



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 18th February 2026 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 L Baker and Cllr A Goodenough

Also in attendance: Sharon Vale, Parish Clerk and 3 MOP's

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

512	<p><u>Apologies and acceptance for absence</u></p> <p>Received and accepted by Cllr M Peachey, Cllr J Goodenough, Cllr S Knight, Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls, D/Cllr D Waldron and Squadron Leader Owen Crosby</p>	
513	<p><u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items on this agenda.</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
514	<p><u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on Wednesday 21st January 2026 are a true and correct record.</u></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 21st January 2026 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.</p>	
515	<p><u>Public Participation session to include District, County Councillors, RAF Mildenhall and Police reports, plus representation from electors of the Parish.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. County Councillor Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council. Report submitted and distributed to all Councillors. 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. e. Four members of the public attended the meeting to raise concerns about the recent event held at Jude's Ferry pub on Saturday, 7th February 2026. Complaints were made regarding excessive noise levels, dangerous parking along Ferry Lane, anti-social behaviour, and closure of the public footpath adjacent to the pub. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Jude's Ferry to communicate the Parish 	Clerk

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	Council's concerns, and also to the licensing department at WSC and to PC Scott Cameron.	
516	<u>Planning Matters</u> None.	
517	<u>Matters Relating to Governance</u> None.	
518	<u>Financial Matters</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval and Authorisation of Payments for February 2026. It was unanimously Resolved to Accept the payments. b. Approval of January 2026 Bank Reconciliation was received. c. Approval of January 2026 Current/Deposit Account was received. d. A quotation for cleaning the memorial was received from Mildenhall Memorials; however, their price was significantly higher than that of Hermitage Memorials. It was therefore agreed and approved to engage Hermitage Memorials to carry out the monument cleaning and to inscribe the additional name at the start of the summer. 	Clerk
519	<u>Matters Relating to Street Furniture/Amenity Provision</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report on Speed Indicator Device Findings. SID stats remain consistent. b. Update on Footpath 30 (eroded riverbank) along the river at bottom of the Gravel. Cllr M Peachey has spoken with James Pickerin, the Area Rights of Way Manager, and they are continuing with riverbank repairs on the section east of Judes Ferry, and hope that there will be some funds left to continue going west of Judes Ferry as well. Cllr M Peachey also had a report of a gate obstruction further down the riverbank towards Fodderden Drove. Cllr M Peachey has forwarded this to SCC and they are going to investigate it. c. SCC Development – Lovells still have no start date due to an “issue preventing commencement”. Cllr M Peachey is trying to make contact with Lovells. d. Building site at the entrance to Pott Hall Road – Cllr A Fisher has spoken to WSC regarding the site and can report that the case is still ongoing and that the enforcement order is still in place. e. New Cemetery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The archaeology report has been completed and approved by SCC Archaeology and no further investigations are required. Cllr M Peachey has now submitted a planning application to WSC to discharge the 6 pre-commencement conditions that were attached to our original planning consent. (They were: Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy, Soft Landscaping Plans, Landscape Management Plan, Details of Gates to be used, Archaeology investigation proposal, Archaeology investigation 	AF

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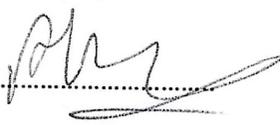


	<p>report). Hopefully all will be approved by the end of April.</p> <p>b. SCC Legal have been in touch with our solicitor regarding the land transfer, and he is awaiting more documentation from them.</p> <p>c. In order to create the new cemetery access, one of the trees at the front of the site needs to be felled. Given it is best to do this before bird nesting season starts next month, Cllr M Peachey asked SCC if we can go ahead and do this now. We are awaiting their permission. If we get the go ahead, are Councillors happy for the Clerk to accept a reasonable quote to do this ASAP.</p> <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. Cllr R Hamill updated us on recent correspondence she had received. Ongoing.</p> <p>g. Bus Stop Signs - Mr Barnett will arrange a meeting with Cllr A Fisher, Cllr R Hamill and the Clerk to visit the relevant sites in the village within the next few weeks.</p> <p>h. Zebra Crossing/West Row Academy. The developer had the road cored to show the thickness of the existing layers, and much to everyone’s surprise (including the coring technician) the road is quite thick. Zebra crossing is therefore still required, and we await to hear further.</p>	<p>Clerk RH</p> <p>AF</p>
520	<p><u>Other Working Party Updates/Reports</u></p> <p>a. Update to the Echo/Parish Magazine. Cllr A Fisher to speak to Helen Webber re printing.</p> <p>b. Update on Neighbourhood Plan – We have now passed the “independent examination” stage, which approved the draft plan, subject to some minor amendments. The next stage is for WSC to arrange the parish referendum. Ian Poole will advise us what publicity we are allowed to undertake, as there are rules that we must follow. Cllr M Peachey would like to propose that we provisionally hold the back cover of the next Parish Echo to publish some information regarding it.</p> <p>c. Warm Places Update. Expenses update. The next fish and chip lunch will be on Friday 20th February 2026.</p> <p>d. 100 Club Update. The draw for this month of £71, number 106 was won by Sandra Shipp.</p>	<p>AF</p>
521	<p><u>Allotment Matters</u></p> <p>AGM took place last week.</p>	
522	<p><u>Events</u></p> <p>a. Easter Egg Hunt - Monday 6th April 2026. All going to plan. Cllr S Knight to advertise the event in the next edition of the Parish Echo.</p> <p>b. Christmas 2026. Cllr A Fisher to speak to Rev’d Mark McCaghrey regarding our plans for the lighting of the Christmas tree on the first</p>	<p>AF</p>

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	<p>Friday of December. It was also suggested that we hold our own Santa Grotto in the Church Hall on the same evening.</p> <p>c. Parish Council Surgeries. Next surgery to take place on Saturday 21st February 2026 from 10:00 to 11:00. Cllr A Fisher and Cllr R Hamill will attend. Additional surgeries will be on every third Saturday of the month.</p>	
523	<p><u>Chair and Councillors' reports/suggestion (on the night)</u></p> <p>Cllr M Peachey has spoken with Oliver Wastell regarding the initial improvements to FP6. SCC are hoping to have them finished by the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Cllr S Knight has been approached by some of the parents at the school regarding the hedging opposite the school that goes down to the White House. They are asking if the hedge can be cut back before the Spring as they are struggling to get their buggies pass.</p> <p>Following the January Parish Council meeting, Cllr R Hamill undertook to explore the possibility of West Row Parish establishing its own Medical Surgery. Please see attached notes. Cllr R Hamill has contacted Nick Timothy and proposed the date of 21st May 2026 when we will be holding our Annual Parish Meeting. We await his response.</p>	RH
524	<p><u>Correspondence and exchange of additional information (at the discretion of the Chair)</u></p> <p>The MOP's were asked to leave and a private session was undertaken.</p>	
525	<p><u>Date of the next meeting</u></p> <p>To confirm the date of the next meeting, Wednesday 18th March 2026.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 21:00</p>	

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