



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7.00pm in West Row Outdoor Bowls Club,  
Beeches Road, West Row IP28 8NY

**Present:** Cllr A Fisher, Cllr R Hamill, Cllr M Connery, Cllr A Goodenough, Cllr S Knight and Cllr L Baker

Also in attendance: Sharon Vale, Parish Clerk and PC Scott Cameron

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm. A reminder to everyone that the meeting was being recorded for accurate writing of the minutes.

484	<b><u>Apologies and acceptance for absence</u></b>  Received and accepted by Cllr M Peachey, Cllr J Goodenough, D/Cllr D Waldron and Squadron Leader Owen Crosby	
485	<b><u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items on this agenda.</u></b>  None.	
486	<b><u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 are a true and correct record.</u></b>  It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
487	<b><u>Public Participation session to include District, County Councillors, RAF Mildenhall and Police reports, plus representation from electors of the Parish.</u></b>  a. County Councillor Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council. No report at this time. b. District Councillor Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council. No report at this time. c. Squadron Leader Owen Crosby – RAF Mildenhall. Report attached. d. PC Scott Cameron – Community Police Officer. PC Cameron reported that he has been to both Lakenheath and Mildenhall regarding educating drivers coming off base. PC Cameron was keen to know where we were with the Speedwatch campaign. He will support this once this is up and running. We will try and promote this again in the next issue of the parish magazine. PC Cameron also reported that he has been to West Row Academy a number of times with regard to parking outside the school. The issues seem to be improving.	

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488	<p><b><u>Planning Matters</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Household planning application – a. detached three bay garage b. extension of gravel driveway. Maggies Lodge, 137A Church Road, West Row IP28 8PF. <b>SUPPORT.</b></li><li>b. Planning application – single storey extension to indoor bowls rink. West Row Bowls Club, Beeches Road, West Row IP28 8NY. <b>SUPPORT.</b></li><li>c. Planning application – variation of condition 2 of DC/22/2228/FUL to allow for use of amended plans relating to plot 6. Land off Friday Street, West Row. <b>SUPPORT.</b></li></ul>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
489	<p><b><u>Matters Relating to Governance</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	
490	<p><b><u>Financial Matters</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Approval and Authorisation of Payments for December 2025. It was unanimously Resolved to Accept the payments.</li><li>b. Approval of November 2025 Bank Reconciliation was received.</li><li>c. Approval of November 2025 Current/Deposit Account was received.</li><li>d. Precept and Budget for 2026/2027 was received.</li><li>e. Grant Application for West Row Academy was received.</li></ul>	
491	<p><b><u>Matters Relating to Street Furniture/Amenity Provision</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Report on Speed Indicator Device Findings. SID stats remain consistent.</li><li>b. Update on Footpath 30 (eroded riverbank) along the river at bottom of the Gravel. No update on this section, however, SCC have been working on clearing and repairing the riverbank footpath section between Judes Ferry and King's Staunch.</li><li>c. SCC Development – No update.</li><li>d. Building site at the entrance to Pott Hall Road – Cllr A Fisher has spoken to WSC regarding the site and awaiting a response.</li><li>e. New Cemetery – We are still awaiting the sales contract from SCC's legal department; however, Cllr M Peachey has chased up and has been informed that this is being dealt with. In the meantime, SCC have given written permission for us to proceed with the Archaeological survey on the site so as not to hold anything up. This is still expected, weather permitting, in early January. From our point of view, the best-case scenario is that they don't find anything, meaning that no further investigation would be necessary. The landscaping plans have been drawn up, which we need to get approved by WSC. Cllr M Peachey did request a few changes to the plans, and is waiting on these to come back, before submitting them. Depending on the timeframe, it may make sense until the archaeology report is complete as well and then submit everything to WSC in one go. Overall, everything is moving along nicely, and Cllr M Peachey is content with the progress.</li></ul>	AF

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	<p>f. Community Road Safety – Joining forces with Moulton Parish Council to challenge SCC about their current stance on road safety, speeding and traffic calming. Ongoing.</p>	RH
492	<p><b><u>Other Working Party Updates/Reports</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Update to the Echo/Parish Magazine. Next edition deadline 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.</li><li>b. Update on Neighbourhood Plan – The latest consultation stage, run by WSC, recently concluded. Ian Poole is preparing a response to the comments made. The next step will be for an independent examiner to review the plan.</li><li>c. Warm Places Update. Expenses update.</li><li>d. 100 Club Update. Diane Rolfe (Number 108) won the December draw with a prize amounting to £77.00.</li></ul>	
493	<p><b><u>Allotment Matters</u></b></p> <p>AGM to be arranged for February 2026. Email correspondence will go out to all allotment holders in January 2026.</p>	
494	<p><b><u>Events</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Christmas 2025. A total of £440.00 was raised in donations for the play park at the village hall. Plans for Christmas 2026 will be discussed in more detail at the January 2026 meeting.</li><li>b. Easter Egg Hunt - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026.</li><li>c. Parish Council Surgeries. Next surgery to take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 10:00 to 11:00. Cllr L Baker and Cllr S Knight will attend. Additional surgeries will be on every third Saturday of the month.</li></ul>	
495	<p><b><u>Chair and Councillors' reports/suggestion (on the night)</u></b></p> <p>Cllr M Peachy reported that SCC have carried out some surfacing works to the public footpath between Chapel Road and Cricks Road, however due to the wet weather, they have decided to cease works for now and will return in the new year to finish them off.</p>	
496	<p><b><u>Correspondence and exchange of additional information (at the discretion of the Chair)</u></b></p>	
497	<p><b><u>Date of the next meeting</u></b></p> <p>To confirm the date of the next meeting, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 20:15.</p>	

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