



OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Eastwell

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st MAY 2026 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Eastwell (NE), Jane Rimmer (JR), Mark Roberts (MR), Dawn Brooke (DB), Lindsay Bird (LB), and Vicki Ayliffe (VA) - all as members of the public except the Chair. Parish Clerk

6 members of the public

1. WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Barber

3. APPROVAL OF THE CIRCULATED MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON THE 15th of May 2025 proposed JR, seconded DB and all in favour who attended.

REPORTS:

4. Chairman's Annual Report:

1. The Traffic Regulation Order for summertime parking was implemented in July 25 after 5 long years in the making. We have to thank Norfolk County Council for their continued work in getting this approved. The wonky lines down Sea Lane and Waterworks Road gave the media a silly summer story to run. Happily they were soon repainted and, we are assured, at the expense of the contractor.

Our new project is a pedestrian crossing on the A149 in the middle of the village from the Lodge Hotel to the playground. This has been scheduled by our former Councillor Andrew Jamieson and should take place before the year end 2026.

2. We continue to monitor all planning applications, decisions, appeals and enforcements and had 29 applications in the year.

3. The Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation continued through the year leading to the government approving 3 unitary councils to cover Norfolk in March 26.

4. Our speed monitoring has continued with monthly reports, and these have helped to support the parking TRO and recent figures show a decline in speeds which is excellent news. However, speeding continues to be an issue and monitoring will continue. The proposed new pedestrian crossing in the heart of the village will also put a brake on speeding vehicles.

Signature

Date

5. The Play area is regularly monitored and maintained by Mr. Markillie and Gary Page who we thanks for their hard work and dedication.

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6. The Cycle and pedestrian path has now been completed

7. I thank all of our parish councillors for their support and dedication throughout the year and we welcomed Lindsay Bird to the council.

Our Borough Councillor, Tom de Winton, is thanked and special thanks go to Andrew Jamieson who has been an great ally and supporter, he will be missed.

Our Clerk, has continued to manage our legal commitments, finances and day to day business along with correspondence and the website.

The bus shelter is now being regularly cleaned and maintained.

Our finances are in good shape, not least due to our excellent Parish Clerk, Caroline Boyden who expertly and enthusiastically administers, manages and organises all that we do on the Old Hunstanton Parish Council.

5. Borough Councillor's Report - None

6. County Councillor's Report: None due to recent elections

7. Parishioners Open forum –

- a. Owners of the Beach café were very concerned about the loss of trade in weekdays due to the seasonal parking implementations. They have seen a downturn in regular trade in April, they believe, due to regular customers unable to park and are seeking a change in the regulation to allow parking in April, May and June. Cllr Eastwell advised that the parish council were very supportive of the local businesses and suggested that there was still free parking on Hamilton Road and Smugglers Close. An initial approach to the Le Strange Hotel to explore a reduced off peak and shorter term parking charge in their car park was apparently not productive
- b. The owners of Old Hunstanton Barns were also having issues with the seasonal parking restrictions as visitors to the beach were using their parking spaces.

The Parish Council suggested contacting the CEO of Chestnut Group regarding allowing short term parking in the weekdays in April and May, and Cllr Eastwell agreed to make the initial contact. It is hoped that an informal meeting will then follow with all parties.

The meeting ended at 18.41

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