

North Runcton Parish Council

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

Tuesday 11th November 2025 - 7.45pm

Present: Cllr K Fuller – Chair, Cllr R Morrish, Cllr P Yallop, Cllr S Palmer, Cllr J Braybrook, Cllr M Mills, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr B Houchen. County Councillor J Moriarty
County Cllr S Nash. 3 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk – Rachel Curtis

1. To accept any apologies – Cllr K Williams

2. Declaration of Interest / Dispensation in Items on the Agenda –

3. County and Borough Councillors Matters

Cllr S Nash gave a brief update on devolution and reported that he intends to stand as a Reform Councillor at the next elections.

Cllr Moriarty sent a report prior to the meeting which had been circulated by the Clerk. It was understood that one of the roles of the new Mayor would be to replace ‘Police and Crime Commissioners’. The promised funding for the combined authority appears to be £1.1B over 30 years – which was thought to be not very much.

4. Public Participation – nothing raised

5. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th October 2025

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

6. Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 14th October 2025 and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month’s meeting.

- Clerk to look at legal implications of putting up cameras to catch people letting their dogs foul on the pavement.
- The Clerk has confirmed NALC to carry out the work on the website and email addresses to become Assertion 10 compliant – next task is to submit email and website name preferences and draft an IT policy.
- Hall Drive is an adopted road, but the Clerk has been unable to obtain a street sweeping schedule despite several requests.

7. To consider Biodiversity and Action Planning within the Parish

Nothing to report at this meeting.

8. To report on VMP Management Matters

- *To give an update on the specifics of the flooring for the outside yard area*

Cllr Braybrook and Cllr Morrish met with the chosen contractor to discuss specifics. The work will be undertaken next summer as they are already booked up at easter. A colour to be agreed by mutual agreement with Buttercups and the PC.

Cllr Morrish said solar production from the roof panels had been very good from March to September – but that October had seen a significant drop-off due to very cloudy weather.

9. North Runcton an Hardwick Conservation Volunteers

Successful litter pick with 20 volunteers. Next one will be in Feb/March.

The first aid kit held by the volunteers is out of date – Clerk to purchase a new one.

10. Action Planning – to consider PC goals for 2025/26

Archaeologist John Duffy will speak about the archaeological investigations that have been undertaken in relation to the WWHAR road – Tuesday 18th November – 7.45pm

11. To complete the review of risk assessments

Matters identified as needing attention:

Grit bin lid needs replacing or whole bin, look to do this in the Spring when the bin is empty.

Posts on the Green (near beech tree) are all loose having been knocked out by vehicles – Clerk to ask PC grounds contractor if he would re-set them – perhaps with some stone around them.

12. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues – none

13. Planning

25/01650/F| Full planning application for a temporary construction access and associated infrastructure for a period of up to 24 months.

The following objection was agreed to be sent:

North Runcton Parish Council objects to this planning application.

There has been no previous indication that access for these works would be required from New Road. All previous plans have indicated a large works area immediately east of Sheep's Course Wood. The implication was that access for the works would be accommodated in this area and direct from the A47. An access slipway could be constructed if required.

It is not acceptable to have a works access 130 metres off the A47, conflicting with all residents entering the village, through traffic (which already makes up a considerable portion of the vehicles on New Road) and the entrance to the campsite. This is an obvious road safety issue for residents, visitors to the campsite and all road users.

Our residents will already be inconvenienced by construction works for the WWHAR and WWGA for many years to come. We do not want this additional 24-month imposition as well. We also object to the proposed loss of another tree. For information we are aware that there is 6 inch pipe telephone duct work in the immediate area serving the nearby telephone exchange.

We would like to note that there has been no previous indication of this proposal at numerous stakeholder meetings hosted by the Borough Council

25/01795/PAGPD Rear single storey infill extension, 54 Common Lane. – PC had no comment

14. To hear any other planning issues relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Morrish has spoken to West Winch PC to propose that 'light touch' revisions are made to the current Neighbourhood Plan so that the plan can be 'rolled over' for another 15 years. Both North Runcton and West Winch Parish Councils are in agreement and the Borough Council have suggested this is confirmed by a Memorandum of Understanding signed by both Parishes. Cllr K Fuller signed 2 copies of the document for North Runcton PC, Clerk to send copies to Clerk at West Winch PC for them to do the same.

Consideration of the WWHAR planning application at County Hall is imminent. The outcome will be discussed at the next stakeholders meeting to take place on 24th November.

15. Correspondence – None received

16. Finance

a) To hear an update on Cashbook balances

	Opening Bal	- Expenditure	+ Income	Closing Bal
	01/10/25 £	£	£	31/10/25 £
NRPC Account	21,504.29	1,754.61	0.00	19,749.68
VMP Account	1,417.13	555.82	1,304.00	2,165.31
Redwood Savings	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00

The following payments will be considered for approval for November;

Date	Supplier	Description of Service	Invoice amount
VMP			£
05/11/25	R Curtis	Clerks Salary – 06/10 – 05/11/25	202.28
17/10/25	Mr Brights	Cleaning Sept 25	214.20
28/09/25	Raven Plumbing and Heating	New Toilet Cistern	225.00
			641.48
NRPC			
29/07/25	R Curtis	Clerks Salary – 06/10-05/11/25	792.68
			792.68

17. Public Participation

- Cllr Palmer put forward that the PCC intend to make a grant application to the Parish Council to support their National Lottery Heritage Fund Bid for the Church project. Clerk to confirm that the PC can make a donation to a religious organisation.
- **There is still a large amount of rubbish at 5 West Winch Road despite the Borough Council writing to ask them to clear.** Clerk to make the Borough Council know.
- **The resident of 5 Cedar Grove has still not cut their hedge, Clerk to write again.**

18. Items for future agenda

None at present

19. Dates of next meetings –9th December 2025, 13th January 2026

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed 9th December 2025