

TROWSE WITH NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 19th January 2026 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.

091 (001) APOLOGIES

Cllr Haynes – agreed and accepted. No apologies received from Cllrs Price of King

092 (002) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllrs who own allotments, Cllrs involved with the Trowse Historical Society and the Manor Rooms.

093 (003) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th December 2025 were agreed and signed.

094 (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 at the end of the minutes and on the website.

4.2.

A resident commented that the Parish notice boards have not been kept up to date. It was thought that a list of the meeting dates will be listed in the newsletter.

A resident also queried the repair to the streetlights. They were informed that this was on the agenda for this meeting.

Mr Bowers gave an update on the recent MUGA activities. There had been a brilliant turn out at the weekend clearing event, with about 50 people coming to help over the two-day event. A lot of works has been done, but there was still, more needed. Another weekend event has been arranged. Mr Bowers passed his thanks on to all who attended both at the weekend and those that preparatory work in the week before.

095 (005) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEEITNG

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

096 (006) COMMITTEE UPDATES

6.1 Update from Finance Committee

In the absence of Cllr Cartner 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

Cllr Owen updated members.

a) To make recommendation to Full Council regarding the cost replacing two streetlight units at a cost of £680.00. **Proposed by Cllr Owen, seconded by Cllr Haynes – all in favour. Clerk to action.**

Signed:

Date:

097 (007) MANOR ROOMS

7.1 – Cllr P Greenizan gave an overview from the Manor Rooms Management Committee activities.

- They are actively seeking new hirers, which was proving to be successful.
- They have written to the PC to formally relinquish the building as part of the Trust Deed. January will be the transitional month with full responsibility for the building being passed over for February.

7.2 – Terms of Reference for the new committee. This is to be shared with all members of the committee to allow everyone to have an input, before being signed off. **Clerk to circulate.**

098 (008) FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.1 - Agreement of payments for December 2025 – Approved.

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

099 (009) PLANNING

2026/0010 – Whitlingham Hall, Kirby Road - Tag 0347 Sycamore - pollard at approximately 3.5-4m where previous pollard points can be seen. Silver Maple (tag no, beside 0347) - pollard at approximately 3.5-4m where previous pollard points can be seen. Tag 0254 Oak - To reduce the entire crown by up to 2.5m. bringing the height from approximately 19m to 16.5 and the crown spread from approximately 20m to 15 - 16m. Remove the upright which is approx 5.5m in length on the large limb growing SE to significantly reduce the weight and prevent a limb failure. Tag 0282 Cherry - remove to ground level. Re-planting has already been carried out. Tag 0289 Cherry - To reduce the crown over the pond by 3.5m to give good clearance and bring the crown back in line with the rest of the trees. Crown spread from 8m to 4.5m Tag 0290 Cherry - To reduce the crown growing over the pond by 2.5m, bringing the crown spread 7m to 4.5m. To also remove the large deadwood present within the crown.
No objections.

100 (010) POLICIES AND OTHER ITEMS

10.1 – Sex Establishment Venues – The Clerk gave members information on the proposed consultation.
Clerk given delegated authority to respond.

10.2 – Strategic Six information. The Clerk took member through the details that had been circulated by the SSG. It was thought that meetings would become twice annually rather than once a quarter to help facilitate attendance. It is also hoped that chairpersons from each council could accompany the rep.

10.3 – To discuss and approve the new Standing Orders, circulated by the Clerk ahead of the meeting.
Move to next agenda.

10.4 – Discuss and approve the use of the phone box. **Following a discussion it was resolved to ask Open Reach if power can be restored to the box. Clerk to action.**

101 (011) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 16th February 2026 @ 7.15pm.

Meeting closed at 8.52pm

Decisions/Actions	Responsible person
Streetlight unit repair	Clerk
Circulate the TOR for the MR committee	Clerk
SEV Consultation	Clerk
Phone box investigations	Clerk

District Cllr Report

Nicola Fowler: No report received

Signed:

Date:

Lisa Neal:

District Councillor Report – January 2026

GNLP:

<https://cornerstonebarristers.com/unpacking-the-new-nppf-draft/>

The above link shows you a summary that Cornerstone Barristers have compiled regarding the draft new NPPF.

Town and Parish Council Forum:



TPF - 09.12.docx

Our last forum was held on the 9th December, I have attached details discussed in the forum.

Points that were covered were:

1. LGR and Devolution Update
2. Dog Fouling and Fly Tipping
3. Health and Wellbeing Partnerships
4. Police Update

Police:

The next priority setting meeting is being held at the Poringland Community Centre on the 22nd January 2026 at 7pm, you can either attend in person or with the Teams link below.

[Quarterly Neighbourhood Policing Meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

FEHS:

<https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/25704915.framingham-sports-centre-near-norwich-5m-investment/>

The above link is an article that was in the EDP regarding the Sports Centre at FEHS, which is having a £5M investment, £2.9M came from SNC.

The proposals include a 370 square metre extension to house a new gym, a multi-use exercise studio, and a new full-sized, all-weather 3G football pitch, a new community entrance, reception area, lobby and changing facilities are also planned, as well as an additional access road and 83-space car park to support the ambitious proposal.

CAF:

We have decided to hold an additional CAF Panel in the spring with £150,000 on offer for grants up to £15,000.

Application period opens on the 12th January until the 22nd February and the panel will meet on the 24th March.

If you have any projects that you would like to put forward you need to contact one of your District Councillors.

Norfolk Community Safety Partnership:

FRAUD

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Date:

Fraud affects thousands of people across Norfolk and leads to losses of over £16 million each year. The financial and emotional impact on victims can be huge, affecting their confidence and feelings of safety. The exploitative methods used by criminals to manipulate people are sophisticated and often target the most vulnerable in society, but anyone can be a victim of fraud.

The Norfolk Community Safety Partnership provides resource and support to the [Norfolk Against Scams Partnership](#) commitment to taking a stand against fraud. The partnership's ambition is to make Norfolk a scam free county.

[> Visit our dedicated fraud webpage to find out more about what the partnership does to tackle fraud in our county](#)

Report Fraud is live

Report Fraud – the new national Cyber Crime and Fraud Service went live on the 4 December. The new service consists of a contact centre and reporting tool for victims, a national crime analysis service to scan reports instantaneously and a new victim service with dedicated specialist resources to support victims reporting crimes. It is a simpler, more accessible reporting experience for victims, providing clear and regular updates, information on how reports have protected others, and provides stronger prevention advice to protect people and business.

[> Report Fraud website](#)



Neighbourhood Policing Survey

More than 600 people have already taken part in our Neighbourhood Policing Survey - it takes just five minutes and means you can help us shape the future of policing in your neighbourhood.

Your feedback will help inform how neighbourhood policing teams operate, ensuring they focus on the issues that matter most to the people they serve.

[> Take the survey](#)

Fly tipping:

At Cabinet las week our newly amended SNC policy on RIPA **Regulation of Investigatory Powers**, this is about covert surveillance conducted by the council, was passed unanimously.

As you know fly tipping is particularly difficult to detect but covert surveillance, where appropriate, enables prosecutions which otherwise would not have been possible.

Signed:

Date:

Nobody likes fly tipping, so I mention this to show that we try our hardest to catch culprits.

2025:

Community Protection Warnings (CPWs): 7

Fixed Penalty Notices paid: 3

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/178TkSr2xQ/>

County Cllr

Vic Thomson:

Devo and reorg

Lots of noise around elections without the proper context.

Mayor. The Gov is "minded to delay" the Mayor election to 2028. Delaying an election is entirely the responsibility of The Gov. They must lay the order to Parliament. If agreed, then the order is MADE!

At the moment "Minded to"

RPG. Consultation is closed on 11th!

Await their decision: 1, 2 or 3

Deadline

May 28 is the vesting day when Unitary replaces current 2 tier system.

Elections:

Each election costs well over 1 million pounds!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Time line: 4 elections in 2 years

May 26. County Council. In place for only 2 years!

May 27. County Shadow council. 4 years

May 27. District election. In place for only 1 year

May 26 or May 28. Mayoral election

The Shadow Council is absolutely essential for the Unitary. Setting it up and then running through initial period

Budget

February is the deadline for the Budgets.

We have received a 3 year settlement which is nice BUT

The amounts give us more decisions before February

Descending amount over 3 years

We change to Unitary in 2 years!

Very clear Rural Counties have done worse than the labour North!

Details at next meeting when I report on final balanced budget

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Date:

The [Government has announced](#) a new three-year local government funding settlement to reallocate resources towards councils with higher assessed levels of need.

The settlement provides limited detail on the treatment of existing special educational needs deficits. The money is part of the first multi-year funding settlement in over a decade, giving councils more financial certainty so that they can plan ahead. The Government's provisional settlement moves funding from rural shire authorities towards metropolitan and urban areas.

The implications for Norfolk are currently being analysed and will be incorporated into 2026-27 budget planning, and the county council's response to the [Government's consultation on the settlement](#) that closes on 14 January 2026.

Warm in Winter

[Warm Welcome | Find Community Spaces Near You](#)

[Warm and Well - Norfolk & Waveney Integrated Care System \(ICS\)](#)

Norfolk Trails Public Survey

The council is seeking feedback to ensure that the future of [Norfolk's Trails](#) aligns with the values and preferences of residents. A public survey is being conducted to gather community input, which will inform the long-term planning and improvement of the trails, with the aim of enhancing accessibility for all.

We welcome the views of our local councillors and are keen to hear from your residents – so please share the link to the public survey. The link to the survey is available [here](#).

National planning policy framework consultation

The [Government has launched a major consultation](#) on a revamped National Planning Policy Framework. They say that the changes will help optimise land use through well-designed, higher-density development, simplified biodiversity rules for smaller sites - and fast-track good housing projects that meet national standards for energy efficiency.

The proposed measures aim to advance their objectives for economic growth, construction of 1.5 million new homes during this Parliament, and the achievement of clean power by 2030.

They also seek to establish a stable, rules-based system where developments meeting clear standards can move quickly from plans to construction.

A link to the consultation is available [here](#). It closes on 10 March 2026.

Support for abuse victims

The government has [announced](#) additional funding to bolster protection for domestic abuse victims, including almost £500 million for councils to provide safe accommodation and support services.

This includes an extra £19 million uplift that will help about 4,900 more households access refuge spaces or Sanctuary Scheme measures (which secure victims' own homes), on top of £480 million already in local budgets. Framed as part of the new Violence Against Women and Girls strategy, the funding promises the largest ever crackdown on abusers.

Young people and work report: Call for Evidence

With almost one million young people not in education, employment, or training (NEET) Alan Milburn is leading an investigation into the causes of soaring unemployment in the young in recent years.

He has launched a [Call for Evidence](#) to help shape the investigation, and is seeking evidence and insight to answer 2 questions:

- What is stopping more young people from participating in employment, education or training?
- What would make the biggest difference to support more young people to participate?

The Call for Evidence is open until 30 January 2026.

Gritting and Potholes

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Date:

Gritting routes

Routes determined before gritting season and no changes during season,

Clockwork precision, relying on weather data

Do not grit on snow

Grit bins

Being refilled. Regular check

Very wet, very cold is pothole heaven. Report asap on NCC website

Scams

Scam Alert - Emails claiming to be from NatWest

Scam Alert - Telephone cold calls claiming to be 'bank security'

Scam Alert - Fake Parking Charge Notice text & WhatsApp messages

Rogue Trader Alert - Doorstep Cold Callers claiming issues with properties' roof

Scam Alert – Investment scams

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