



CORBY OLD VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Minutes of the Full Governing Body meeting

held on:

Monday 13th July 2026 at 6.30pm.

Present: Paula Thomas (PT - Head Teacher); Rachel Hume (RH - Chair); Dawn Cross (DC); Stephanie Knight (SK); Keeley Gray (KG).

Apologies: Nick Hayward (NH); Vicki Gilmour (VG); David Vickery (DV).

Absent: Revd Paul Frost (PF).

In Attendance: Mike Behnke - Clerk (Syzygy Clerking Services).

NOTE: Governors questions and responses are shown in bold italics.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

- RH welcomed governors to the final meeting of this academic year.
- Apologies were noted and accepted from NH, VG and DV. PF was noted as being absent, no apologies received.
- RH updated governors on NH's situation and stated that she would catch up with him in September.
- KG was welcomed to her first meeting as a new parent governor – introductions were made.
- The meeting was declared as being quorate.

2. Declarations of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest in relation to this meeting.

3. Items for any other business

- None.

4. Finance report

- Carried over item, VG to speak to Catherine this week and then upload all papers to GH. VG will be available during the summer holidays, governors asked to read the papers once posted and then email her with any questions.

Action: ALL

5. Health & Safety

- Tree safety and condition report is on GH as is the H&S audit.

6. Minutes/Confirms of the Previous Meeting (27.04.26)

- Both sets of minutes were agreed to be a true record. RH would sign the confidential minutes online on GH.

7. Matters Arising from above

- Rh to meet with the new SENCo in September.
- All other actions had been completed.

8. Headteacher's Report

- **SIP reports** are on GH:
 - March – SIP met with RH and key staff about concerns that had arisen.

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- April – Met with PT and others to discuss priorities for the next year.
- May – Met with PT and the phonics lead to review the current phonics provision.
- June - Met to review the actions from the previous meeting to address behaviour management of identified year groups.
- Inspected for inclusion provision by NNC, report to be received.
- All Subject Leader AP's are on GH. Next year, need to think about tweaking them to provide better alignment and tie in with the new Ofsted framework.
- It was suggested and agreed that any changes should be highlighted in different colours to provide a clearer picture on what has changed.

Action: PT/SK

- **Data** – RH highlighted one discrepancy with SEND children in Year 4 which PT has addressed and amended.
- Results are the same as last year with no great anomalies noted.
- Children who are mobile are tracked from when they join until when they leave in Year 6 to see if they're making progress. Quite often when they join, they are low.
- KS2 SATs data has been delayed, possibly until September.
- Year 4 Times table results overall are good and are on the Maths Subject Leader AP.
- Phonics in the same position as last year at 63%. Big focus on phonics next year to get back up to national at 80%.
- EYFS is 73% at GLD.
- **School Improvement Plan** – not ready yet but will be ready for September and placed on GH when complete.
- PT outlined the priorities in the plan:
 - Behaviour – policy has been reviewed and will be ready for September.
 - Senior Leadership monitoring and tracking.
 - The English curriculum – with a new Subject Lead in post. The focus will be on reviewing the current English curriculum.
 - Continued provision across KS1 – last year, did training on an NNC project on continuous provision. This year was partially brought into Year 2. Everything planned for September with continuous provision fully across KS1.
 - NNC have put in place network meetings, 3 times a year visiting other schools who have completed the project, to assess, talk about their journey and find out what and how they've done it. SLT involvement was noted to be key, PT feeding back on some of the observations and discussions had with the schools visited. COV will host reciprocal visits at some point next year.
 - Phonics will be a priority.
- Have discussed with RH about how to do effective governor monitoring next year. It has been split into 7 areas for the 7 governors:
 - Inclusion
 - Curriculum, teaching and achievement
 - Attendance and behaviour
 - Personal development and wellbeing
 - Leadership and governance
 - EYFs
 - Safeguarding.
- As part of the inclusion index, children and parents surveys were sent out, with some Y4 and Y6s and all of Y5 undertaking the children's one. The full results are on GH in the meeting folder.
- Friendship came out as a key issue, which needs to be looked at, as did Football.
- Lots of positives were noted about OPAL. The Parent survey also contained lots of positives. Most complaints were about the weather. Overall there were 41 responses.
- Parent survey is usually done in February.
- A winter plan for OPAL will be considered in September, PT stating that the school had not been ready this year to cope with the weather extremes.

- Governors were asked to review the priorities and email PT if they had any questions.

Action: ALL

9. Safeguarding Update

- Update is normally provided in September as safeguarding issues remain live during the holidays.

10. Policies

- There were no policies requiring ratification.
- RH currently compiling a document with all required policies, review dates etc. The Clerk mentioned that review dates can be set on GH for all policies as a reminder to inform FGB meetings.

11. Governance Matters:

Training

- New NNC training schedule has been shared with governors on GH. Many of these are daytime sessions. Other courses can be accessed by governors from The Key Knowledge, many of which are online/webinars etc.
- All governors will need to renew their Safeguarding training in September (an annual commitment). PT agreed to send the appropriate link in September.

Action: PT

Visits

- RH – EYFS visit report.
- DC – OPAL visit (to be written up). PT agreed to send her an OPAL monitoring form to use for future visits.
- PT reminded governors that she would be seeking visit dates from them every 'big' term to come in and monitor their responsible areas in the SIP. Monitoring reports to then be filled in and uploaded to the Visits area on GH.
- The structure and content of governor visits was further explained for KG by DC.
- RH has a crib sheet with questions to use for EYFS visits, and a framework of questions exists for safeguarding visits.

Action: PT

12. GDPR Update

- Nothing to report.

13. Celebrating Success

- KS2 Years 5/6 golf tournament
- Swimming gala attended with COV coming 2nd.
- Dance troupe performed at The Cube last week and were superb as quoted by PT. PT explained the audition process that took place for years 3-6, performing alongside 9 other schools.
- The event was organised by 'Moving Together' - <https://www.movingtogether.co.uk/>, also providing CPD for staff and the experience of performing at The Cube for the children. The event was a sell-out. All children received Moving Together '26 T-Shirts.

14. Correspondence

- None received.

15. Any Other Business

- None received.

16. Dates of Next Meeting:

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- Monday 21st September 2026 – 6.30 pm in school.

Actions

No	Previous actions	Who	Status
6	To send funding criteria/changes to PT.	NH	c/f
No.	Actions from this meeting – 13.07.26	Who	Status
8	To colour code changes in future Subject Leader AP's.	SK/PT	Active
8	To email questions to PT about the 2026-27 priorities.	ALL	Active
11	To send safeguarding training link to governors in September.	PT	Active
11	To send DC an OPAL monitoring visit form for future use.	PT	Active

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.15 pm.

Signed (Chair of Governors)

Date 21/9/2026