



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 7.00pm in West Row Outdoor Bowls Club, Beeches Road, West Row IP28 8NY

Present: Cllr A Fisher, Cllr A Goodenough, Cllr M Connery, Cllr S Knight, Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls and Cllr L Baker

Also in attendance: Sharon Vale, Parish Clerk and D/Cllr D Waldron


The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm. A reminder to everyone that the meeting was being recorded for accurate writing of the minutes.

296	<u>Apologies and acceptance for absence</u> Apologies received from Cllr M Peachey, Cllr R Hamill, D/Cllr C Noble, D/Cllr D Waldron, Sqn Ldr Andy Bell and Cllr J Goodenough	
297	<u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda.</u> Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls declared an interest in Item 9(k)	
298	<u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on Wednesday 18th September 2024 are a true and correct record.</u> It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 18 th September 2024 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
299	<u>Public participation (10 minutes in total).</u>	
300	<u>External reports.</u> a. D/Cllr Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council Non attendance. Nothing to report. b. D/Cllr Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council D/Cllr Don Waldron informed us about a vote held this week at WSC on the simpler recycling for refuse collections. An extra blue bin for glass, paper, card and cartons will be provided, with all other plastics to remain in the current blue bin. Food waste will be collected on a weekly basis in an additional caddy which will be provided by WSC, and the black bin will continue to be emptied every two weeks. This will be implemented by end of March 2026.	

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	<p>D/Cllr Don Waldron asked if the bus service survey could be published on WRPC website, in order for villagers to have their say on the current change to bus stop routes and timings.</p> <p>c. Squadron Leader Andy Bell – RAF Mildenhall</p> <p>Non attendance. Nothing to report.</p> <p>d. PC Andrew Green – Community Police Office</p> <p>Non attendance. Nothing to report.</p>	
301	<p><u>To consider planning applications.</u></p> <p>(a) DC/24/0906/FUL – Planning application – change of use of land from countryside to garden amenity. Meadow View, 140 Ferry Lane, West Row IP28 8PT. It was voted to support this planning application.</p> <p>(b) DC/24/1446/HH – Householder planning application – a. single storey rear extension, b. insertion of ground floor window on side elevation. 183 Eldo Road, West Row IP28 8PY. It was voted to support this planning application.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
302	<p><u>Matters relating to governance.</u></p> <p>None currently.</p>	
303	<p><u>Financial matters.</u></p> <p>a. Approval and Authorisation of Payments for October 2024. It was unanimously Resolved to Accept the payments.</p> <p>b. Approval of September 2024 Bank Reconciliation was received.</p> <p>c. Approval of September 2024 Deposit Account was received.</p> <p>d. Approval of Quarter 2 Accounts was received.</p> <p>e. Approval of Quarter 2 Payments over £500.00 was received.</p> <p>f. Approval of Quarter 2 Budget Comparison was received.</p>	
304	<p><u>Matters relating to street furniture/amenity provision</u></p> <p>a. Report on Speed Indicator Device Findings – Results remain consistent.</p> <p>b. Update on Footpath 30 (eroded riverbank) along river at bottom of the Gravel. No further updates have been received from SCC.</p> <p>c. SCC Development. The planning permission has still yet to be issued by WSC, although Cllr M Peachey presumes this will happen soon.</p> <p>d. Shop Drove Footpath. Ongoing.</p> <p>e. Building site at the entrance to Pott Hall Road. Ongoing.</p> <p>f. New Cemetery. SCC have now served notice to quit on the current tenant, which as expected takes effect as of 10th October 2025. Cllr</p>	

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	<p>M Peachey has received a copy of the notices, as well as proof of delivery to the tenant. The land valuation report from SCC remains outstanding. Cllr M Peachey will chase at the end of the month if this has not been received.</p> <p>g. Additional defibrillator at the end of Eldo Road.</p> <p>h. Bridleway to Mildenhall – Wamil Hall path wording. Cllr R Hamill to investigate further with local contractor.</p> <p>i. Hedge/Verge Cutting around the village.</p> <p>j. Phone Box Painting. Ongoing.</p> <p>k. The Ancient Parish of Mildenhall Charities. Footpath across allotments – Friday Street. Clerk to email Vince Coomber (their secretary) to say that we will take responsibility of cutting footpath twice a year at WRPC expense. It was voted to support this additional twice-yearly cost.</p>	<p>AF</p> <p>RH</p> <p>AF Clerk</p>
305	<p><u>Other working party updates/reports</u></p> <p>a. Update on the Echo/Parish Magazine. Distribution will be next week.</p> <p>b. Update on Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr M Peachey has chased Ian Poole. No update at present.</p> <p>c. Warm Place Update – next fish and chip lunch arranged for Friday 25th October 2024.</p> <p>d. 100 Club Update. This month’s winner is number 146 – H L Pearson.</p>	
306	<p><u>Allotment Matters</u></p> <p>Secretary of West Row Allotment Association has resigned, and the Clerk of WRPC will take over the role as secretary.</p>	
307	<p><u>Events</u></p> <p>a. Village Knitting – Poppies for Remembrance Sunday. Knitting poppies is all going to plan.</p> <p>b. Remembrance Services on Saturday 9th and 11th November 2024 meeting at 10:45 at the Church Green Memorial.</p> <p>c. Christmas 2024. Dates and timings have been planned.</p> <p>d. Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 19th April 2025. Cllr L Baker and Cllr S Knight to produce a map along with a quiz. Cllr L Baker to source costing of an Easter bunny outfit.</p> <p>e. 80th Anniversary End of WWII 2025. We will celebrate VJ Day to mark the end of World War II over the weekend of 15th to 17th August 2025. West Row Historical Society to take the lead on this event.</p> <p>f. Parish Council Surgeries. Next surgery to take place on Saturday 19th October 2024 from 10:00 to 12:00 – Cllr L Baker and Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls to attend. Additional surgeries will be every third Saturday of the month.</p>	<p>SK/LB</p>
308	<p><u>Chair and Councillors’ reports/suggestion (on the night)</u></p> <p>Ferry Drove, Worlington - As you know, earlier in the year SCC agreed to make a legal order that would formally register Ferry Drove as a public right of way,</p>	

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	<p>with restricted byway status. This order was made and advertised locally, and there was a statutory 6-week objection period for anyone to challenge the order before it came into effect. Unfortunately, but not unexpectedly, objections were made by one Worlington resident. As a result of this the order cannot come into force at this time and SCC now has to escalate the matter to central government. The government will appoint an inspector to review the case, which may involve holding a public inquiry. Exactly how this will all work is not yet clear, and there are a number of possible outcomes. What we do know though is that there is quite a backlog of cases, so SCC do not expect anything to happen now for at least a year, meaning the review will likely not begin until late 2025 or early 2026. Thanks to all the user evidence forms and historical evidence located we presented a very strong case. The outlook is therefore still good. Cllr M Peachey understands that SCC will defend the order at their own expense. Exactly what WRPC may or may not need to do, or whether we might need to incur any costs ourselves, is not yet certain. There is no cause for concern at this point.</p> <p>Historic footpath linking FP2 and FP30/The Gravel - the investigation into this route will be discussed by the SCC Development and Regulation Committee next week. The officer has recommended that it is rejected at this stage - which basically means they won't bother going any further with the investigation. Cllr M Peachey will provide a statement to the meeting, and depending on the outcome will consider appealing the decision. Clerk to email this statement to SCC.</p> <p>Cllr A Fisher completed a survey for Suffolk Highways on behalf of WRPC.</p> <p>Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls advised that The Ancient Parish of Mildenhall Charities will be distributing their yearly monetary gift on Tuesday 3rd December at West Row Village Hall between 15:30pm and 16:30pm.</p>	Clerk
309	<p><u>Correspondence and exchange of additional information (at the discretion of the Chair)</u></p>	
310	<p><u>Date of the next meeting</u></p> <p>To confirm the date of the next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 20th November 2024.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 21:11 hours.</p>	

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