

Catthorpe Village Meeting 1 June 2026

Come along - everyone is welcome

When: **Monday 1st June 2026**

Time: **7:00pm**

Where: **Green Room** at the **Cherry Tree** (thank you Chris and Amy) Drinks are available to buy

How We Run Meetings

We want everyone to have a fair chance to speak.

Please be respectful at the meeting and on WhatsApp, even if you disagree.

Agenda

1. Election of Chair and Secretary

2. Approve finances for 2025/26 (see overleaf)

Note: Village receives around £1,600 from Lilbourne Windfarm (until 2035) and around £3,600 from Eight Parishes CIC windfarm (until 2037) each year.

3. Updates

- a. Air ambulance service planning proposal
 - b. Changes to local council boundaries in Leicester/shire. A statutory government consultation on three competing plans closed in March 2026. The Government is expected to announce the chosen model, with the new unitary authorities anticipated to take full effect on 1 April 2028. Shadow elections may be held in May 2027
 - c. Purchase of a defibrillator from Our Jay Foundation. Jenny has arranged for one to be purchased from Our Jay Foundation for £1,170 – we agreed a budget of £1,500. We still must install it and purchase a new face mask.
 - d. Fly tipping – the council has taken further measures to protect Rugby Road
- #### 4. Social Events for the year ahead: what social events would you like to see? Ideas in the last year included (**big thank you to all the organisers of these events in 2025/6**):
- a. Christmas Tree Switch-on; carols and mulled wine
 - b. Bonfire Night (there is a little money left over from 2025)
 - c. Halloween night

5. Projects. We have three project proposals.

Vattenfall, who fund the Eight Parishes Fund, are keen to hear proposals as to how we intend to spend our allocation. I'll put this on the agenda for the meeting later this year.

The proposals below have been pre-circulated and are available at www.catthorpe.uk, on WhatsApp or from Quintin

- a. Muck & Sweep – Chris Horton
- b. Village Planting – Jules Franks.
- c. Allotment Hedge, Elm Lane – Joshua Letten

6. Future meetings:

- a. It is proposed to hold the next meeting in November 2026
- b. And the AGM in May 2027

Please do keep in touch by

- Joining the Village WhatsApp Group with over 80 participants
 - o Admins are Jules Franks (07710 095393)
 - o Amy Grindal (07970 968133)
 - Follow the Village on Facebook @catthorpe village community with over 100 members
 - Read the official stuff posted on www.catthorpe.uk
- Contact Quintin Heath, Chair, on 07786 190637 or catthorpe.meeting@hotmail.com**

Looking forward to seeing you there

Accounts 2025/26

Total income	£3,560.19
Total expenditure	£4,540.91
Excess expenditure over income	£980.72
Cash in bank at end of financial year 2025/26	£2,096.82

Broken down as follows:

1. Day to day spend

Income: Lilbourne windfarm £ 1,586, bank interest £25 = **£1,611**

Expenditure:

Charities – LOROS £1,364, Movember (including event expenses) £300 =	£1,664
Defib spares	£173
Flowers for planters	£104
Socials, Halloween £100, Bonfire night £183, Christmas decorations £198	£480
Total Expenditure, day to day spend	£2,421

2. Projects in 2025/26

Claimed from Eight parishes **£1,949**

Expenditure

Allotment fence	£1,420
Allotment Rain catcher	£447
Balance of spend on the Elizabeth Tree (previously claimed from 8 parishes fund)	£252
Total expenditure, projects	£2,120

Spent so far this year (2026/7)

Rain catcher (already claimed from eight parishes)	£10
New defibrillator and box (we have an approved budget of £1,500, to be claimed from eight parishes fund)	£1,190

Village Finance & Governance

At the November 2025 meeting, it was agreed to have a clear and simple way to apply for funds and decide how they are used.

For expenditure over £200

1. Complete a Funding Request Form (FRF). These are available from the Chair
2. Return it to the Chair, at least a month before the next Village Meeting
3. It will be available via WhatsApp and the Village website
4. Discussed and decided on at the Village Meeting

For expenditure under £200 (normally social events)

1. These are agreed in principle at a Village meeting in advance, and then the details will be notified to the Village through the WhatsApp group
2. Where there is a request that has not been agreed in principle at a Village Meeting, notice will be circulated by a leaflet, as well as WhatsApp and the Village website and feedback sought from the Village. These decisions will then be noted in the minutes of the next meeting.

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