

Nicholforest Parish Council

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Monday 17th September 2026 at 7:30pm at Nicholforest Hall

Attendees:

Cllr J Sisson, Cllr E Smith, Cllr K Ireland, Cllr K Robinson, Cllr T Pickstone, Cllr D Hammond, Cllr A Williamson, Miss R Housden (Clerk)

Members of the public: 2

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Public Participation: Residents raise concerns about reported dangerous driving of vehicles leaving the Haithwaite Farm development. There have been a number of near misses and vehicles are regularly speeding. The Clerk will contact Kenny Robb with these reports.

1. Apologies for absence:

None.

2. Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensations

Cllr T Pickstone is a Church warden (item 7a)

3. Minutes and Meetings - Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th August 2026 were approved as a true record by all and signed by the Chairman.

4. Report on Activities of the Parish Council

The Clerk reports that the faulty Fire Hydrants have been reported and a technician from Cumbria Fire and Rescue has been in contact to arrange visiting the area in the near future.

The registration of the Public hall is ongoing, the clerk has applied for withdrawal of documents from the Archives which will be sent to the solicitor to determine if they are sufficient to proceed.

As the meeting is being held in darkness due to a power cut, Cllr T Pickstone informs the council of grants available for emergency power cuts. The Clerk will contact ACT to find out if they are still available and what the criteria are.

5. Planning Matters

None at this time

6. Correspondence

Cllr T Pickstone summarises his local report, all agree that the Penton Linns bridge was repaired quickly. The Parish Council will keep an interest in the development of the new local plan to ensure that feedback can be made where necessary.

7. Finance

a. The grant application from Nicholforest church is discussed, it is agreed to support the event.

b. The payments listed are approved: £300.00 (Nicholforest Church), £28.03 (Clerk

Renumeration)

8. Village Matters

It is agreed to defer discussion on fire breaks in risk areas.

9. Council Matters

Cllr K Robinson will lay the wreath at the remembrance service on 08.11.26 at Nicholforest Church.

10. Date of next Meeting - 9th November 2026

Meeting closed at 20:15