



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 7.00pm in West Row Outdoor Bowls Club, Beeches Road, West Row IP28 8NY

Attendance:

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| Councillor Alan Fisher | Chair |
| Councillor Lisa Baker | Vice Chair |
| Mrs Sharon Vale | Clerk |
| Councillor Martin Connery | |
| Councillor Roz Hamill | |
| Councillor Alan Goodenough | |
| Councillor Sally Knight | |

Members of the electorate and other attendees:

Four members of the electorate.

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

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| 574 | <p><u>Apologies and acceptance for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies requiring consent received and accepted from Councillor M Peachey, Councillor J Goodenough, Councillor T Gooch-Taylor Balls, District Councillor Don Waldron, County Councillor Louis Busuttil and Squadron Leader Owen Crossby</p> | |
| 575 | <p><u>To receive member’s declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items on this agenda.</u></p> <p>None were received.</p> | |
| 576 | <p><u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on Wednesday 20th May 2026 are a true and correct record.</u></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 18th March 2026 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.</p> | |

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| 577 | <p><u>Public Participation session (15 minutes) to include District and County Councillors', RAF Mildenhall and Police Reports, plus representation from electors of the Parish.</u></p> <p>a. County Councillor Louis Busuttil – Suffolk County Council Nothing to report at this time.</p> <p>b. District Councillor Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council Nothing to report at this time.</p> <p>c. Squadron Leader Owen Crosby – RAF Mildenhall</p> <p>The 352nd Special Operations Wing have returned to Mildenhall from their deployment in support of Operation EPIC FURY. After rest and recuperation, you will see flights of CV-22 Osprey and MC-130J Commando aircraft returning to normal levels.</p> <p>RAF Mildenhall had over 250 personnel at the Suffolk show military village over the two days, and the various stalls and displays were very popular with visitors.</p> <p>The Joan Mann Special Sports Day was a great success last week, with 283 special athletes and cadets involved from the community. It's a great event to be involved with, and volunteers from RAF LAkenheath, RAF Honninton, and RAF Marham joined the team here at RAF Mildenhall to make it a special day for those that took part.</p> <p>The US personnel have two 4-day breaks in the next month, starting this weekend with Juneteenth and then the 4th July weekend, so there will be reduced activity on the base for those periods.</p> <p>The Change of Command Ceremony for the 352nd Special Operations Wing, with Colonel Moore due to be replaced by Col Shane Muscato, is still scheduled for 24th July.</p> <p>d. PC Scott Cameron – Community Police Officer. Nothing to report at this time.</p> <p>e. Anne Noble of Isleham Parish Council attended the meeting to provide information on the pilot scheme, Nature Recovery from the Ground Up, which is being led by</p> |
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| | <p>Cambridgeshire County Council and Natural Cambridge. The initiative aims to develop a community-keed nature recovery plan for Isleham and surrounding parishes.</p> <p>The launch meeting will take place on 7th July at 7:00 pm at The Beeches, Isleham. Representatives of WRPC and residents have been invited.</p> | |
| 578 | <p><u>Planning Matters</u></p> <p>a. DC/26/0267/FUL – Planning application – one dwelling and vehicular access (following demolition of store) as amended by plans received 08 May 2026. Meadow View, 140 Ferry Lane, West Row IP28 8PT. SUPPORT IN PRINCIPAL.</p> <p>b. DC/26/0666/HH – Householder planning application – a. relocation of entrance and enlargement of front porch extension b. two storey side extension (following removal of existing single storey extension). 5 Beeches Close, West Row IP28 8QE. SUPPORT.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 579 | <p><u>Matters Relating to Governance</u></p> <p>None.</p> | |
| 580 | <p><u>Financial Matters</u></p> <p>a. Approval and Authorisation of Payments for June 2026. It was unanimously Resolved to Accept the payments.</p> <p>b. Approval of May 2026 Payments & Receipts List.</p> <p>c. Approval of May 2026 Bank Reconciliation.</p> | |
| 581 | <p><u>Matters Relating to Street Furniture/Amenity Provision</u></p> <p>a. Report on Speed Indicator Device Findings. The SID data was shared with Council Members ahead of the meeting. The data is consistent with the last readings showing as expected. Other data shows isolated issues with speeding, but average speeds are within limits set.</p> <p>b. Update on Footpath 30 (eroded riverbank) along the river at bottom of the Gravel. Nothing to report.</p> <p>c. SCC Development – Councillor M Peachey, Councillor A Fisher, Councillor L Baker and the Clerk attended a meeting with Lovells on Thursday 4th June to discuss WRPC taking on the public open spaces on the new</p> | |

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| | <p>development. We wait to hear from Lovells regarding the next stage.</p> <p>d. Building site at the entrance to Pott Hall Road – Councillor 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.</p> <p>e. New Cemetery – Nothing to report.</p> <p>f. Bus Stop Signs –Objections were received from both households at Neve Gardens and Cricks Road. The Clerk contacted the property owners to explain that checks on underground utilities would need to be undertaken before any installation could proceed. It was also clarified that the proposals relate to hard-standing bus stops and associated signage only, and do not include the installation of physical bus shelters. The landlord of Cuts R Us has confirmed that he is happy for a flag-style bus stop sign to be installed on the side of the premises. The Parish Council is now awaiting further information and guidance from Suffolk County Council Passenger Transport before progressing the project.</p> <p>g. Lost Bridge over River Lark – Nothing to report.</p> | |
| 582 | <p><u>Other Working Party Updates/Reports</u></p> <p>a. Update to the Echo/Parish Magazine.</p> <p>b. Update on Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing to report.</p> <p>c. Warm Places Update. Expenses update. The next fish and chip lunch will be on Friday 26th June 2026.</p> <p>d. 100 Club Update. Gill Hagen (Number 102) won the June draw of £76.00.</p> | |
| 583 | <p><u>Allotment Matters</u></p> <p>Summer BBQ to be arranged. Two benches have been purchased for the community area.</p> | |
| 584 | <p><u>Events</u></p> <p>a. Christmas 2026. First meeting to take place in July with St Peter’s Church.</p> <p>b. Parish Council Surgeries. Next surgery to take place on Saturday 21st June 2026 from 10:00 to 11:00 – Cllr A Fisher and Cllr A Goodenough will attend. Additional surgeries will be on every third Saturday of the month.</p> | |

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| 585 | <p><u>Chair and Councillors' reports/suggestion (on the night)</u></p> <p>Councillor Sally Knight informed members of the council that West Row Academy had received an excellent OFSTED report, which is due to be published the following week. The report awarded the school an Outstanding rating.</p> <p>Councillor Knight requested that details of the achievements be shared on the WRPC website and Facebook page. This proposal was agreed by all Councillors.</p> | |
| 586 | <p><u>Correspondence and exchange of additional information (at the discretion of the Chair)</u></p> | |
| 587 | <p><u>Items for consideration for inclusion on the next agenda</u></p> | |
| 588 | <p><u>Date of the next meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 15th July 2026.</p> | |
| 589 | <p><u>Meeting closed</u></p> <p>The meeting closed at 20:10 pm.</p> | |