



Chair's Report 2025-2026

It has been another busy year for the Parish Council. Meetings were held bi monthly with the annual meeting in May. Two new councillors were co-opted giving us a full quota.

Following elections in May 2025 the elected Long Buckby Ward Councillors were Daniel Lister and Charles Morton. Charles has attended PC meetings with some helpful insight.

As always speeding through the village is a recurring item as is parking on the double yellow lines near the school. We requested a visit from the police to address this issue.

The precept for 2026-27 was set at £30,300 which was a 3.84% increase on the previous year of £29,180. We gave grants to the Village Hall, the Playing Fields, School, the Village Society, the Village Handbells ringers, Chatty Cafe and the Church.

Councillors reviewed planning applications and our comments were forwarded to WNC.

The speed reduction work on the A428 with the junction of Church Lane and Brington Road has finally been completed. There is now a 40mph speed limit on the A428 and also on the two feeder roads. We have also requested that the junction of Tilbury Road/Ravensthorpe Road/Main Street be looked at again as a potential accident spot.

The new notice board was installed on the Holdenby Road next to The Red Lion. The village gates on Tilbury Road have been repaired as has the kissing gate in the far corner of the cemetery. With regard to the cemetery a wobble test was undertaken on all headstones and those deemed unsafe were laid flat. These will need following up and rectifying.

Our clerk and Councillor Bell together with a village society committee member worked closely to produce the Village Guide for new residents and this is now on the PC website. A hard copy was produced and delivered to every household in the parish.

We have appointed a Climate and Nature Champion, formed a Finance sub-committee, Councillor Brinkman completed a tree survey and we agreed to purchase a bench and a new dog poo bin for the playing fields.

West Northamptonshire Council issued their Draft Local Plan to 2043, with the consultation period closing at the end of March 2026. The plan includes a rural strategy that allocates housing growth to primary and secondary villages. East Haddon has been allocated 32 new homes. The Parish Council produced and delivered a leaflet to all households to raise awareness of the Local Plan consultation. 17 residents attended the March Parish Council meeting when the item was discussed.

The next stage is Regulation 19, which WNC is expected to publish in the autumn before submission for inspection, ahead of potential adoption in early 2027.

In response EHPC is exploring the feasibility of preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan, a community-led planning document that sets out where and how development should take place. Once approved, it becomes part of the statutory planning framework used to determine planning applications.

I'd like to thank all our councillors and especially our clerk for all the hard work over the past year. Many thanks also to the volunteers who run the various Village groups, The Village Society, The Playing Fields, the Red Lion for continuing to be integral to village life and to Claire Underwood for organising the litter pick.