



OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Eastwell

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH of JULY 2025 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Nick Eastwell (NE), Jane Rimmer (JR), Mark Roberts (MR),
Thomas Wallace (TW), Lindsay Bird (LB), and Jonathan Barber (JB)
Parish Clerk
1 member of the public

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM CHAIR

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Jamieson, Brooke, Baisbrown & de Winton

4. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

5. APPROVAL OF THE CIRCULATED MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON THE 19th of JUNE - proposed NE, seconded MR and all in favour who attended.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:

- a. TRO parking update – we were pleased to see the signage installed but not all the lines have been completed. Clerk to request an update from NCC regarding a date for the rest of the work to take place. With the summer holidays only a week away, concerns were raised. A member of the public emailed regarding the signage outside their home put up last week by the County Council contractors and clerk to find out if these signs could be lowered. ACTION: Clerk

7. Cllr de Winton –

What have I been doing for my Ward:

Planning.

Officers are trying to tighten up on Planning Policy which is fine - but makes it harder to deal with anomalies and decisions which are just not fair. Planning Applications are down in numbers in our Ward.

Audit

There is a new system of Audit reporting coming in which is good for naming those officers and Cabinet members which are in charge of the various departments. There will be no doubt of responsibility.

Local Government Review

This is becoming obsessive but will happen no matter what. West Norfolk is in favour of the three unitary system – West, East and Norwich. This will enable the Western side of Norfolk

to focus on its interests as it has always looked West rather than towards Norwich – but we shall see.

Coastal Economy

Coastal economy is beginning to slow down under double Council Tax. A lot of property for sale but no buyers – builders are beginning to thin as jobs are coming to an end. Pubs and shops starting to grumble about trade slowing down. Less purchasing of local services. It was not a good move.

St Georges Hall

This is the medieval Guild Hall that Shakespeare was supposed to have performed in. It requires complete renovation and the entire site needs attention – not just the Guild Hall. There has been a change of scope for the project and the wish to do a proper job. As always, not everyone is in favour and much of the cost will be paid for by various grants – the trouble is it is a "Chicken and Egg" situation. The entire project cost is £30.5 Million but with grants etc it will cost the Council about £12 Million – as I understand it. Should it every be completed it will be a valuable Tourist and Business resource in Kings Lynn

On the Coast:

Not much has been happening on the coast and we seem to be all set up for Tennis Week and tourists are starting to trickle in. The weather is fine, and the sea is warm, and I am enjoying swimming in the sea.

Wildfires

The hot dry weather has been causing the Fire Brigade concern, and you should ask you Parishioners to be vigilant and avoid Wildfires.

Church Matters

We still not have any candidates for our Benefice. I have been in communication with the Bishop of Lynn, and she is trying hard but with no success. Come the Autumn we may have to consider a Plan B.....

8. Cllr Jamieson – Report as Appendix 1

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

a. Applications - None2 ACTION: ALL

b. Decisions –

25/00719/F | Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission
22/01266/F: Demolition of existing masonry Shed. Proposed extension and alterations to rear of listed building to create open plan kitchen/living/dining area. | Cliff Farmhouse 62 Old Hunstanton Road Old Hunstanton APPLICATION PERMITTED

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. –The enforcement notice runs out on the 26th of September. No work has been undertaken to date.

NE raised the application **25/00995/F** – proposed first floor extension above existing garage with external and internal alterations , Proposed erection of boundary wall at 16 Kelsey Close.

Which was discussed at the June meeting and it was decided to review the planning portal on the 3rd of July, however no comments were made by the closing date.

14b Wodehouse Road to be added to the September agenda.

ACTION: Clerk

10. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Clerks Report – Still awaiting the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn, report on our AGAR return.

Rumours regarding changes to planning by the government are rife with sifting and calling in being stopped – how will this affect the planning committee?

b. Village Items – JR looking into the request to move the dog bin by the church.

ACTION JR

JR advised the clerk that the chained fence being removed to the beach by the golf club has been repaired.

JB to confirm the 21st of August for an informal meet up at the Le Strange Hotel

ACTION JB

JR confirmed that the flower barrel by the village sign has been approved by the Estate and clerk to contact Gary to implement.

ACTION: Clerk

NE has been asked by a village hall trustee to raise the recent anti-social behaviour where the Flower Festival sign on gypsy green had been torn down twice and damaged last Sunday. This had been reported but with incorrect vehicle information.

More anti-social behaviour took place late Saturday night (21st June) on Chapel Bank where a full plastic water bottle was thrown at the windscreen of a lady driver who was very upset. The police were called, and we need to keep an eye out for further issues. The member of the public has picked up broken glass and rubbish on Chapel Bank and MR also reported wine and beer rubbish left at the same location on a regular basis. Clerk to report to the police and ask them to include Chapel Bank on their late evening patrols

ACTION: Clerk

JR to contact the new owners at no. 77 Old Hunstanton Road as in the conservation area and potentially hazardous to pedestrians, regarding a falling wall. JR reported that the football ground has seen some improvements.

ACTION: JR

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

a. SAM 2 unit update – JB gave a report on the data downloads for June with both units and solar power working well.

b. Cycleway and Zebra 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 zebra crossing from the Playground to the Lodge and looking at funding options.

12. SAXON SHORE FORUM: The next meeting will be held at Holme-next-the-Sea on the 29th of July with NE/JR/DB attending. It will be our turn for the following meeting in October, suggesting 21st or 22nd subject to village hall availability.

13. PLAYGROUND: Clerk had an update from Robert advising that spikes on the top of the swings have been replaced and the new sign has been approved. A replacement infant swing chair has been installed. Clarification with the Estate is required on the lease obligations, particularly on the Northern Boundary.

ACTION: JR/clerk

14. FINANCES:

- a. The bank statements, bank reconciliation and payments/receipts report for June 25- were approved - proposed NE seconded NR and all in favour.
£35,758.48 held in the bank accounts to 30.6.25.
- b. To agree payments for July (to date) proposed NE, seconded JB, and all in favour
- c. To approve the first quarter financial review proposed NE, seconded MR and all in favour.

15. Members of the public – nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

- TRO completion
- SAM data
- Pedestrian crossing

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

18th of September 2025, from 6.00pm at the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 18.59 and the Chair thanked all for their attendance.

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Payments for approval July 2025 to date:

C Boyden	Salary	408.96
HMRC	PAYE	130.36
C Boyden	Expenses	39.20
Village Hall	Room Hire	24.00
Norton	Subscription	19.99 paid by clerk
Fenland Leisure	Swing Seat	129.60
BCKLWN	Dog bin emptying	105.46