

North Runcton Parish Council

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

Tuesday 10th June 2025 - 7.45pm

Present: Cllr K Fuller – Chair, Cllr R Morrish, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr B Houchen, Cllr P Yallop, Cllr S Palmer, Cllr J Braybrook, Cllr K Williams
County Cllr J Moriarty

In attendance: The Clerk – Rachel Curtis and 3 members of the public

1. To accept any apologies – None

2. Declaration of Interest / Dispensation in Items on the Agenda - None

3. County and Borough Councillors Matters

Cllr Moriarty reported on devolution talks which are still ongoing, with the preferred option at the Borough being a 3 way split, with a West Central and East area. It is felt that if there is one large unitary authority there will be less support for areas as you move further away from Norwich. Cllr Simon Ring, Deputy Leader of the Borough Council has issued a press release which Cllr Moriarty read out.

4. Public Participation

Several items were raised:

- West Winch PC appears to have a road sweeper which visits more frequently than North Runcton. Clerk to make enquiries at NCC.
- The path outside Number 3 Old Hall has not been repaired. Clerk has reported and will follow up.
- Resurfacing of the footpath on the corner of Cedar Grove has not been completed. Clerk reported that the Highways Engineer has put this on the NCC maintenance schedule for 25/26.
- A number of residents are clearing the weeds on their property boundaries as NCC have cut the budget for weed spraying.
- There are a number of potholes in the village which have been marked up with road paint, but not filled.
- The Rectory Lane/New Road finger post sign has not been repaired – Clerk to give details to Cllr Moriarty to follow up.
- The cyclepath along the A10 is still very overgrown at low level in particular the area between Rectory Lane and Chequers Lane. Clerk to report again.
- The Rangers Team have not been in the area for several months. There was a regular service where the Clerk would request tasks to be done, however the email from NCC has not been received for some time. Clerk to find out if this service is still offered by NCC.

5. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th May 2025

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed.

6. Clerks Report on any matters arising from the minutes of 13th May 2025 and subsequently any matters arising that have been actioned not on the agenda for this month's meeting.

The casual vacancy notice period is still running, once the Clerk has had confirmation from the Borough that no election has been requested the PC can go ahead and co-opt.

7. To consider Biodiversity and Action Planning within the Parish

Cllr Morrish presented the NCC Local Nature Recovery Strategy report which the PC has been asked to comment on. He gave a brief overview of the document which is available to view online. It requires Local Authorities including Parish Councils to have regard for this strategy which contains a habitat map. The map identifies sites of particular nature conservation importance and then indicates areas that might be used to expand them and form corridors between them. It was felt that a lot of the proposals around King's Lynn and North Runcton 'do not make sense'. Cllr Morrish has responded on behalf of the PC.

8. To hear Reports taken from the SAM 2 Signs

Cllr Braybrook, presented the following readings from Illington Lane towards New Road.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Count Over Limit	442	437	552	484	521	416	304
% over limit	25.0	22.1	27.5	24.9	27.2	26.0	22.9
Avg Speeder	39.5	39.6	39.2	39.6	39.3	39.6	39.3

9. To report on VMP Management Matters

The Art group have experienced a decline in their membership numbers and have decided to only meet on a Wednesday afternoon, leaving a Thursday afternoon free. After some discussion it was agreed to offer the Buttercups this additional session.

10. North Runcton an Hardwick Conservation Volunteers

- Litter pick will next take place in the autumn when the foliage has died down.
- The RRT have kindly agreed to cut back the permissive path area.

11. Action Planning – to consider PC events/projects for 2025

Cllr K Fuller and Cllr Palmer plan to repaint the phone box in the summer.

12. Highways – the Council will discuss any Highways issues

At the recent stakeholders group an offer was made by one of the road planners to come and talk to the PC regarding the Access Road, a chance to share the design and hear some local input. Cllr Palmer will make contact and suggest 9th September before the PC meeting.

13. Planning

There is an appeal on the Woodside application.

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

Cllr Morrish to attend a WWPC meeting to begin discussions about the revision of the neighbourhood plan.

15. Correspondence – none received.

16. Finance

a) To agree the annual AGAR statement and 24/25 accounts

The PC answered the questions on the AGAR form which was completed and signed to send to PKF Littlejohn.

b) To hear an update on Cashbook balances – Not updated this month due to audit work

The following payments will be considered for approval;

Date	Supplier	Description of Service	Amount on Invoice £	VAT element - non recoverable £
<u>From VMP Account</u>				
05/06/25	R Curtis	Salary 6 th May – 5 th June 2025	196.04	0.00
02/05/25	Mr Brights	10 th April – 7 th May 25	214.20	
			214.20	

From NRPC Account

05/05/25	R Curtis	Clerks Salary 6 th Apr– 5 th May 2024	744.81	0.00
29/05/25	W Border	Internal Audit	60.00	
			804.81	

17. Public Participation –

- Cllr Palmer gave an update on the Church project. All consultants have now been engaged and the survey completed on the roof. The consultation period is coming to an end and a feedback session will be held on the 16th July. Norfolk Wildlife Trust survey has been carried out in the churchyard and feedback from that will be received at the end of June. The plan is to engage the community in the Conservation Management Plan work, this is needed to show historical significance for the National Lottery Heritage Fund.
- Cllr J Fuller suggested that the insurance may need to be reviewed on the bus shelter due to the fact there are many books in there now. Clerk to follow up.
- The risk assessments are due for their annual review in the summer, Clerk to circulate.
- There is furniture being placed on the pavement outside 5 West Winch Road, being offered for free collection. This is obstructing the pavement Clerk to contact the resident.

18. Items for future agenda – none at present

19. Dates of next meetings – 8th July, no meeting in August by tradition, 9th September

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed 8th July 2025