



OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Eastwell

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH OF SEPTEMBER 2025 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Nick Eastwell (NE), Paul Baisbrown (PB), Mark Roberts (MR),
Dawn Brooke (DB), and Lindsay Bird (LB),
Parish Clerk
4 members of the public (2 part time)

WELCOME TO ALL FROM CHAIR

- 1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Architect and the owner of 15 Silversands left details of the proposed extension re. pre- planning application for this property. The images were left and the Chair thanked them both for attending and noted how refreshing it was to include the Parish Council prior to application.

A Member of the public raised the issue of recent break-in damage. This will be discussed under Village Items 9.b

- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Jamieson, Rimmer & Barber.

- 3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

- 4. APPROVAL OF THE CIRCULATED MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON THE 17th of JULY** - proposed MR, seconded PB and all in favour who attended.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:

- a.** TRO parking update – The wobbly yellow lines have been replaced along with some road refurbishment. The missing white lines have been scheduled by Highways at Borough.

Issue raised by a resident at Hamon Close with vehicles blocking their driveway and and this was raised by Cllr de Winton to Charlotte Martin, Parking Manager at the Borough Council who responded as follows:

"We are able to enforce drop kerbs, all residents need to do is put in a Contact Us form by visiting www.parkingoperations.co.uk and scroll to the bottom of the page and then select the 'Contact Us' option. Once we receive their request, as and when an officer is in the vicinity - he or she can then issue a PCN to any offending vehicle. Whilst a PCN will not move a vehicle on, it may deter others from following suit. I will emphasise that we are not a blue light service, so it would only be as when we are patrolling that area." This information will be available on our website.

PB advised that a sign on each of Hamilton Road and Sea Lane were pointing in the wrong direction and will send images/location to the clerk, to forward to Highways and request they switch the signs around.

ACTION: PB

We are now moving onto the next project which will be a crossing at the centre of the village, most likely from the playground to the Lodge, which has the support of Cllr Jamieson. Cllr Barber has agreed to take responsibility for taking this initiative forward and to give an update at the next meeting. **ACTION: JB**

6. Cllr de Winton – no report

7. Cllr Jamieson – Report as Appendix 1

8. PLANNING To resolve any new Planning Application submissions or resolve any Planning Applications received after the compilation of this agenda:

a. Applications –

25/01413/LB - Application for Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to hotel and public house as part of refurbishment works, installation of roof lantern, outside seating area and freestanding pergola to hotel, and changes to dining room fenestration and flue to public house at The Le Strange Arms Hotel Golf Course Road Old Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6JJ

25/01412/FM - Proposed installation of roof lantern to dining room, creation of outside seating area and pergola to Le Strange Arms, and alterations to dining room fenestration and ventilation flue to Mariners Inn at The Le Strange Arms Hotel Golf Course Road Old Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6JJ

These two related applications were discussed and all in agreement that, if not raising valid objections, we normally only make "No Observations", on this occasion given the tangible benefit to the local economy in upgrading the hotel and pub, that these we should support these applications as within the current footprint, do not affect the neighbours and enhance the properties. An issue had been raised regarding 2 small pieces of land but the new owners provided proof of transfer of good title by the previous owners.

Proposed NE, seconded by MR and all in favour.

b. Decisions – None

c. No appeals

d. Enforcements:

23/00664/NIA | Alleged Not in accordance with approved plans. | White Cottage 19 Wodehouse Road Old Hunstanton – Enforcement Notice on the planning portal 6.2.25 – No appeal was lodged, and the owners have 6 months to undertake the remedial work required by the Enforcement Notice and Borough Planning are satisfied and have not closed the case.

9. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Clerks Report – August was a very busy month with all our policies and procedures checked and amended where necessary with the website duly updated. Assertion training attended and this will require additional work re date protection etc.

Also attended 3 sessions on the Devolution/Local Government Reorganisation with NCC proposing 1 unitary and Borough proposing 3. Meeting at Borough Council on this tonight.

Npower issue regarding a lamp post which cannot be located by them but charges for the years of £119, £225, £188 invoiced of which £253 is outstanding. The clerk has been in touch with Npower on several occasions and it was decided that an email is sent advising that as the location is not known to Npower, how can they invoice, and

we have no contract and re-preceding years, this is outside our budgetary cycle and not budgeted for.

ACTION: Clerk

The clerk volunteered to work with planning on the new online portal and attended consultee training yesterday. At a trial stage but would save time.

Advised that the Government are looking to make planning changes by taking away sifting and calling in unless a large development. Borough is against this.

b. Village Items – Cllr Rimmer advised that the request to move the dog bin by the church will not be granted. The need for signage was raised.

Overgrown trees on Sea Lane – LB thanked for taking the photos and the trees are owned by the Le Strange Hotel and clerk to contact for their attention.

ACTION: Clerk

JR has emailed the contact at no. 77 Old Hunstanton Road regarding falling wall as it is the conservation area and potentially hazardous to pedestrians, but no response to date. DB and LB will try to obtain an update re solicitors' advice etc. The long-term unsightly nature of this fallen wall in a conservation area was raised by the other North Norfolk parish councils at the Saxon Shore Meeting in July.

ACTION:DB/LB

NE noted that complaints had been received regarding the overgrown garden and driveway of the Rectory opposite St. Mary's church. The property has been uninhabited and uncared for, for the last 6 months. PB to contact the relevant church authority in Norwich to request the property and grounds be properly cared for and maintained.

ACTION: PB

NE warned that we all need to be vigilant as a traveller's camp was recently seen in the wood to the northwest of the Estate.

The old School House and a neighbouring property had been broken into and a window broken in at St. Mary's church. The police have been advised, and the Estate Office have the relevant police contact details.

c. Npower – covered in the Clerk's report.

d. Police and Crime Commissioner informal visit – no further action.

e. National Trails King Charles III England Coast Path – NE advised that the changes between Thornham and Brancaster made the path safer, as the path now diverts north off the A149 beyond Briarfield's, rather than to date at a point east of Titchwell village.

f. 2026 PC Meeting dates – it was agreed by all not to hold a meeting in January, making 10 meetings a year. Clerk to book dates with the Village Hall and advise all concerned & website.

ACTION: Clerk

g. Councillor training – LB induction training starts next Monday and Cllr Wallace is required to book induction training as a matter of urgency. Clerk to send out training dates.

ACTION: Clerk

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

a. SAM 2 unit update – deferred to October meeting.

b. Cycleway and Pedestrian Crossing – NE advised that Cllr Jamieson has sent a progress update on the cycle path next to the pitch and putt which could take around 6 months to complete but is in the 25/26 strategic programme. Cllr Jamieson is very supportive of the pedestrian crossing, most likely from the Playground to the Lodge and looking at funding options.

11. SAXON SHORE FORUM: The next meeting will be held at the Le Strange Hotel, Old Hunstanton on the 21st of October from 7.00pm.

12. PLAYGROUND: No update

13. FINANCES:

- a. The bank statements, bank reconciliation and payments/receipts report for July & August 25- were approved - proposed NE seconded NR and all in favour. £33,002.12 held in the bank accounts to 31.8.25.
- b. To agree payments for September (to date) proposed NE, seconded PB, and all in favour
- c. To approve the annual statutory public sector, pay increase of 3.2% back dated to 1.4.25 – all in favour.

14. Members of the public – nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

- SAM data
- Pedestrian crossing
- Npower update

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

16th of October 2025, from 6.00pm at the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 19.31 and the Chair thanked all for their attendance.

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Payments for approval September 2025 to date:

C Boyden	Salary	429.76
HMRC	PAYE	170.92
C Boyden	Expenses	54.50
BCKLWN	Dog bin emptying	105.46
HP Laptop	For SAM reporting	149.00

Signature

Date