



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 27 March 2025 at 1930

2025/03

Those Present: David Reason, Jonathan Smith (Chairman) & Steve Vickers
Keith Leesmith (Clerk)

1) Apologies Karl Jagger, Kirsty Vaughan-Jones, Sarah Butikofer (NNDC)
Michael Dalby (NCC)

2) Declarations of Interest None

3) Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23 January 2025 - 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.

b) North Norfolk District Council

Sarah Butikofer had sent a report which was distributed to Councillors, is appended to these minutes and appears on the website.

c) Parish Clerk

KL had circulated a report to Councillors. This is attached to these minutes and appears on the website. KL had received an email from a Parishioner complaining about dog mess in All Saints Churchyard. He asked if we could erect a notice telling people not to do this. At the discussion that took place it was decided that whilst we had sympathy for the Parishioner, we did not think that a notice would change people's actions, and also, we thought that the Church should be responsible for any measures taken.

5) Planning – any planning matters to hand

There were no planning matters for discussion.

7) To discuss financial appeals from local organisations

We had not received any appeals this year and therefore decided to apply the budgeted £200 to the new playground fund.

8) Financial Report plus accounts paid

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors

The following amounts had been paid since the last meeting:

a) Bank Charges – January	6.00
b) Streetlights - January	17.66

c) Annual Hedge Cutting	390.00
d) Bank Charges – February	6.00
e) Streetlights – February	15.85
f) Reading Room rent 2025/2026	144.00

9) Minor Matters

We are still getting people driving through the village too fast. Would it be possible for highways to paint 30mph roundels on the road? KL would enquire. When the hedge at the old School House was cut last year, it made a big difference to people walking on the footpath. The hedge has, however, grown a lot since that time and needs cutting again. It should really be done twice a year. KL would write to the letting agents again.

6) To discuss plans for new playground

The results of our applications for grant funds have been disappointing. It was hoped to obtain major funding from the Hornsea 3 windfarm, but they have declined (saying no problem except excessive applications). An application for £18K had been made to the Geoffrey Watling Charity and they have agreed but only for £7500. With our savings in the bank plus promises, this makes a total of £18K. It was decided that our original plans were probably too ambitious, and that we would have to reduce the amount of equipment. The safety surfacing was around half of the original cost, but the general opinion was that it was important to have this, even if some of the equipment were sacrificed. It was possible that some items could be added at a later time.

KL would speak to Kompan with a view to decreasing the cost by at least 50%, and would also make enquiries from The Sheringham Shoal, and possibly other funders.

8) Date of next meeting

Confirmed as Thursday 15 May 2025 at 1930.

The meeting closed at 2035