

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 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, Cllr L Baker and Cllr T Gooch-Taylor-Balls.

Also in attendance: Sharon Vale, Parish Clerk and 1 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.

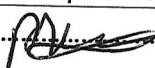
456	<b><u>Apologies and acceptance for absence</u></b>  Received and accepted by Cllr M Peachey, Cllr J Goodenough and D/Cllr D Waldron	
457	<b><u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items on this agenda.</u></b>  None.	
458	<b><u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 are a true and correct record.</u></b>  It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Vice Chair.	
459	<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. C/Cllr C Noble spoke in depth about the current devolution process. Plans to draw up initial suggestions on how to reorganize local councils as part of devolution proposals are due before government at the end of March 2026. b. District Councillor Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council. No report at this time. c. Squadron Leader Owen Crosby – RAF Mildenhall. Cllr A Fisher and the Clerk will meet the new Squadron Leader on Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Beck Row Parish Hub. d. PC Scott Cameron – Community Police Officer. No report at this time. The Clerk still submits the monthly SID data to PC Cameron.	

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	<p>e. Cllr G Peachey – Beck Row Parish Council. Cllr G Peachey discussed the collaborative opportunities between Beck Row PC and West Row PC. The discussion was centered around the possibility of joining forces in certain areas to enhance efficiency and service delivery for both communities. The focus was on the potential for sharing the Parish Keeper, a role integral to the maintenance and upkeep of parish assets and public spaces.</p>	
460	<p><b><u>Planning Matters</u></b></p> <p>a. Planning application – one dwelling (following demolition of existing store) Meadow View, 140 Ferry Lane, West Row IP28 8PT. <b>OBJECT</b></p> <p>b. Planning application – one commercial building and yard for a flexible use comprising of storage, warehouse and distribution (class B8), light industrial (class E(g)) and general industrial (class B2). Mayfield Farm, Hurdle Drove, West Row IP28 8RF. The Clerk to obtain additional information from WSC planning authority before a decision can be made.</p>	Clerk
461	<p><b><u>Matters Relating to Governance</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	Clerk
462	<p><b><u>Financial Matters</u></b></p> <p>a. Approval and Authorisation of Payments for October 2025. It was unanimously Resolved to Accept the payments.</p> <p>b. Approval of September 2025 Bank Reconciliation was received.</p> <p>c. Approval of September 2025 Current/Deposit Account was received.</p> <p>d. Approval of Quarter 2 Accounts was received.</p> <p>e. Approval of Quarter 2 payments over £500 was received.</p> <p>f. Approval of Quarter 2 Budget Comparison was received.</p> <p>g. New Laptop for the Clerk. A budget of £500.00 was approved.</p>	
463	<p><b><u>Matters Relating to Street Furniture/Amenity Provision</u></b></p> <p>a. Report on Speed Indicator Device Findings. SID stats remain consistent.</p> <p>b. Update on Footpath 30 (eroded riverbank) along the river at bottom of the Gravel. Ongoing.</p> <p>c. SCC Development – Commencement of the works has been delayed and will begin within the next few months,</p> <p>d. Building site at the entrance to Pott Hall Road – Cllr A Fisher has spoken to WSC regarding the site and awaiting a response.</p> <p>e. New Cemetery – (a) the archaeological survey proposal was approved by SCC and has been accepted by WSC. That means we are now good to go with the survey in the new year. The provisional dates for the dig are the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026. (b) at this point it now makes sense to apply to WSC for planning approval to comply with some conditions that were attached to our original planning consent. The only outstanding document we need to do this is the soft landscaping scheme, so Cllr M Peachey has requested 4 quotes from Landscape Architects to draw this up for us. Cllr M Peachey proposes that we</p>	

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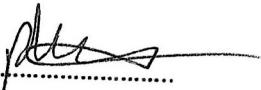
	<p>accept the lowest quote and submit the application when ready. (c) Bendall &amp; Sons solicitors have been engaged to act for us in the purchase of the cemetery land from SCC, they are currently awaiting the sales contract from SCC's legal department. Overall Cllr M Peachey is pleased with the progress being made and the project is going to plan.</p> <p>f. Pott Hall Road – SCC will be doing a speed survey from 14<sup>th</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025. Cllr R Hamill will again endeavor to sign up residents to the speed watch group.</p> <p>g. Community Road Safety – Joining forces with Moulton Parish Council to challenge SCC about their current stance on road safety, speeding and traffic calming. Cllr R Hamill attended a meeting earlier today which was very well attended. Follow up meeting will take place in the near future.</p>	
464	<p><b><u>Other Working Party Updates/Reports</u></b></p> <p>a. Update to the Echo/Parish Magazine. It was decided to bring the printing of the next edition forward by one week.</p> <p>b. Update on Neighbourhood Plan – the plan has now been submitted to WSC by our consultant. They will now consult on it, after which it will be reviewed by an independent examiner, and finally go to a local referendum. This is a very long process, but we are getting there slowly.</p> <p>c. Warm Places Update. Expenses update. Next fish and chip lunch Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. Christmas Lunch has been booked for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at £30 per person. We have just received an additional £1,500.00 from Community Action Suffolk.</p> <p>h. 100 Club Update – Sue Spencer won this month's prize draw of £74.00</p>	
465	<p><b><u>Allotment Matters</u></b></p> <p>Allotment working party will be completing the fence installation on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October.</p>	
466	<p><b><u>Events</u></b></p> <p>a. Litter Pick – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – 10:00 to 12:00. Close.</p> <p>b. Remembrance Service – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 10:45am, and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 10:50am.</p> <p>c. Christmas 2025. Tree decoration Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 tree lighting. Santa sleigh on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025.</p> <p>d. Easter Egg Hunt - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026.</p> <p>e. Flower/Vegetable Show 2026. The Clerk to check with the Village Hall to see if they are intending to hold a Village Fete in 2026, and whether we join forces for this event.</p> <p>f. Parish Council Surgeries. Next surgery to take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 from 10:00 to 11:00. Additional surgeries will be on every third Saturday of the month</p>	Clerk

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467	<p><b><u>Chair and Councillors' reports/suggestion (on the night)</u></b></p> <p>Public Rights of Way – the recent 6-week consultation period for the 2 historic rights of way previously reported has now concluded. Cllr M Peachey is expecting that objections will have been received for both, which means they will be referred to a planning inspector for further consideration, however we are awaiting final confirmation of this from SCC.</p> <p>Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls advised that the Ancient Parish of Mildenhall Charities distribution will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at West Row Village Hall.</p>	
468	<p><b><u>Correspondence and exchange of additional information (at the discretion of the Chair)</u></b></p>	
469	<p><b><u>Date of the next meeting</u></b></p> <p>To confirm the date of the next meeting, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 21:15 hours.</p>	

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