

North Runcton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Meeting Place

Tuesday 14th April 2026 - 7.45pm

Present: Cllr K Fuller - Chair, Cllr P Yallop, Cllr M Mills, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr K Williams, Cllr S Palmer, Cllr B Houchen, Cllr J Braybrook
Borough Cllr Simon Nash, County and Bor Cllr Jim Moriarty

3 member of the public, In attendance: The Clerk – Rachel Curtis

1. **To accept any apologies** – Cllr R Morrish
2. **Declaration of Interest / Dispensation in Items on the Agenda** – None

3. **County and Borough Councillors Matters**

Cllr Moriarty reported that his briefing for this month is minimal as we are now in what is termed the 'election period', prior to the County Councillor elections on 7th May. In response to some comments made at the last stakeholders meeting for the West Winch Growth Area and Housing Access Road which were minuted as stating it was felt Borough Officers gave the impression that these meetings are coming to the end of their useful life. Cllr Moriarty stated that he would still chair the meetings as a Borough Councillor and he felt that they would continue to be useful and would carry on. The County Councillor elections are taking place in May, for an elected term of 2 years, with unitary elections taking place in 2027. Cllr Moriarty will not be standing as a County Councillor and thanked the Parish Council for always making him feel welcome. On behalf of the PC Cllr K Fuller thanks him for all his help over the years, and looked forward to him attending meetings as a Borough Councillor.

Cllr Nash reported on some big changes being made to the planning system by central government which will impact at local level. It will become more difficult for Councillors to 'call in' an application with the bar being set higher for criteria to be met to request this.

The Local Plan is to be reviewed 30 months from June 2026.

4. **Public Participation**

4.1 On behalf of the Tennis Club, Cllr Williams thanked Cllr Nash and Barclay for their donations totalling £1,000.

4.2 A Resident reported that white lines have been marked outside 3 Hall Drive following the condition of the footpath being reported by the Clerk.

4.3 Road sweeping has been carried out, however the hammerheads in Cedar Grove and Meadow Grove have not been done – ACTION: Clerk to report.

4.4 Cllr Mills reported that the link in the Parish newsletter for residents to report dog fouling does not work.

5. **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th March 2026**

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

6. **Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 10th March 2026 and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month's meeting.**

The Clerk responded to the resident who asked for permission to fish in the pond on the Common. After discussion with the Lord of the Manor and the common Reeve, the request was denied. Several people have been seen in the area attempting to fish and they are being asked to stop.

7. **To report on VMP Managemtn Matters**

- The RCD for the front entrance is still on order, there is a delay in delivery to the electrician as the part is coming from overseas.

- The Clerk has installed the key safe and it has been used by a hirer and worked well.

- The installation of new ground surface in the yard area is still pending, Buttercups will liaise with the contractor and let the Clerk know of progress.

8. To consider biodiversity and action planning within the Parish

- to review outstanding work for completion in 26/27

Councillors reviewed the list compiled by the Clerk and commented as follows:

WORK	ACTION
Repair the Church Gate	Have 2 quotes to consider, Clerk to obtain another, suggested a price for a metal gate and fencing
Re-gravel path at Old Hall Walk	Prices obtained for materials Clerk to contact contractor to quote for a complete job,
Repaint Telephone Kiosk	Cllrs Braybrook and K Fuller volunteered to complete this work in the Summer
Repair bollard on corner of the Green	Clerk to confirm contractor availability
Grit Bin Lid or whole bin needs replacing	Clerk to action over the summer
Sealant needed on the bus shelter roof on the A10	Cllr Houchen to liaise with Cllr Morrish to complete
Split in the VMP external Wall	Cllr Morrish to monitor
Upkeep of the hedge on the church path	Cllr Palmer to explore the possibility of clearing this with conservation volunteers on a date close to the annual churchyard clear up so that debris can be taken away all together

9. North Runcton an Hardwick Conservation Volunteers

Nothing new to report and future work listed as in Item 8.

10. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues

Cllr Palmer reported he had met with Cllr Morrish and a resident of Illington Lane to speak to David Mills, Countryside Access Officer from NCC. The issue discussed was the disturbance from contractors to the public right of way at Illington Lane carrying out works towards the construction of the Housing Access Road. Matters discussed were the potential closure of the PROW to facilitate the NGT pipeline works, landscape mitigation works after the construction and limiting access to construction related traffic. Awaiting a response from NCC to these matters.

11. Planning

a) Applications to consider

- none

b) Decisions from the Borough Council

- none

12. To hear any other planning issues relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan/Stakeholders Group

Nothing to report

13. Correspondence

None received.

14. Finance

a) To hear an update on Cashbook balances

	Opening Bal 01/03/26 £	- Expenditure £	+ Income £	Closing Bal 31/03/26 £
NRPC Account	15,686.08	1,266.91	1,264.80	15,683.97
VMP Account	4,053.26	3,176.68	1,078.05	1,954.63
Redwood Savings	30,000.00	0.00	1,222.81	31,222.81
				48,861.41

The following payments will be considered for approval for April;

Date	Supplier	Description of Service	Invoice amount
VMP			£
05/04/26	R Curtis	Clerks Salary & Exp – 06/02 – 05/03	205.66
10/04/26	Mr Brights	Cleaning 12/03 - 08/04/26	214.20
			419.86
NRPC			
05/04/26	R Curtis	Clerks Salary – 06/02 – 05/03	780.09
31/03/26	BCKLWN	Annual Dog Bin Emptying	1,366.56
			2,146.65

15. Public Participation

A resident asked if the Borough or County still pick up dead animals from the side of the road?
Cllr Nash will look into this.

16. Items for future agenda

It was agreed to keep the review of outstanding 'to do's' as a rolling agenda item to keep track of work to be done and its progress

17. Dates of next meetings – 12th May, 19th May Annual Residents Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed 12th May 2026