



OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Eastwell

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF OLD HUNSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH OF APRIL 2026 FROM 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

CO-OPTION PROCESS TOOK PLACE BEFORE THIS MEETING AND VICKY AYCLIFFE WAS DULY ELECTED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL AND WELCOMED PROPOSED BY CLLR EASTWELL, SECONDED CLLR ROBERTS WITH ALL IN FAVOUR.

PRESENT: Cllrs Nick Eastwell (NE), Jane Rimmer (JR), Dawn Brooke (DB), Mark Roberts (MR), Lindsay Bird (LB), Paul Baisbrown and Jonathan Barber (JB).
Clerk
County Councillor Andrew Jamieson
5 members of the public (2 part time)

WELCOME TO ALL FROM THE CHAIR

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Increased dog fouling in the churchyard, over the graves and in one case actually in the church. Dogs are just let off to run and dog bags left. The Church have been made aware and signage was suggested “dogs on leads only”, or if this fails, banning dogs completely, as other churches have done. Cllr Jamieson working on similar issue at Holme beach. Cllr Eastwell suggested signage to the dog bin could also help and the Parish Council fully supported these actions. Also consider in the next newsletter.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None
3. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Eastwell 8d.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE CIRCULATED MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON THE 19th of MARCH-** proposed JR, seconded DB and all in favour who attended.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING:**
Pedestrian Crossing Project update - Cllr Jamieson confirmed that this is scheduled for this financial year, possibly during October.
The new dual path has an issue on the crossing where the drop is very steep and Cllr Jamieson will follow this up.
6. **Cllr de Winton** – No report
7. **Cllr Jamieson** – Annual Report emailed to councillors and on the website
Cllr Jamieson thanked the parish council for their work and noted that he had enjoyed working with us over the years. He will remain on the Norfolk Coast Partnership re the King Charles III coastal path.

Cllr Eastwell thanked Cllr Jamieson for his support and assistance on behalf of the Parish Council and he will be greatly missed.

The Port Evo project was discussed and Cllr Jamieson noted nothing further to add to date. Steve Rowland from the RSPB successfully added the East Coast Wetlands, including the North West Norfolk sites, to the UK's tentative list of World Heritage sites, a status which would plainly not be consistent with such a project.

Cllr Jamieson's .gov.uk email will cease from 11th May.

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

- a. No new applications
- b. Decisions: None
- c. Appeals –

26/00009/REF|HOUSEHOLDER: Garage conversion to living accommodation with a first floor extension over the garage, single storey side extension, new two storey rear extension with a double garage| Hms Racehorse 1 Smugglers Close Old Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6JU – APPEAL IN PROGRESS AGAINST REFUSAL

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 –

26/00151/UWLB|UWLB - Unauthorised Works - L Bldg.| The Ancient Mariner The Le Strange Arms Hotel Golf Course Road Old Hunstanton

26/00046/UNOPDE|OPDE - Unauthorised Operational Development| Land East of Hall Cottage Church Road Old Hunstanton – large wooden gates and a couple of large sheds have now been erected on the site. Clerk to speak with Enforcement regarding planning permission requirements in a conservation. ACTION: Clerk

9. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Clerks Report – Year end work now underway and the relevant forms and files sent to the internal auditor. All additional work on the AGAR has been completed. Checks on the Asset Register also completed.

Npower annual invoice received for £146.15 x 2 lights. Clerk advised that due to the fact only we only had 2 lights, no contract can be undertaken and basically, the companies can charge what they want. Checks with another supplier confirmed this. Clerk to contact UK Power to find out costs to cease supply. ACTION: Clerk
A website review is due in May.

- b. Village Items –Dog fouling discussed under item 1.

Damaged wall on Old Hunstanton Road is now in a dangerous condition and a health and safety issue. Clerk to contact the Conservation Officer. ACTION: Clerk
Cllr Eastwell has been in touch with the owners solicitors and they are still having issues with the insurance companies.

There was good support for the "This History of Old Hunstanton" book launch with the writer, Nick Torry last weekend. This can be purchased at the Village Shop, the Lifeboat Café, the Old Hunstanton Barns and "By the Book" and the Heritage Centre in Hunstanton.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- a. SAM 2 unit update – Cllr Barber has produced the updated report from both our speed unit and details are on the website - <https://oldhunstantonparishcouncil.gov.uk/traffic-analysis-report/> Cllr Barber thanked.

11. SAXON SHORE FORUM: Next meeting at Brancaster – no date update and clerk to find out. ACTION: Clerk

12. PLAYGROUND: Mr. Markillie was introduced to the newer councillors as our play ground champion and a former parish councillor. Still concerned regarding the surrounding fencing and offered to meet the Estate agent on site to review. Cllr Rimmer to arrange this. Clerk advised that we have reserved funds for any major maintenance, subject to costs of course. Thanks also expressed to Gary Page.

13. FINANCES:

- a. The bank statements, bank reconciliation and payments/receipts report for March were approved - proposed NE, seconded PB and all in favour.
b. To agree payments for April (to date) proposed NE, seconded PB, and all in favour
c. To approve the year-end financial review, proposed NE, seconded PB, with all in favour. The clerk was thanked for her continued dedication.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Please advise the clerk by 11.5.26

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21st of May 2026 – This will be the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings, from 6.00pm at the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 19.00 and the Chair thanked all for their attendance.

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April Payments (to date)

C Boyden	Salary	501.49
HMRC	PAYE	156.65
C Boyden	Expenses	39.05
BCKLWN	Dog bin emptying	105.46 per month DD
Old Hunstanton V Hall	March Hall Hire	24.00
G Page	March invoice	187.50
Online Playgrounds	March & September inspections	288.00
Npower	2 streetlights	292.83

Signed

Date