



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 16th July 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 Peachey, Cllr M Connery, Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls, Cllr L Baker and Cllr A Goodenough

Also in attendance: Sharon Vale, Parish Clerk and PC Scott Cameron and four MOP's.

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

413	<u>Apologies and acceptance for absence</u> Received and accepted by D/Cllr D Waldron, Cllr J Goodenough and Cllr S Knight.	
414	<u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda.</u> Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls declared an interest in Item 8 (h) as recorded in the Members' Register of Interests and has been granted a dispensation to engage in discussion and/or voting on this matter. Cllr R Hamill, Cllr A Fisher and the Clerk declared an interest in Item 7 (g) as recorded in the Members' Register of Interests and have been granted a dispensation to engage in discussion and/or voting on this matter.	
415	<u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on Wednesday 18th June 2025 are a true and correct record.</u> It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 18 th June 2025 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Vice Chair.	
416	<u>Public Participation session to include District, County Councillors, RAF Mildenhall and Police reports, plus representation from electors of the Parish.</u> a. County Councillor Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council. No report at this time. b. District Councillor Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council. Nothing to report at this time. c. Squadron Leader Andy Ball – RAF Mildenhall. Update report attached.. d. PC Scott Cameron – Community Police Officer. PC Cameron introduced himself to the Parish Council and members of the public	

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	present at the meeting, explaining that he had recently taken over from PC Andrew Green and is now based in Brandon. He reported on recent burglaries at the Baptist Church and the Fish and Chip shop and urged residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity in the village. He also informed us of an upcoming event at Jude's Ferry on Saturday 26th July, noting that the police will be monitoring the event with traffic officers available if required. The event may attract some 300 to 400 people. Additionally, he mentioned that he has been patrolling the road leading to the stadium and will continue to monitor activity during events held there. Lastly, he shared that he had visited West Row Academy to introduce himself to staff and pupils. e. Four MOP's from Pott Hall Road attended the meeting to express concerns about vehicle speeds in the area. One MOP had previously requested speed data from the SID device located on the road, which had been received. However, the MOP requested further historical data, specifically covering certain times of the day. Cllr A Fisher advised that he would endeavour to provide this information once his health permits. The MOP's also raised the possibility of installing speed humps. In response WRPC recommended conducting a survey of Pott Hall Road residents to gather feedback on preferred safety measures. They also encouraged the group to organize a petition to present to Suffolk Highways and SCC to support any formal request for action. We discussed efforts to reinvigorate the Speed Watch volunteer group. Cllr R Hamill will prepare a post for social media (including Facebook and the website) and will also investigate the training requirements and level of commitment involved. Additionally, we asked the Pott Hall Action Group to help encourage local volunteers to join Speed Watch. PC Scott Cameron confirmed he would support the initiative once it is operational. He also noted that concerns about potential threatening behaviour from motorists are unlikely when he is present. WRPC confirmed they would offer their full support throughout the process. It was also emphasized that any incidents of dangerous driving should be reported via the appropriate online channels to ensure they are officially recorded. Cllr R Hamill will prepare the survey, which will be included in the October/November edition of the Parish Echo for residents to complete.	
417	<u>Planning Matters</u> None.	
418	<u>Matters Relating to Governance</u> None.	

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421	<u>Other Working Party Updates/Reports</u> a. Update to the Echo/Parish Magazine –August/September edition currently at the printers. b. Update on Neighbourhood Plan – Currently awaiting the adoption of the West Suffolk Local Plan so that we know what adjustments need to be made to the Neighbourhood Plan. c. Warm Places Update. Centre for Warmth additional funding. Expenses update. Next fish and chip lunch Friday 25th July 2025. d. 100 Club Update – Draw will take place next month.	
422	<u>Allotment Matters</u> Nothing to report.	
423	<u>Events</u> a. 80th Anniversary End of WWII 2025. We will celebrate VJ Day to mark the end of World War II over the weekend of 15th to 17th August 2025. West Row Historical Society to take the lead on this event. All is coming together for the planned activities. b. Litter Pick – Saturday 27th September 2025 – 10:00 to 12:00. c. Parish Council Surgeries. Next surgery to take place on Saturday 20th July 2025 from 10:00 to 11:00 – Cllr R Hamill and Cllr A Goodenough will attend. Additional surgeries will be on every third Saturday of the month.	
424	<u>Chair and Councillors' reports/suggestion (on the night)</u> Cllr M Peachey extended his thanks to Oliver Wastell from the Rights of Ways and Access team for his support regarding the new West Row development. Attached is the schedule of work, which is expected to commence in September 2025 weather permitting. Cllr M Peachey provided an update on the Public Rights of Way from Weston Ditch to Pollards Lane. A meeting is scheduled for next week to determine whether the proposal will proceed. He also reported that he had appealed the decision to close the footpath from Popes Farm to the Gravel. The Planning Inspectorate has upheld the appeal and instructed the county council to issue a modification order. Regarding the footpath between Worlington and Ferry Drove, a public inquiry is expected to take place early next year. Cllr L Baker proposed that WRPC consider launching a marketing campaign to highlight the parish council's achievements over the past year and to promote its values and purpose.	
425	<u>Correspondence and exchange of additional information (at the discretion of the Chair)</u>	

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426	<u>Date of the next meeting</u> To confirm the date of the next meeting, Wednesday 20 th August 2025. Meeting closed at 21:00 hours.	
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