rd – re-consultation. No objection.

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NK/2026/00118TPO 24 Church View – crown reduction of yew tree. No objection.

NK/2026/01845 Home Farm, Kettering Rd - Change roof covering, internal layout, rooflights. No objection

NK/2026/02148 5 Cranford Rd – construct single storey detached dwelling. No objection.

## **26/31 UNITARY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillors Eglin and Gibbs have attended various civic and community events and have raised concerns over potholes in Station Rd; Church St; Kingfisher Way and Finedon Rd., some of which have been repaired. Unfortunately, some repairs were not very long-lasting and so they are pressing North Northants Council for a longer term solution rather than repeated patch repairs.

The NNC budget was approved last week and their focus is in delivering value for money and protecting vulnerable residents.

They have continued supporting residents with housing matters, waste issues, highways concerns and general enquiries, ensuring appropriate follow-up with officers where required.

**26/32 AIR CONDITIONING** It was agreed to approve the installation of air conditioning in The Pantry, with the unit being installed on the roof. Councillor Don pointed out that it will need servicing every 6 months, so The Pantry funds will need to be sufficient to cover that expenditure. The installers will be asked whether the system could be extended to other rooms in HMC.

## **26/33 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

Members expressed their views on the differing aspects of the Review.

Firstly, boundaries. It was agreed that the parish boundary should, where possible, follow well-defined features, such as roads, rivers and rail and in that respect the A14 will, as now, form the northern boundary. There are two anomalies though. There is a section of this parish which includes Saddler Drive on the opposite side of the A14 and this should logically be in Kettering or Barton parishes. Similarly, on this side of the A14 off Polwell Road is a small area which is a part of either Kettering or Barton Seagrave and which should be Burton Latimer. Other than the above, there are no adjustments required to other boundaries which follow the river Ise and the A6.

Secondly, councillor numbers. There was lengthy discussion on the 'correct' number of councillors for the town, but it was finally agreed to maintain the status quo, and

Thirdly, a suggestion was made that the parish be split into two Wards, North and South. This would have the advantage of being cheaper should there be by-elections called, but members thought that the electorate was not sufficient to make this change.

The Town Clerk will report Council's views to NNC.

## **26/34 NEWSLETTER**

There had been requests for the style of the newsletter to be changed and for distribution to be improved.

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Members confirmed that they would wish for the newsletter to continue and for it to be six-monthly and distributed to all addresses, but Councillor Davies, who currently produced the newsletter, said that she had received no support by way of contributions and therefore did not intend continuing to produce it.

**26/35 IT WAS RESOLVED** to exclude the Press and public from the following item in accordance with the Public Bodies(Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds of confidentiality.

**26/36 SOCIAL MEDIA** The Chairman reported what he believed to have been a breach of the Code of Conduct in respect of items posted on Facebook, at the time of the recent by-election. He sought the view of members and it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Monitoring Officer for advice.

## **26/37 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Council will take place on Tuesday 7 April 2026, commencing at 7pm in the Harold Mason Centre. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2040 hours.