

TROWSE WITH NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 15th December 2025 in The Manor Rooms, Trowse at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr Bowers (chair), Cllr Owen (Minute taker for this meeting), Cllr P Greenizan, Cllr A Greenizan, Cllr Cartner, Cllr Price, Cllr Gorman and Cllr Haynes.

081 (001) APOLOGIES

Cllrs King and Kate Leggett: apologies sent and accepted.

082 (002) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllrs who own allotments, Cllrs involved with the Trowse Historical Society, Cllr Owen with a declaration for Local Government Reorganisation and Cllr Owen and Gorman for planning matters.

083 (003) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th November 2025 were agreed and signed.

084 (004). PUBLIC FORUM

4.1
Written District reports – Reports from Cllr Neal and Cllr Fowler are at end of minutes and website.
Written County report – from Cllr Thomson report not received.

4.2.
PC Goodrum was present. He introduced himself and his role, giving his contact details. He presented crime statistics, with there being seven incidents in the last thirty days (including one common assault). He outlined that this was low. Dangerous driving in the village was discussed. PC Goodrum said he is working with South Norfolk District Council and mentioned that evidence submitted would always be beneficial. He said that most dangerous driving takes place nearer to Whitlingham Park versus in the village. If any incidents could be recorded, then he's more than happy to process these accordingly.

A member of the public gave an overview of the recent informal meeting about the MUGA, with a proposed date of the 17th and 18th January to clear the inside and outside of the MUGA.

085 (005) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Decisions/Actions	Responsible person
Cemetery tree	Clerk (actioned)
Fencing costs (MR garden)	Clerk (ongoing)
Newsletter	Clerk (actioned)
Planning comments	Clerk (actioned)
Bus shelter funding	Clerk (ongoing)
Headway Grant	Clerk (actioned)

086 (006) COMMITTEE UPDATES

6.1 Update from Finance Committee
In the absence of Cllr King, Cllr Bowers updated members on the Finance Committee.

6.2 Update from the Personnel and Communications Committee. Cllr Greenizan gave an update.

6.2 Update from Open Spaces Committee

Signed:

Date:

Cllr Owen updated members.

a) To make recommendation to Full Council regarding the cost of permitting 2 members of the biodiversity Team and Groundsman to attend a tree pruning course at a cost of £50 per head. **Agreed, Clerk to action.**

b) To recommend to Full Council the replacement streetlight for Whitlingham Lane at a cost of £530, as over a committee permitted spend. **Agreed, Clerk to action.**

087 (007) MANOR ROOMS

7.1 – Cllr P Greenizan gave an overview of the recent event on Friday 12th December, focussed on activities for young children, which was received positively by residents.

7.2 – To discuss and agree the formation of a Manor Rooms sub-committee. This item was agreed, with Cllrs Bowers, Cartner, Gorman and Haynes agreeing to be members. This committee will focus on the building and the day-to-day management.

088 (008) FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 - Agreement of payments for November 2025 – Approved.

8.2 - Agreement of Bank Reconciliation for November 2025 – Approved.

8.3 – a) To discuss and approve to Full Council the full budget for the council. The budgets for individual committees were discussed.

- Open Spaces - £37,674.00

- Personnel and Comms - £56,362.00

- Manor Rooms - £40,179.00

- Full Council – £22,310.00

The total budget of £152,524 was agreed. The precept was discussed with a budget being increased by £41,586.00. A precept request of £110,000 was agreed by members. **Clerk to submit request to South Norfolk District Council.**

088 (009) PLANNING

Planning applications were not discussed at this meeting.

089 (010) POLICIES AND OTHER ITEMS

10.1 – Cadent works. Information from the Clerk re works taking place on the Common between Dec and March.

10.2 –Local Government Reorganisation. A vote took place. Eight members were in favour of a single unitary authority, 1 member was in favour of 2 unitary councils, none in favour of 3. Agreed that Council votes for a single unitary authority in a vote of 8 to 1.

10.3 – To discuss and approve the new Standing Orders, circulated by the Clerk ahead of the meeting. Not discussed due to the absence of the Clerk. Move to next agenda.

10.4 – For information only – parking scheme public consultation. A date is yet to be set by Norfolk Highways, but they have confirmed another public consultation.

090 (011) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 19th January 2026 @ 7.15pm.

Meeting closed at 9.26pm

Decisions/Actions	Responsible person
Tree pruning course	Clerk
Streetlight repair	Clerk
Precept request	Clerk
LGR Consultation	Clerk

Signed:

Date:

District Cllr Report

Nicola Fowler:

Local Government Reorganisation

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has launched the consultation on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) proposals for Norfolk. All three proposals submitted for Norfolk will proceed to the consultation phase, which is open until **11 January**.

The consultation includes:

- **SNC's proposal** for a two council model
- **The other districts proposal** for a three council model
- **NCC's proposal** for a single unitary authority

You can find a link to the consultation here: [Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Norfolk and Suffolk - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government - Citizen Space](#)

Please respond to the consultation and we are encouraging our parish councils, as well as residents, to also respond. Your views are important in shaping the future of local government in Norfolk.

South Norfolk District Council will also be drafting a full response.

Lisa Neal:

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Food Enterprise Park:

[Norfolk Food Enterprise Park at Easton launches second phase | Eastern Daily Press](#)

I was pleased to attend the launch of the South Norfolk part of the FEP.

Consultation on LGR:

Remind you of the above consultation which is open until the 11th January, and I would encourage all of you as individuals to complete the consultation as well as the Parish Council.

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Disappointing, but not surprising to hear about the Mayoral election being deferred until 2028, but at the moment we are still continuing with the same timetable for LGR.

Communities Team:

[SNC EOY 2425.pptx](#)

The link above gives you a presentation showing you all the work our Communities Team has achieved.

Future Funding Settlement: (FYI – not to be published elsewhere please)

You will see in the table below the initial feedback we have received from Government regarding what we are likely to receive in the future from them financially.

This has been significantly cut from what we have received in the past, so future years are going to be quite challenging!

Future Funding Settlement

The Government has provided a clear steer that there will be a three-year financial settlement for local authorities in December 2025, and that as part of this settlement:

- New Homes Bonus will be abolished.
- Business rates will be reset (ie we lose our historic growth and pooling benefits).
- Funding will be moving towards more 'deprived' areas.
- Grants (such as new burdens for food waste) will be incorporated into the main funding settlement.
- The referendum principles for district councils will remain at (3% or £5).

And we have been notified that a number of districts (including SNC) will potentially receive a 5-7% cut in funding in 2026/27 followed by a 'Flat cash' settlement for 2027/28 and 2028/29 (i.e. no allowance for inflation).

And this also assumes we put Council Tax up by the £5 maximum (which generates £270k a year).



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

County Cllr

Vic Thomson:

Report not received.

Signed:

Date: