



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 23 January 2025 at 1930

2025/01

Those Present: Karl Jagger, David Reason, Jonathan Smith (Chairman) & Steve Vickers
Keith Leesmith (Clerk) Michael Dalby (NCC) Sarah Butikofer (NNDC)

- 1) Apologies None
- 2) Declarations of Interest None
- 3) Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 21 November 2024 - Approved and signed

4) Reports

a) Norfolk County Council

Michael Dalby had sent a report which was distributed to Councillors, is appended to these minutes, and appears on the website. In addition, he said that whilst the government's plans for devolution and reorganisation are still at a very early stage, NCC were only interested in Norfolk and did not believe that any eventual plans should include Suffolk.

b) North Norfolk District Council

Sarah Butikofer apologised for the fact that this was the first time that she had attended a Warham Parish Council meeting. She also apologised for the fact that she had not produced a written report this month, being too busy with both work and personal matters. With regard to reorganisation, she believed that if NCC took over the work of the district councils it would result in a funding raid, as most Districts were in a better financial position than the County. She also believed that such a situation would be regressive in that people were less likely to know their local Councillor than they do now. As regards current items, the NNDC budget for next year was now fixed and would go to the full Council in February. Work at the Rocket House would not cost as much as originally expected, as it was found that the water damage to the rear of the building was caused by a leaky internal pipe, rather than environmental conditions.

Michael Dalby left at this point.

c) Parish Clerk

KL had circulated a report to Councillors. This is attached to these minutes and appears on the website. NALC had written asking for our opinion of their wish to change from a co-operative society to a company limited by guarantee. It was resolved to agree to this. With regard to the new Estate, it was reported that of the twelve houses, 4 were allocated to Warham residents, seven to those from Wells, and one from Stiffkey. It was thought that the village generally seemed happy with this. The roadway had received some attention from Highways but was still not perfect. It was agreed to monitor the situation. With regard to the pathway (trod) it was thought that metal, particularly barbed wire should be removed before the pathway was regularly used. KL would write to Flagship.

5) Planning – any planning matters to hand

There were no planning matters for discussion.

Sarah Butikofer left at this point

6) Financial Report plus accounts paid

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors

The following amounts had been paid since the last meeting:

a) Seton Ltd - Replacement winter grit bin	271.13
b) Bank Charges – November	6.00
c) Streetlights - November	16.97
d) Bank Charges – December	6.00
e) Streetlights – December	17.45
f) Yu Energy – streetlights October	17.22
g) Parish Clerk – 4 th quarter salary & expenses	623.32
h) HMRC – PAYE on above	149.40

7) Minor Matters

There are potholes on the junction of The Street and Chapel Road, also at the junction of the main road leading to Wells or Walsingham. KL will report to Highways.

8) Date of next meeting

Confirmed as Thursday 27 March 2025 at 1930.

This is one week later than usual as one Councillor is rostered to work on the earlier date.

The meeting closed at 2020.