



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting


held on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 7.00pm in West Row Outdoor Bowls Club, Beeches Road, West Row IP28 8NY

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

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.

321	<u>Apologies and acceptance for absence</u> Apologies received from Cllr M Peachey, D/Cllr C Noble, Sqn Ldr Andy Bell, Cllr J Goodenough and Cllr L Baker	
322	<u>To receive members' declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda.</u> Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls declared an interest in Item 9 (k) as recorded in the Members' Register of Interests and has been granted a dispensation to engage in discussion and/or voting on this matter.	
323	<u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on Wednesday 18th December 2024 are a true and correct record.</u> It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 18 th December 2024 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
324	<u>Public participation (10 minutes in total).</u> There were no members of the public in attendance during the Public Participation section of the meeting.	
325	<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 Waldon discussed the abolishing of county elections. This could mean ending separate county elections and redistributing their powers to a new governing body. The increase of traffic through West Row, especially down Pott Hall Road through to Ferry Lane was discussed with regard to the new Mildenhall development. D/Cllr Don Waldron asked if members of the Parish Council would attend the next online meeting.	

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	<p>(c) Squadron Leader Andy Bell – RAF Mildenhall</p> <p>Non attendance – nothing to report.</p> <p>(d) PC Andrew Green – Community Police Officer</p> <p>Non attendance – nothing to report.</p>	
326	<p><u>To consider planning applications.</u></p> <p>(a) DC/25/0007/HH – Householder planning application – a. porch to front elevation b. single storey front elevation. 37 The Green, West Row IP28 8QY. SUPPORT.</p> <p>(b) DC/24/1864/FUL – Planning application – one dwelling. Land adjacent to 55 Beeches Road, West Row. SUPPORT.</p> <p>(c) DC/25/0028/TPO – TPO tree preservation order – one line tree crown reduction. West Row Academy, Beeches Road, West Row. SUPPORT.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
327	<p><u>Matters relating to governance.</u></p> <p>(a) Pre-Renewal Questionnaire for WRPC insurance policy.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
328	<p><u>Financial matters.</u></p> <p>a. Approval and Authorisation of Payments for January 2025. It was unanimously Resolved to Accept the payments.</p> <p>b. Approval of December 2024 Bank Reconciliation was received.</p> <p>c. Approval of December 2024 Current/Deposit Account was received.</p> <p>d. Approval of Quarter 3 Accounts was received.</p> <p>e. Approval of Quarter 3 Payments over £500 was received.</p> <p>f. Approval of Quarter 3 Budget Comparison was received.</p> <p>g. Christmas collection money of £460.00 to be divided equally to West Row Academy and West Row Pre School was received.</p>	
329	<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 the river at bottom of the Gravel. Ongoing.</p> <p>c. SCC Development. Awaiting further information.</p> <p>d. Shop Drove Footpath. Ongoing.</p> <p>e. Building site at the entrance to Pott Hall Road. Ongoing. Cllr A Fisher will speak to SCC.</p> <p>f. New Cemetery. Ongoing.</p> <p>g. Additional defibrillator at the end of Eldo Road. Cllr A Goodenough will contact BA Electrical for a quotation for installation.</p> <p>h. Bridleway to Mildenhall – Awaiting finalization of the signage.</p> <p>i. Hedge/Verge Cutting around the village.</p> <p>j. Phone Box Painting. Cllr M Connery will speak to one of his contacts.</p> <p>k. The Ancient Parish of Mildenhall Charities. Ongoing.</p>	<p>AG</p> <p>MC</p>

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	l. Additional cabling to village sign by the memorial. Cllr A Goodenough will contact BA Electrical for a quotation for cabling for lighting installation.	AG
330	<u>Other working party updates/reports</u> a. Update on the Echo/Parish Magazine. Clerk to re arrange printing months with Helen Webber. b. Update on Neighbourhood Plan. c. Warm Place Update – next fish and chip lunch arranged for Friday 31 st January 2025. Cllr A Fisher and the Clerk attended an online meeting with Community Actions Suffolk regarding the grant funding to enhance the existing warm rooms. d. 100 Club Update. It was decided that the Club will run for another year, and then we will make a decision whether we will continue next year due to lack of support. e. New Development – Road Naming. Councillors decided on names for the new development, these being Roman Way for the main road and Bacchus Close, Villa Close, Treasure Close, Silver Drive and Legion Drive for the five additional roads.	Clerk
331	<u>Allotment Matters</u> West Row Allotment Association meeting Thursday 20 th February 2025 at 7pm at the Outdoor Bowls Club, Beeches Road.	
332	<u>Events</u> a. Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 19 th 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. b. 80 th Anniversary End of WWII 2025. We will celebrate VJ Day to mark the end of World War II over the weekend of 15 th to 17 th August 2025. West Row Historical Society to take the lead on this event. Next meeting to be held Wednesday 22 nd January 2025. Cllr R Hamill continues to chase grant applications. c. Parish Council Surgeries. Next surgery to take place on Saturday 18 th January 2025 from 10:00 to 12:00 – Cllr A Goodenough and Cllr R Hamill to attend. February surgery will take place on Saturday 15 th February 2025 from 10:00 to 12:00 – Cllr S Knight and Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls to attend. Additional surgeries will be on every third Saturday of the month. d. Village Litter Pick Saturday 12 th April 2025. Cllr A Fisher to speak to Police Cadets. e. Community Thermal Imaging Project – Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th January 2025.	LB/SK AF AF/Clerk
333	<u>Chair and Councillors' reports/suggestion (on the night)</u> Cllr A Fisher informed the council of the break into the container at the Flying Club down The Gravel. It was agreed that the Flying Club could apply for a grant of £250 if their insurance doesn't pay up.	

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	<p>Cllr R Hamill asked the Clerk to contact both Suffolk highways and BT Open Reach about the protruding BT cover on the corner of Hurdle Drove and Jarmans Lane.</p> <p>Cllr R Hamill asked if we could improve the signage on the post box outside the parish office. Cllr A Fisher will investigate sourcing a new sign for the box.</p> <p>Cllr A Goodenough informed us that he has ordered the geraniums for around the memorial.</p> <p>Cllr A Fisher asked the council to approve a £250 grant for the Knit and Natter group for the making of a wooden horse to be covered in purple poppies for the remembrance tribute. SUPPORT.</p>	<p>Clerk AF</p>
334	<p><u>Correspondence and exchange of additional information (at the discretion of the Chair)</u></p>	
335	<p><u>Date of the next meeting</u></p> <p>To confirm the date of the next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 19th February 2025.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 21:15 hours.</p>	

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