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Monday the 28th of September 2026 at 7.15
Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall
AGENDA

1 Apologies
2 Declaration of Interests
3 To agree the minutes of the 27th of July
4 Matters arising from the minutes
5 Chair's Report

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10 minutes public speaking time

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6 Report from County Councillor
7 Report from District Councillor
8 Election Vice Chair
9 School Parking
10 Parish Land Plan
11 Greater Norwich Housing Sites
12 Finance Budget, Burial Ground Maintenance
13 Communications
14 Planning
15 Footpaths
16 Allotments
17 Flood Resilience
18 Online Scams
19 Any Other Matters
20 Date of next meeting

Parish Clerk

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Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th of September 2026

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The meeting opened at 7.15pm
Present: Councillors, Chair, Mr M Edwards, Mrs S Barton, Mr M Blee, Mrs H Farstad McKeown, Miss M Lanchester, Mrs K Le Grys and Mr K Traynier. Also present were District Councillor, Mr James Easter, County Councillor, Mrs M Thomas and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

1 Apologies
None

2 Declaration of Interests
None

3 To agree the minutes of the 27th of July
The minutes were agreed and signed.

4 Matters arising from the minutes
Mrs Barton asked about the situation with the war memorial repair. The clerk agreed to pursue it.

5 Chair's report
Mr Edwards asked if all councillors had completed the data protection course and urged those who had not to do so. He gave information on the fire near Blooms.

Public Speaking Time
There were no comments.

6 Report from County Councillor
The PC had not received Mrs Thomas' report though she had sent it. She summarised with particular reference to LGR, pylons and the number of solar farms in construction or being planned.

7 Report from District Councillor
Mr Easter had reported concerns about Diss Grab Hire to the SN environment dept who contacted Breckland DC in which district the site lies. As a result, a representative of the Environment Agency visited the site and found nothing untoward. Mr Blee pointed out an increase in the number of Biffa rubbish lorries going to the airfield.
Mr Easter confirmed the withdrawal of the LGR and did not know if the mayoral elections would go ahead. The new waste bins were due for delivery next month he said. Miss Lanchester asked if the pylons would go ahead and Mr Easter pointed out that the Secretary of State would make the final decision.

8 Election of Vice Chair
There were two candidates and after a vote Mrs Barton was elected.

9 School Parking
Miss Lanchester had received a number of complaints and a discussion about solutions took place with no conclusion.

10 Parish Land
Mrs Farsted McKeown reported that she had submitted the application for a grant with a plan for nature reserve. There were some outstanding questions such as public liability to answer but she was confident they would be resolved. Mr Edwards asked if the plan would involve cutting the hedge and she confirmed it would. A report was made available.

11 Greater Norwich Housing Sites
Miss Lanchester wanted PCs to be aware of the sites offered by landowners for development.

12 Finance
A report had been provided. There were no specific requests for items to go onto the 2027/28 budget. A payment of £600 to each church for burial ground maintenance was agreed.

13 Communications
None not already circulated.

14 Planning
There were no applications to consider.

15 Footpaths
Mr Traynier asked if more maps could be printed and put up at various locations, Mr Edwards asked the clerk to send letters to landowners reminding them of their footpath obligations. He also wondered if there were any specifications available (width etc) which they should meet.

16 Allotments
Mr Edwards explained that the AA was planning a bonfire and asked if there were any objections. There were none. Miss Lanchester offered to approach a local farmer about the possibility of cutting the driveway hedge.

17 Flooding Resilience
Mr Traynier was concerned that following the severe floods of Christmas 2023 and a great deal of work by the PC and parishioners to identify problems to the inquiries and local councils there seems to have been no response. He asked Mrs Thomas what the county situation was regarding resilience. She suggested that she or Mr Traynier ask that question of the council at a council meeting and it was agreed that she and Mr Traynier would consult and then ask the question.

18 Online Scams
Mr Edwards explained that the person who could give a talk on avoiding online and phone scams Was willing to do it. It was agreed that it should take place at the VH immediately before the Afternoon Club meeting in November at 1.00 pm. Miss Lanchester was concerned that housebound people would not benefit. A discussion about how to provide the appropriate information to them took place. It was agreed that if printed information could be found it should be delivered with notices.

19 Any Other Matters
Miss Lanchester wanted to know about the updating of the website and Mr Edwards stated that the webmaster had the matter in hand.

20 Date of Next Meeting
26th of October at 7.15 in the Village Hall.