



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 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 S Knight, Cllr L Baker and Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls

Also in attendance: Sharon Vale, Parish Clerk and two MOP.

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

498	<p><b><u>Apologies and acceptance for absence</u></b></p> <p>Received and accepted by Cllr M Peachey, Cllr J Goodenough, Cllr A Goodenough, D/Cllr D Waldron and Squadron Leader Owen Crosby</p>	
499	<p><b><u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items on this agenda.</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	
500	<p><b><u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 are a true and correct record.</u></b></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.</p>	
501	<p><b><u>Public Participation session to include District, County Councillors, RAF Mildenhall and Police reports, plus representation from electors of the Parish.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. County Councillor Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council. No report at this time.</li> <li>b. District Councillor Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council. No report at this time.</li> <li>c. Squadron Leader Owen Crosby – RAF Mildenhall. Report attached.</li> <li>d. PC Scott Cameron – Community Police Officer.</li> <li>e. Two MOP's raised concerns regarding the proposed Glamping Site at Jude's Ferry. Cllr L Baker advised that she will seek further information from one of her colleagues and report back at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<b>LB</b>

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502	<p><b><u>Planning Matters</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	
503	<p><b><u>Matters Relating to Governance</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	
504	<p><b><u>Financial Matters</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approval and Authorisation of Payments for January 2026. It was unanimously Resolved to Accept the payments.</li> <li>b. Approval of December 2025 Bank Reconciliation was received.</li> <li>c. Approval of December 2025 Current/Deposit Account was received.</li> <li>d. Approval of Quarter 3 Accounts was received.</li> <li>e. Approval of Quarter 3 Payments over £500 was received.</li> <li>f. Approval of Quarter 3 Budget Comparison was received.</li> <li>g. Memorial Cleaning Quotation was received. The Clerk was instructed to obtain an additional quotation from Mildenhall Memorials for cleaning the memorial, and to enquire with Hermitage Memorials regarding the additional cost of adding six further names to the original stonework.</li> </ul>	Clerk
505	<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.</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 – The archaeological survey took place as planned on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Nothing much was found, mainly just evidence of where a tree once stood, so on that basis we should be clear to proceed without further investigation, however, we are awaiting their report which then requires SCC approval before we can confirm this. The Landscaping Plan amendments have all been made, and so once the archaeology report is received, I will submit the planning application required to comply with the various conditions that were attached to original planning consent. We are still awaiting the legal paperwork from SCC to complete the ownership transfer.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>g. Bus Stop Signs - Cllr A Fisher has been corresponding with Simon Barnett regarding funding the village bus stop signs. Mr Barnett will arrange a meeting with Cllr A Fisher to visit the relevant sites in the village within the next few weeks.</li> </ul>	<p>AF</p> <p>RH</p> <p>AF</p>

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506	<p><b><u>Other Working Party Updates/Reports</u></b></p> <p>a. Update to the Echo/Parish Magazine. Cllr A Fisher reported that he had been in contact with an alternative printing firm regarding the Parish Echo, and that the quotation received was considerably lower than the current printing costs. Councillors agreed that the publication should revert to A5 format with a glossy finish. This matter will be discussed further at the next meeting, including when the change should be implemented.</p> <p>b. Update on Neighbourhood Plan – We received correspondence from the WSC consultation, and the Independent Examiner’s comments, for which Ian Poole drafted a response. Cllr A Fisher and Cllr M Peachey reviewed the documents, requested one clarification, and approved them to continue the process. We now wait to hear back again once the Examiner has reviewed the plan in full.</p> <p>c. Warm Places Update. Expenses update. A representative, Anoop Singh from Community Action Suffolk will visit us at our next fish and chip lunch on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.</p> <p>d. 100 Club Update. Out of 65 players, 18 still have to submit their payments.</p>	
507	<p><b><u>Allotment Matters</u></b></p> <p>AGM arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026.</p>	
508	<p><b><u>Events</u></b></p> <p>a. Easter Egg Hunt - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Cllr S Knight was asked to enquire about costings for wooden Easter egg signs and to seek a face painter for the event.</p> <p>b. Christmas 2026. It was noted that the West Row and Beck Row Santa Grotto would take place on a Saturday prior to Christmas; however, this would require further discussion before any commitment is made. It was also noted that the Parish Council would like to collaborate with St Peter’s Church for the Christmas tree lighting event on the Friday, again further discussion is required.</p> <p>c. Parish Council Surgeries. Next surgery to take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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>	
509	<p><b><u>Chair and Councillors’ reports/suggestion (on the night)</u></b></p> <p>Cllr R Hamill suggested a medical surgery once a month with a resident GP or Nurse, and she will speak to Market Cross Surgery about taking this further.</p>	RH
510	<p><b><u>Correspondence and exchange of additional information (at the discretion of the Chair)</u></b></p>	

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511	<p><b><u>Date of the next meeting</u></b></p> <p>To confirm the date of the next meeting, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 20:30..</p>	
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