

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday 15th July 2025 at 7:30pm at Wramplingham Church

Members: Cllr Keith Waldron (KW) [Chair]
Cllr Jeremy Hyam (JH) [Vice Chair]
Cllr Sandra Betts (SB)
Cllr Mary Dorrell (MD)
Cllr David Evans (DE)
Cllr Sara Harrold (SH)
Cllr Ian Irving (II)

Present: KW, JH, SB, SH
Teresa Copping (TC) (Clerk)

In attendance

Cllr Margaret Dewsberry (MD2)
1 member of the public

The meeting opened at 7.30pm and the Chair explained that he would be recording the meeting for the purpose of ensuring accuracy of mins.

1. To receive apologies

Apologies had been received from DE, MD.

2. Adjournment for Public Participation and reports from County and District Councillors

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.31pm.

MD2 mentioned the key points contained in a report circulated with the agenda. MD2 advised the meeting of the Norfolk Community Fund which may be of interest to local groups and in addition shared details of a crowd funding site that NCC has organised.

RE updated the meeting on the VCHAP proposals which had been approved by the full NCC council meeting. The plans will now be submitted to the planning inspectorate. RE reassured the meeting that he will update the PC when the next opportunity to respond arises.

RE shared with the meeting the issues SNDC is facing regarding numerous applications for large Solar farms. SNDC are trying to bring together objective criteria for the assessment of these applications and have set out draft guidelines on which they are consulting.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.45pm.

3. To record declarations of interest and requests for dispensation.

None

4. To record and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated with the agenda. SB proposed approval of the minutes JH seconded and all were in favour.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

None

6. Correspondence to receive and to agree any response.

The Parish Council noted the launch of the Parish Partnerships scheme which will be discussed at the September meeting.

The invitation to work with the Barnham Broom Neighbourhood Plan team was received with interest and the clerk was asked to respond positively and invite them to the next NP steering group meeting.

A recently received invitation to respond to consultation on solar farm guidelines was discussed. There was a general feeling that this response from SNDC was too little to late together with a strong view that good grade land should not be used. KW proposed that the planning group be asked to determine a response. SH seconded and it was unanimously approved.

7. Planning responses to agree

Planning application 2025/1868 was discussed with a particular emphasis on the need for the plans to fit with the emerging design code and approval of the conservation officer. There was a concern that the proposal contained insufficient detail. KW proposed that a draft response would be circulated for all to comment on before submission. JH seconded and it was unanimously approved.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.06pm to allow a member of the public to voice their concerns about the VCHAP proposal that had gone to the full NCC meeting. In particular the member of public felt that there was an implied attempt to circumvent the terms of lease and the need for a public vote. KW thanked the member of public for their comments and confirmed that whilst we have no avenue to object at the moment this issue would be raised when the next opportunity arises.

The Chair opened the meeting at 8.23pm.

8. Finance

KW reviewed and agreed the most recent accounts reconciliation and the latest bank statement.

Payments totalling £2057.16 were proposed by KW seconded by SB and unanimously approved.

9. Flooding issues and actions to record and agree.

KW referenced a news item that he had read about Breckland drainage capacity and suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group may consider a FOI request in relation to the flooding issues faced in our own villages..

10. Asset Register

TC advised the meeting of legal advice received from NALC regarding the lease renewal for the parish land. KW asked for the written advice to be circulated and discussed at the

September meeting.

11. Highways issues to review and record.

KW raised concerns about the state of the Trod which potentially needs re- surfacing, MD2 indicated that she had a small fund that could potentially be used to contribute to the cost. TC to investigate via highways how much this would cost and report back.

12. Annual work plan to review.

Nothing to report.

13. Neighbourhood Plan

In light of the new funding picture JH confirmed that the NP work is on pause whilst the steering group consider a way to continue without incurring costs. The initial base pack of information has been received from the consultants and will be reviewed when the steering group next meet.

14. Village Issues

SB advised the meeting that she had heard from the War Memorial Trust re funding for repairs and maintenance. We will continue to pursue although it would appear that the Wramplingham memorial will not be considered a priority.

15. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 16th at Barford Village Hall 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.39pm.