



BINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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2015/23

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 November 2015 at The Memorial Hall

Those Present Mike Bond, Liz Brown, David Frost (Chairman), Stan Hewitt, & Lucy McCallum
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), 6 Members of the Public

1) Apologies received: William Wales- meeting elsewhere, Marie Strong (NCC) - unwell

2) Declarations of Interest MB – Item 5a – applicant is immediate neighbour

3a) Minutes of Meeting held 14 September 2015 approved and signed

3b) Minutes of Special Planning Meeting held 3 November 2015 approved and signed

4a) Norfolk County Council report

MS was unable to attend but had sent the following report, which KL read:

Norfolk County Council Budget Consultation:

You should all have received a copy of Norfolk County Council's magazine 'Your Norfolk' and on pages 4 and 5 are details of how to respond to the budget consultation. The green box shows how to access the website and respond that way but if you prefer you can email, 'twitter' or simply write. Please do respond whichever way you choose because your views are taken into account.

2026 deadline for registering historic public rights of way:

I am sure this item will be of interest to our rural Parishes, many of which have already seen rights of way disappear. Whilst your parish council may take on the responsibility for this task I am sure the Councillors will appreciate any information residents may hold. Also whilst you may believe paths are registered it is better to be safe and check, rather than regret later on. Now to the information: After 1 January 2026 it will be difficult to get historic public rights of way recorded and protected; Parishes should commence proceedings now to save any unrecorded public rights of way which were established in their parish before 1949. If there are any historic (pre 1949) public rights of way in your Parish, which are not registered on the County Council's Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way, you need to act now to prevent them from being extinguished forever. 2026 may be ten years away but it can take several years to complete, depending on responses to consultation and whether cases have to be referred to the Planning Inspectorate. You have until 1 January 2026 to make applications to the County Council's Legal Orders and Registers Team for the registration of historic routes. (It will be possible for you to apply after 2026 for routes which have come into being since 1949 where you can prove they have been used by the public for 20 years without the landowners permission.) Councils should already have a copy of the Definitive Map to check whether any of the historic routes are recorded and below are links to the County Councils Highways map and Historic maps. For councils wishing to know more about how to make historic applications (under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) they should contact the Legal Orders and Registers Team by email to denise.bales@norfolk.gov.uk. Any emails received will be passed to a Case Officer for attention.

http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Public_Rights_of_Way/Map/index.htm and

<http://www.historic-maps.norfolk.gov.uk>.

Coasthopper:

The Coasthopper will continue to operate throughout the winter, running an hourly 'winter' service from November 9 between Hunstanton and Cromer until Easter 2016 – and we will no longer be required to subsidise the service. There continues to be some confusion regarding the Coasthopper which, as the name suggests, was designed for the coast but use of the brand name Coasthopper has been extended well beyond the area of its original remit. Therefore people see the name 'Coasthopper' and take it to mean other and additional bus routes. Hopefully to avoid confusion the "Coasthopper element" to which I refer is the actual **Coasthopper route between Hunstanton and Cromer.**

Silica Sand Resources:

News has again been generated regarding the Single Issue Silica Sand Review of the Minerals Site Specific Allocations. Whilst town and parish councils will be told whether or not there are silica sand resources located within their boundary for readers I can confirm that the Wells division* is not underlain by silica sand resources.

*Wells Division: Whilst there are 36 parishes and hamlets below are the twenty Town and Parish councils:

Barshams and Houghton St Giles, Binham with Cockthorpe, Blakeney, Brinton with Sharrington, Field Dalling & Saxlingham, Glandford with Letheringsett, Great Snoring, Great & Little Walsingham, Hindringham, Holkham, Langham, Morston, Sculthorpe, Stiffkey, Stody with Hunworth, Thornage & Little Thornage, Warham, Wells-next-the-Sea, Wighton, Wiveton

4b) North Norfolk District Council report

Yet again there was no District Councillor to give a report. KL was asked if he had invited the Councillors to the meeting. He confirmed that he had, and that he had received no apologies. He said that whilst Ward Councillors had no obligation to attend, it was clearly disappointing that they did not. It was suggested that the two Councillors were showing very little interest in the people who had voted for them. KL was asked if there was anything that they could do, and he said that he had that day written a letter of complaint from another Parish Council to the Leader of NNDC because the two Councillors had not made a single appearance since the election. Whilst this did not apply at Binham there had only been three appearances from a possible ten, since the election. KL was asked to write a letter of complaint from Binham.

4d) Parish Clerk

An email had been received stating that NNDC and NCC had completed their investigation and tender process for the provision of an advice service throughout North Norfolk. For three years from 1 January 2016 *Mid Norfolk Citizens Advice* would provide this service. They would provide office premises for people to contact them in the seven north Norfolk towns, plus Mundesley and Melton Constable. They would also provide a telephone and Internet service. *Mid Norfolk Citizens Advice* will therefore be the recommended advice provider in the area.

5a) Planning – application for the erection of a single storey extension to private annexe at 6 Hindringham Road

Councillors thought that the plans provided did not show the full picture. Although the proposal was shown, the plans did not include the existing premises and it was therefore difficult to judge the extent of the proposed final property. It was understood that this was a renewal of a previous permission that has presumably expired.

5b) Planning – application for erection of stables/haystore and formation of hard standing at land adjacent to Kirby Cottage, Langham Road.

Resolved – no objection

5c) Planning Decisions

Erection of two-storey extension etc. at Priory Cottage, 8 Langham Road – approval

Additional windows and new entrance at The Flowerpot, Langham Road – withdrawn by applicant

Erection of extension to 1 The Common, Cockthorpe – approval

Change of use of barn to residential at Westgate Farm East – approval

6) To approve application for grant from government transparency fund

KL reminded Councillors that the government had decided early in the year to remove the need for an external audit from Parish Councils with a turnover of less than £25k. In exchange they had to set up a website and publish certain information. As a member of Norfolk ALC, Binham PC could obtain a free website and KL had set one up by the required date of 1 April. However, many small Parishes had protested that they did not have computer equipment and/or their Clerks did not have the required knowledge to undertake the work. The government had now (belatedly) offered a fund to pay for equipment and training. Binham PC does not have a computer or scanner but KL uses his personal items. Training was not required, except for the cost of an evening at County Hall to explain the grant scheme. By applying for a grant, we could obtain our own equipment and KL could be reimbursed for the additional time (approximately a day and a half) that it took to set up the website.

It was agreed that we would apply for a grant of £577.

7) To consider the budget for 2016/2017 and approve the precept

KL had prepared a budget for next year without the need to increase the precept. It was agreed that we precept for £4500.

8) To receive a report on SAM2

MB was now able to provide a full year of results. These are shown in the appendix. The machine was proving its worth, in that we were able to use the results in recent discussions regarding traffic in the area of the proposed development in the village. Hindringham Road and Westgate appear to be the areas where speeding occurs most, but we would continue rotating it around the village in accordance with our agreement with Highways, if only to remind people to keep their speed down on all roads. Following a few spurious results, the manufacturers had updated the software and this had improved matters. DF thanked MB for his efforts, not only in producing the data, but also in arranging for the various moves of location.

9) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement

KL had circulated the current spreadsheet and bank reconciliation.

The following were approved for settlement:

Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath	17.00
Stody Estate	Rent of allotment land	12.00
Norfolk ALC	Training evening for Transparency Act grant fund	5.00
Clifford Hudson	Ground's Maintenance	505.00
Keith Leesmith	3 rd quarter salary and contribution to expenses	465.70
HMRC	PAYE on above	109.60

10) Minor Matters

With regard to the unkempt allotment, some remedial work has recently been carried out. There were still some people on the allotment waiting list and KL would write to the Stody Estate to ask if any further land might be available.

DF announced that as Chairman, he had been invited to a "Community Outreach Day" at RAF Mildenhall, on 23 November, which he was looking forward to. Councillors from Warham and Wells were also going to attend.

"Carols around the Christmas Tree" would take place on Monday 21 December this year at 7.15pm.

The Christmas Supper would be on Saturday 5 December.

The recent coffee morning had raised £130 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

11) To confirm the date of the next meeting

Confirmed as Monday 18 January 2016

The meeting closed at 2050

Item 8) Appendix:**Binham Speed Awareness Monitor 2 (SAM2) - First year results (November 2015)**

Location	Facing	30 MPH or under	30 to 40 MPH	40 to 50 MPH	over 50 MPH
Hindringham Rd (opp no 6)	South	36%	51%	12%	1%
Langham Rd (Applegarth)	East	70%	28%	2%	0%
Warham Rd (Coal house)	West	62%	34%	4%	0%
Cockthorpe	East	63%	33%	4%	0%
Langham Rd (Priory Cott)	North	85%	15%	0%	0%
Walsingham Rd	West	76%	23%	1%	0%
Village bus stop	South	85%	14%	1%	0%
Hindringham Rd (lay by)	South	35%	50%	14%	1%
Warham Rd (Coal house)	West	55%	39%	6%	0%
Walsingham Rd	West	85%	15%	0%	0%
Cockthorpe	East	71%	26%	3%	0%
Warham Rd (Coal house)	West	54%	40%	6%	0%

Hindringham Road	There is a recognised serious issue with speeding traffic entering the village on the Hindringham Road. The Parish Council has proposed that the current 30mph signage is moved 200 yards further south. This work has been requested as part of road/junction safety improvements needed due to increased traffic movement as part of the proposed development in Priory Crescent/Walsingham Rd
Langham Rd (Applegarth)	Bends on Langham Road approach to the village slow traffic naturally. The Parish Council has been unable to redeploy SAM there as an additional sign installed by Highways has used the available space.
Warham Rd (Coal house)	Data suggests that there is an increase in vehicles speeding when entering the village at this point. The Parish Council will continue to monitor this closely
Cockthorpe	The data shows that there is a decrease in speeding traffic in this area. I suggest SAM is deployed periodically to monitor the situation
Langham Rd (Priory Cott)	A high proportion of vehicles (85%) are vehicles travelling within the speed limit. I suggest SAM continues to be deployed periodically.
Walsingham Rd	Walsingham Road has one of the highest % of vehicles travelling within the speed limit. The actual vehicle count data has been useful in discussions with Highways regarding the proposed Priory Crescent/Walsingham Road development.
Village Bus Stop	The data here was distorted by the traffic emerging from nearby turnings. The Parish Council needs to discuss a better position for the SAM.

Overall the SAM2 has been a useful tool in enabling the Parish Council to understand where we have speeding issues in the village. It provides solid evidence to be used when approaching the relevant authorities to help us secure the required safety improvements for the village

