

NPSG – Minutes of Meeting 19– 11th February 2026; Toddington Village Hall; 19.00hrs

1 - Present: Tony Collins (TCO), Lorraine Ward (LW), Neil Buthee (NB), Tony Williams (TW), Kate Russell (KR), David Stacey (DS)

Apologies: Steve Killinger (SK), Tom Chevalier (TCh)

Absent:

Meeting was Quorate

2 - No changes to Declarations.

3 - Minutes of previous meeting: Approved

4 - Matters Arising:

4a - Definitions of Sustainable development – more info provided was appended to minutes 28.01.26

4b – c/f - NPSG need to plan how to feedback all survey results to the community – magazine, facebook, website, workstream contacts. Consider a public meeting May/June to feedback whats been done to date and whats next, **Action SK add to agenda for a later meeting.**

4c – all other matters arising were dealt with as agenda points

5 – Parish Council briefing update: Parish Council agreed to continue support to the Toddington Neighbourhood Plan project. £4k funding support agreed to end of this financial year: £1403 for Sally Chapman planning advice, £720 for Survey Monkey software subscription and £83 sundry survey costs.

It was also agreed that the NPSG would have delegated authority for spend of up to £250 (within their budget) without having to go back to the Parish Council for approval.

Action: LW advise Sally Chapman to proceed and to submit her invoice – Complete

Action: TW purchase Survey Monkey licenses.

6 – Working Group reports:

6a – Housing – BRCC provided a response to our feedback on their draft report – both of which have been circulated to the steering group. Executive summary will be provided as part of final report included in cost.

Kate summarised the feedback for the meeting. It was noted that in future covenants could be placed on bungalows to prevent upward extension and maintenance of bungalow stocks. The rural exception plan should be considered by the Parish Council if appropriate for future development.

Action: All to review KR email with BRCC comments and feedback comments to her by 18.02.2026

Action: SK need to establish status of local plan

Concerns re infrastructure needs not being met – DS noted that cumulative vs incremental developments need to be considered and early action taken re infrastructure needs rather than leaving until recognised/highlighted in later developments.

6b – Green Infrastructure – no report submitted.

6c – SEW workstream - Schools survey was presented to Parish Council 10.02.2026 - LW summarised the key points of the presentation for the meeting. Parish Council may already be looking at some of the points raised and Neighbourhood Plan may be able to lend its support too.

Action: LW circulate electronic copy of presentation to NPSG and obtain an electronic copy of the full survey results.

6d – B&E workstream – survey is now reduced to 11 questions. Process will be create survey and QR code, circulate to NPSG to “test the survey” ie does it work as expected. Then set live survey, speak to/walk in to selected businesses and invite them to complete the survey.

Actions: TW Purchase Survey Monkey licenses. Create Survey for “testing” – aim for 18.02.2026,

Action: All - “test the survey”

Actions: TW Print letters with QR codes, distribute survey letters with assistance from DS and Andy Lewis

6e – Transport

Action: NB request result of speed survey from Brian Belgrave.

It was noted that residents joined the Parish Council meeting with concerns about speeding on Park Road and reported that signage was poor.

7 – Sally Chapman (SC) - will now be able to undertake advance work and attend meeting 11.03.2026.

8 - Blake Stephenson visit 18.02.2026 6.00pm village hall.

Action: NB has already circulated questions – see email 29.01.2026, NB reconfirm meeting with Blake – Complete

Ideas to support discussion: What is Blake’s expectation for reasonable development in this type of village, what is the expectation of the “industrialisation” of this rural environment (battery and solar farms, datacentres, warehousing). Over development. Possibly park question 5.

Action: All encourage workstream members to join meeting, John Russell to attend, bring along any publicity material that could be background to photos. Take photos.

Action: NB and TCo to setup room tables and chairs and bring refreshments. All – arrive 5.30pm. There will be a wrap-up meeting afterwards.

9 – Website/Facebook

Action TCo – update website and facebook following meeting with Blake.

10 – Next meeting dates and details:

All to be held in Village Hall 7.00- 9.00pm (booked) unless advised otherwise, Tony Collins has Hall key in absence of SK:

18.02.2026 6pm Meet with Blake, NB organising

04.03.2026 Jon Balham to present GI report, chair needed, SK apologies.

11.03.2026 Sally Chapman to join meeting,

25.03.2026 David and Gemma from BRCC to present HNS report, Apologies LW – secretary needed

Future dates: 08.04.2026, 22.04.2026, 06.05.2026, 20.05.2026, 03.06.2026, 17.06.2026,
01.07.2026, 15.07.2026, 29.07.2026,

Village hall closed during August, 02.09.2026, 16.09.2026, 30.09.2026, 14.10.2026, 28.10.2026,
11.11.2026, 25.11.2026, 09.12.2026,

11 - AOB:

Toddington Community Fete 20.06.2026

It was agreed that Neighbourhood Plan should have a stall ideally next to Parish Council.

Action: LW to email and request a pitch – complete

It was agreed that we would NOT request a pitch at Toddington Rovers Fun Day 27.06.2026

Meeting Closed 8.30pm-----

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