



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**


held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.00pm in West Row Outdoor Bowls Club,  
Beeches Road, West Row IP28 8NY

**Present:** Cllr A Fisher, Cllr R Hamill, Cllr J Goodenough, Cllr A Goodenough, Cllr M Connery, Cllr S Knight and Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls

Also in attendance: Sharon Vale, Parish Clerk


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

281	<b><u>Apologies and acceptance for absence</u></b>  Apologies received from Cllr M Peachey, D/Cllr C Noble, D/Cllr D Waldron, Sqn Ldr Andy Bell, Cllr L Doyle and Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls	
282	<b><u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda.</u></b>  None were received.	
283	<b><u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024 are a true and correct record.</u></b>  It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2024 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
284	<b><u>Public participation (10 minutes in total).</u></b>	
285	<b><u>External reports.</u></b>  <b>a. D/Cllr Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council</b>  Non attendance. Nothing to report.  <b>b. D/Cllr Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council</b>  Non attendance. Nothing to report.  <b>c. Squadron Leader Andy Bell – RAF Mildenhall</b>  Non attendance. Nothing to report.  <b>d. PC Andrew Green – Community Police Office</b>  Non attendance. Nothing to report.	

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286	<p><b><u>To consider planning applications.</u></b></p> <p>None currently.</p>	
287	<p><b><u>Matters relating to governance.</u></b></p> <p>None currently.</p>	
288	<p><b><u>Financial matters.</u></b></p> <p>a. Approval and Authorisation of Payments for September 2024. It was unanimously Resolved to Accept the payments.</p> <p>b. Approval of August 2024 Bank Reconciliation was received.</p> <p>c. Approval of August 2024 Deposit Account was received.</p>	
289	<p><b><u>Matters relating to street furniture/amenity provision</u></b></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. SCC have now received a quote for the repairs, which is £32,500 plus the cost of the specialist barge, which is still unknown. Cllr M Peachey will continue to monitor.</p> <p>c. SCC Development. No new updates. The planners are waiting on the MOD to review the amended plans to see whether they will withdraw their earlier objections.</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. Cllr M Peachey reported that there has been some progress in the last month. SCC have now formally set out their position, which confirms that the land should be transferred to us by October next year. However, we may have to allow the current tenant farmer until the end of 2025 to harvest crops. Cllr M Peachey will wait until next year to submit the more detailed plans required by WSC. The archaeological survey plan cannot be more than a year old before starting the work, so we must factor that timeline in. One issue that has arisen is that SCC had committed to transfer the land to us "for a nominal sum" - however, it turns out that there is a law that prevents them from transferring land below market value. Exactly how we might get around this is yet to be sorted, SCC have requested a professional valuation to be carried out in the near future, once we know the answer we can review the situation. All being well, and this is highly subject to change, Cllr M Peachey would like to think that the new cemetery could be opened by mid-2026.</p> <p>g. Community Assets – Village Hall, Bowls Club &amp; Amenities. Community asset nomination has now been accepted by WSC. Close.</p> <p>h. Additional defibrillator at the end of Eldo Road. Mr Pamment has confirmed in writing the siting of the defibrillator. Cllr A Fisher to revisit quotations.</p> <p>i. Bridleway to Mildenhall – Wamil Hall path wording. Cllr R Hamill to investigate further with local contractor.</p>	<p>AF</p> <p>RH</p>

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	<p>j. Hedge/Verge Cutting around the village. k. Phone Box Painting. Cllr A Fisher awaiting costings.</p>	
290	<p><b><u>Other working party updates/reports</u></b></p> <p>a. Update on the Echo/Parish Magazine. b. Update on Neighbourhood Plan. We are still waiting to hear back from Ian Poole. Unfortunately, he has been busy with other plans which went to public vote last week. c. Warm Place Update – next fish and chip lunch arranged for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024. d. 100 Club Update. Cllr R Hamill handed out flyers at the village fete.</p>	
291	<p><b><u>Allotment Matters</u></b></p> <p>Still awaiting for borehole to be reinstated.</p>	
292	<p><b><u>Events</u></b></p> <p>a. Village Knitting – Poppies for Remembrance Sunday. Knitting poppies is all going to plan. b. RAF Mildenhall 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Close. c. Family Fun Afternoon 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Village Hall. Close. d. Remembrance Service 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024. e. Christmas 2024. Dates and timings have been planned. f. Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Cllr L Baker and Cllr S Knight to find a suitable footpath and produce a map. g. 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary End of WWII 2025. We will celebrate VJ Day to mark the end of World War II over the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025. West Row Historical Society to take the lead on this event. h. Parish Council Surgeries. First surgery to take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 from 10:00 to 12:00 – Cllr A Fisher and Cllr A Goodenough to attend. Additional surgeries will be every third Saturday of the month.</p>	SK/LB
293	<p><b><u>Chair and Councillors' reports/suggestion (on the night)</u></b></p> <p>Cllr M Peachey reported there were no updates on the Public Rights of Way. Cllr A Goodenough has ordered plants for the memorial.</p>	
294	<p><b><u>Correspondence and exchange of additional information (at the discretion of the Chair)</u></b></p>	
295	<p><b><u>Date of the next meeting</u></b></p> <p>To confirm the date of the next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20:00 hours.</p>	

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