

Minutes of Pitsford Parish Council's Meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2026, at 7:30pm, Pitsford Village Hall, Pitsford High Street.

Minutes take by the Clerk, Sarah Stock;

Apologies received: Cllr Jon Sambrook;

Attending: Cllrs Alastair Kimbell, Chelsey Furniss, Mary Podesta, Keith Issacs, Simon Phipps, Maureen Holliday

2026/036 Declarations of Interest. Councillors to declare interests on matters relating to this agenda.

2026/037 Public Session: Meeting adjourned for members of the public to address the council on matters related to this agenda. (Duration and content at Chairman's discretion)

Verbal Updates (no decision can be made on items in this part of the agenda)

- Property revaluation: Village Hall – completed. Sport Pavilion – reminder sent.
- Street Lighting – Overnight Switch-Off Proposal. Consultation update. Cllr MH to draft leaflet and clerk to provide online survey to collate results.
- Church Yard Shed – Cllrs MH & KI have collated information for submission to WNC Planning department.
- Members to note the UMS electricity contract has ended. Quotes sought for a replacement and results will be circulated for approval. Authority delegated to Clerk to recommend provider. Green provider preferred.
- Reports received of dangerously park car near the telephone box – Clerk to report to PCSO.

2026/038 To approve minutes from: 14 July 2026. Approved.

2026/039 To approve the invoices listed for payment. Approved.

Payee	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Amount Due (Inc. VAT)	VAT
Hayeswood Landscapes	10986	30.7.26	£504.00	£84.00
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Pitsford Village Hall	Grant: Hall Roof	30.7.26	£650.00	
Exp SS: Cartridge People	474139-1	15.7.26	£42.90	£7.15
Mark Reeve	Inv. 6	3.8.26	£20.00	
(DD) Unity Trust Bank	August	30.8.26	£7.00	
Keep Britian Tidy	SI017587	28.5.26	£180.00	£30.00

(SO) HMRC	August	28.8.26	£2.27	
(SO) Sarah Stock	August	28.8.26	£432.12	
Hayeswood Landscapes	11068	28.8.26	£504.00	£84.00
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(SO) HMRC	September	28.9.26	£2.27	
(SO) Sarah Stock	September	28.9.26	£432.12	
(DD) Unity Trust Bank	September	30.9.26	£7.00	
R&G Maintenance	123057	31.8.26	£245.26	£40.88
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Minuteman Press	19841	2.9.26	£156.00	
Martin Palmer	Aug'26 Wall & Gate	19.8.26	£970.00	
(DD) Unity Trust Bank	September	30.9.26	£7.00	
(SO) Northampton Services	Jun'26 Inv.	30.6.26	£182.07	
(SO) Northampton Services	Jul'26 Inv.	30.7.26	£182.07	
(SO) Northampton Services	Aug'26 Inv.	30.8.26	£182.07	
(DD) British Gas	727152983	15.7.26	£193.34	£9.21
(DD) British Gas	815210877	16.7.26	£61.56	£2.93
Aitchison Raffety	BS003711	27.3.26	£450.00	£75.00
*Northampton Services	Extra hours (20.84)	9.9.26	£437.64	

2026/040 To accept the bank reconciliation and review year to date expenditure. Approved.

Opening balance	£39,202.73
YTD Expenditure (inc. VAT)	(£19,889.75)
YTD Income	£25,429.96
Balance	£44,742.94

2026/041 Policy Review

Resolution agreed adopting latest Standing Orders published by Northants CALC.

2026/042 Grants and Donations

Resolution made to grant Pitsford Village Hall committee £650 to cover repairs to broken roof tiles and for repointing the ridge (July 2026/032). Council noted paperwork has been received and payment made.

Grant application received from Pitsford Sports Field committee to cover 2026 insurance. In line with resolution made July 2026/032 payment will be withheld until the reinstatement valuation has been received. Committee has been notified.

2026/043 Moulton Road CCTV

Council considered objections from two residents regarding the proposed CCTV, principally concerning the £6,000 cost plus £40-60 monthly fee. Both residents suggested that a 20mph speed restriction would be a more appropriate response to speeding in the area.

Council clarified that the CCTV would not be used for speed enforcement but to improve safety at the zebra crossing and identify vehicles involved in reported incidents. The proposal had been made in conjunction with Pitsford Primary School, which regularly receives reports of vehicles failing to stop at the crossing.

Council noted that an application for a 20mph restriction was unlikely to be supported by WNC/Northamptonshire Road Safety without appropriate accident data and evidence that the restriction would be self-enforcing.

Council acknowledged that there may be a road safety concern at this location. However, without evidence from the school of accidents or incidents, or a direct report from the school regarding the frequency and nature of the concerns, Council could not be satisfied that expenditure of £6,000 on CCTV would constitute a proportionate response.

Council discussed the potential use of a dummy camera and appropriate signage as an alternative measure, which may provide a similar deterrent effect. The Clerk was instructed to investigate the cost and availability of a school crossing patrol officer (Lollipop Lady). Council also agreed to remove vegetation which obstructs visibility the crossing.

Council resolved to refer the matter back to the school and confirmed that it would look favourably upon any grant application supported by appropriate evidence and documentation. The Council also encouraged the school to investigate and apply for any available Road Safety Grants.

2026/044 Village Green Spaces & Maintenance. Council resolve action and allocate funds as appropriate: Wildflower strip, Moulton Rd; Tumulus; Millennium Spinney; The Green; The Island; The Square; The Cemetery

8	Jun	2026	Crossing	Leaf clearance	1.50
			Graveyard	Mowing	1.00
15	Jun	2026	Crossing	Leaf clearance	1.00
			Island	Beds, weeds, leaves	1.00
			Green Triangle	Beds, weeds, leaves	1.00
			Spinney	Clearance and weed killer	1.50
22	Jun	2026	Moulton Road	Weeds and nettles	2.00
				clearance	

3	Jul	2026	Crossing	Leaf clearance	
3	Jul	2026	Graveyard	Mowing/strimming	1.00
20	Jul	2026	Crossing	Leaf clearance	3.00
			Island	Beds, weeds, leaves	1.00
			Green Triangle	Beds, weeds, leaves	1.00
			Spinney	Clearance and weed killer	1.50
		2026	Moulton Road	Weeds and nettles	0.00
		2026	Playing Field		
23	Jul	2026	Moulton Road	:arge branch removal	1.00

7	Aug	2026	Crossing	Leaf clearance	2.00
24	Aug	2026	Graveyard	Mowing/strimming/clear	1.50
24	Aug	2026	Crossing	Leaf clearance	13.00
			Island	Beds, weeds, leaves	
			Green Triangle	Beds, weeds, leaves	
			Spinney	Clearance and weed killer	
		2026	Moulton Road	Weeds and nettles	0.00
28	Aug	2026	Playing Field	Install black bench	2.00

Monthly hours	8.67	This month	29.51

Carried over to next month	-20.84

*Members noted works carried out as detailed on invoices and resolved to pay outstanding hours (added to payment schedule). Clerk to remind PT of the council's "no weed killer" policy.

Council resolved to instruct R&G to clear cemetery of overgrowth. PT maintains pathway through.

Cllr AK will scarify Moulton Road wildflower area prior to reseeding by R&G.

2026/045 Planning Applications. Council to consider and resolve response to each planning application.

No Householder application received.

Cllr SP has not yet met with proprietor of the business at The Oaks, Moulton Road, Pitsford. Concern raised that the premises may be operating as a cash and carry business. Members noted that the premises is increasingly busy.

Members to note the Local Plan is going to Planning Policy Committee on 14th September, seeking committee approval for progression to Reg 19 Consultation. This consultation is not expected to generate any great changes and will likely be the version that goes to the examiner. Points to note:

- Pitsford remains a secondary service village. Only two village statuses were changed (Stoke Bruene and Staverton from Secondary to Other)
- Allocation on land North of Buckton Fields remains 1500
- 15% reduction across all R6 rural housing allocations (this reduces Pitsford allocation from 30 to 26)
- General: affordable housing at a rate of 10% in the Daventry and Northampton urban areas and 35% elsewhere in West Northamptonshire. This is a change from a blanket 40%
- The housing need figure across the area has reduced from the 45,054 to 42,704. This change is a consequence of one year of the plan period having elapsed since the Regulation 18 consultation.

Date of future meetings: 3rd November 2026; 12th January 2027; 9th March 2027; 11th May 2027.

A draft budget will be presented to the council at the next meeting. Requests to fund projects should be sent to the clerk before the agenda is published. Budget is finalised and a precept request is sent to WNC in January.

Meeting closed 9pm