



OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Eastwell

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH OF FEBRUARY 2026 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Nick, Eastwell (NE), Jane Rimmer (JR), Mark Roberts (MR),
Dawn Brooke (DB), Lindsay Bird (LB) and Paul Baisbrown (PB) Clerk
County Councillor Jamieson and Borough Councillor de Winton
5 members of the public

WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR

- 1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Barber
- 3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Eastwell re item 8d.
26/00046/UNOPDE
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE CIRCULATED MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON THE 10th of DECEMBER-** proposed MR, seconded DB and all in favour who attended.
- 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:**
 - a. Pedestrian Crossing Project update - Cllr Jamieson has received verbal confirmation that this project has been added to the "list" for 2026-2029 and awaits written confirmation.
Clerk to forward the SAM reports to Cllr Jamieson. ACTION: Clerk
The missing white lines on Sea Lane are to be completed.
- 6. Cllr de Winton** – Advised that it is quiet this time of year. The double council tax is having a knock on effect with planning applications now well down. A planning audit is taking place which reviews response times and the 21 days for comments etc.
The Guildhall restorations continued to raise funds.
Port Evo has been raised again and looking for a Direct Construction Order. The RSPB are playing a very important part in the objection to this and it will go to a central government for decision. MR attended the meeting in Hunstanton in January and advised it was a non event. The Borough council have not formally been consulted as yet.
Cllr de Winton is a Fire Champion for the Borough Council and recently met Tim Passmore the Police Commissioner for Suffolk who was most interesting.
- 7. Cllr Jamieson** – The bus services trend increases with the capping of fares and now looking at adding more services and later in the evening.
SEND – historic deficits of 90% covered by the Government and an overall deficit of £180m which the county has to find 10%, The overspend for 26/27 is £7.5m

The May elections will now go ahead in May even though the Government asked the County for a delay. We only have 2 months' notice with a cost of £25k per election = £2m for 1 year.

Devolution decision by the Government due in March and the Mayor for Norfolk & Suffolk will go to vote. As the county council run 85%, a single whole unitary would be the preferred way forward, rather than split into 3 but now out of our hands. Cllr de Winton raised Community Councils had replaced Parish Councils in some parts of the country but Cllr Jamieson did not see this happening in Norfolk.

Cllr Eastwell mentioned that the Saxon Shore forum was extremely useful and asked about the bus station improvements at Hunstanton. Cllr Jamieson advised that these were on track.

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

a. Applications –

26/00134/F - Proposed Car Port at 4 Wodehouse Road Old Hunstanton – no observations agreed. Proposed DB, seconded MR and all in favour

26/00176/F|HOUSEHOLDER: Provision of new first floor above Garage following removal of existing roof structure. Part Garage conversion and internal alterations. Replacement of roof tiles, windows and doors. |8 Smugglers Close Old Hunstanton – no observations agreed. Proposed MR, seconded JR and all in favour.

26/00272F/25/00517F – variation to condition 2 at 13 Wodehouse Road – MR to advise clerk.

b. Decisions: **25/01837/F|HOUSEHOLDER-** Extension and alterations to a private dwelling. | Silversands 15 Golf Course Road Old Hunstanton Application Permitted.

c. Appeals - **25/00041/TPO|2/TPO/00705** -T1 Monterey cypress, remove and replant with 12-14cm standard Scots pine. The tree to be removed is a large tree that has the majority of the crown that overhangs the two adjacent properties. As a fast-growing species the large sail effect, not to mention the light blocking makes it unsuitable for the location. The tree has an issue in the main fork which is that of included bark, and it would be no surprise if the tree failed at this point| Hms Racehorse 1 Smugglers Close Old Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6JU . APPEAL LODGED

d. Enforcements -

26/00046/UNOPDE|OPDE - Unauthorised Operational Development| Land East of Hall Cottage Church Road Old Hunstanton – Clerk advised that Hannah Shackcloth from the Borough Enforcement Office, will make a site visit and knows Cllr Rimmer who will attend.

9. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Clerks Report – Work continues on the Assertion 10 rules and regulations with the additional policies and procedures now on the website. The IT equipment forms handed out for signatures. Now starting the AGAR pre year end work Finalising our Data Map along with Risk Assessment for approval at the March meeting. Attended the recent CIL funding briefing and now supporting applications between £10k to £100k which work alongside developments.

- b. Village Items – damaged wall. This was raised again at the Saxon Shore Meeting and Cllr Eastwell advised that, at the request of the owner’s solicitor, the Parish Council would not contact the owner but would get back in touch with the solicitors for an update.
A member of the public raised an issue outside the agenda. The Chair adjourned the meeting for a short debate and then reopened the meeting.
- c. The request for a “loan” donation towards the printing costs of the History of Old Hun by Nick Torry was approved. Cllr Eastwell had proof read a number of chapters and confirmed it is an informative, interesting, well researched, thorough history of the parish. £500 proposed MR, seconded JR with all in favour.
- d. The Port Evo meeting on the 22nd of January at the Hunstanton Town Hall was discussed under item 6. Cllr Roberts attended and there was no new information or material on offer.
- e. Cllr Eastwell had been asked by Mr. Perry to move the projector screen. It was decided it could be stored in the Village Hall shed as advised by Cllr Brooke.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- a. SAM 2 unit update – Cllr Barber has produced the updated comprehensive report from both our speed units – see Appendix 1.
Unfortunately, the data indicates that speeding is on the increase at the western entrance to the village. It was agreed that the clerk contact the police for a speed check at the west end of the village during the summer. ACTION: Clerk
- b. The new shared footway/cycleway installation phase 1 is taking place with phase 2 to be completed at a date to be advised.

11. SAXON SHORE FORUM: The January meeting was attended by Cllr Brooke and Cllr de Winton to re-issue the Saxon Shore members second council tax information. Next meeting at Brancaster with date to be advised.

12. PLAYGROUND: Clerk advised that Mr. Page had been given approval to go ahead and purchase the materials required to make the play area good along with the small areas he manages on our behalf.

13. FINANCES:

- a. The bank statements, bank reconciliation and payments/receipts report for December 25 and January 26 were approved - proposed NE, seconded PB and all in favour.
- b. To agree payments for February (to date) proposed NE, seconded PB, and all in favour
- c. The third quarter financial review discussed and approved. Proposed NE, seconded JR with all in favour.
- d. The bank mandate amendment was signed by NE and PB – clerk to obtain signature from JR asap.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Please advise the clerk by 12.3.26
DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 19th of March 2026, from 6.00pm at the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 19.18 and the Chair thanked all for their attendance.

Payments for approval February 2026 to date:

C Boyden	Salary	429.76
HMRC	PAYE	125.42
C Boyden	Expenses	26.00
BCKLWN	Dog bin emptying	105.46 per month DD
Old Hunstanton V Hall	Feb Hall Hire	24.00
G Page	Materials for playground etc.	310.00
N Torry	Donation	500.00

Signed

Date