



North Tuddenham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at North Tuddenham Village Hall

Present – Cllrs Harding, Stapleton, Baxter, Hall, Blake and Smith

Also present: District Cllr Borrett, Mr Jim Freeman (Galliford Try), Clerk and 6 Members of the Public

1.0 Chairman's Report

Cllr Harding welcomed everyone. The following Chairman's Report was delivered:

- Resignation received and accepted from Cllr Jon Phillips – thanks to JP for his support and service over his tenure. Vacancy to be filled asap via co-option. **Clerk to action.**
- Welcome to Jim Freeman from Galliford Try and District Cllr Bill Borrett
- Roadside cleaning has been undertaken by Tud Buds and other volunteers, including the clearing of the A47 footbridge and cleaning of handrails. Thanks to all.
- The seating bench next to the village sign has been restored and renovated and the green areas are now looking very presentable. Again, thanks to all who supported with this.
- The Recycling Initiative continues to be an impactful activity in terms of raising additional funds for the village. Any prospective volunteers to help with this would be extremely welcome.
- The Neighbourhood Plan Working Party has met again – report later in the meeting
- Dirty Lane is to be trimmed by volunteers to improve access. Residents encouraged to take secateurs within them to trim overhanging foliage when they use the path.
- Final thanks to Cllr Stapleton who ensured the village was array with sunflowers at the end of the summer.

2.0 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest – No apologies and no new declarations.

3.0 Previous Minutes and any Matters Arising

- 3.1 To review and agree the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th July 2024** – The minutes of the meeting were read and agreed as a true and accurate record of events. To be signed by The Chair.
- 3.2 Matters Arising** – No matters arising

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4.0 Public Session – [Limited to 30 minutes public voice] and District Councillor Reports

4.1 Report and Update – A47 Upgrade – Jim Freeman (Guest) Galliford Try

JF spoke to the meeting confirming that the judicial review had found in favour of the Project in May 2024 but work had been halted ahead of the General Election to ensure no adverse politicisation of the build. Work has now commenced, and he assured the meeting that communication would be regular and explanatory around upcoming work and that notifications of footpath/road closures would be timely. He continued to summarise the work undertaken since August but confirmed that progress would likely slow as more inclement Autumn/Winter weather sets in.

He confirmed that lorries delivering aggregate were clearly marked with the Galliford Try logo and were under strict instruction not to use any of the minor roads – any vehicles seen not adhering to this should be reported to GT asap.

Work between October and December will include vegetation clearance, and this will begin the change in the landscape visuality. Landscape plans are in place with a full replanting schema included.

Traffic management – JF confirmed that North Tuddenham was not on a diversion route.

JF confirmed that the Lyng Road junction would improve access for bus services moving forwards and that he would be happy to liaise with bus companies around our provision.

AH expressed concerns that the village would still be used for ‘rat running’ traffic and asked about the provision of temporary signage warning motorists to find alternative routes. Discussions around sign pollution and potential driver-distraction were had but JF reassured Cllrs that signage would be aptly placed to try to prevent this happening to North Tuddenham.

JF confirmed that as part of the project, the old A47 would have cycle paths and footpaths from Lyng Road to Easton which would enhance residents’ enjoyment of the area.

JF confirmed the availability of firewood for residents felling had been completed and advised that he would be contacting affected Parish Councils once this was available for collection. Other uses might be for the Parish Council to build signs, benches etc.

Cllr Harding thanked JF for his briefing and JF left the meeting.

4.2 Breckland Cllr’s Report

BB spoke to the meeting. Summary of this Report included:

Newly elected Central Government has awarded Breckland higher targets for housing provision; concerns around the tenuous nature of identifying an adequate land supply by the end of this year were discussed. To facilitate for these unexpected changes, Breckland will pause the Local Plan for the moment until more guidance is available. He indicated there may be refreshed consultation around the Call for Sites. New town plans at Billingford having previously been defeated, may also return to the agenda.

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NWL funding previously committed is now being reviewed by the new Government.

Cllr Harding thanked Cllr Borrett for his update; Cllr Borrett left the meeting. **Copy Report to be shared on Community Facebook Page and PC Website.**

4.3 Public Session

Members of the Public alerted Cllrs to the increase in dog fouling on The Common. **Clerk to remind residents to use disposal facilities on Community Facebook Page and Cllr Harding to produce additional signs.**

Members of the Public also voiced a wish for an increase to the bus services currently available to residents, stating that times were restrictive for travel. Cllr Harding stated that the PC had managed to secure a bus service much earlier than anticipated and that Konect Bus and NCC Transport had hitherto, been very supportive. He asked residents to note that extending service had already been raised with Transport and that he was awaiting further updates.

5.0 Highways

5.1 To receive and consider any SAM2 Data available

Cllr Harding shared data with Cllrs from the first download. **Points of note:** The maximum speed recorded was 80mph with the total number of cars using the Main Road totalling 34000 in the one month period - of these vehicles, the average speed was 43.78mph. Further download to be shared at November meeting.

5.2 To receive the report of Cllr Smith on:

5.2.1 **Northwestern Link Road** – Already covered in Briefing from Galliford Try and Cllr Borrett

5.3 To receive any update around the Bus Service to North Tuddenham – Chair – See Public Session

5.4 To discuss and agree any necessary action required to maintain village hedgerows

Cllrs discussed the parameters and expectations around hedgerow maintenance, and in particular, Hall Lane, which has now been trimmed. **Clerk to write to landowners to remind them of the need for regular trimming for visibility purposes.**

5.5 To note any Highways Matters for attention

Dead End Sign – need of repainting – **Clerk to Report-**

6.0 The Common

6.1 To note the provision of current Public Liability Insurance from Contractors –

This has now been received and viewed - Robin Mahoney and George Taylor.

7.0 Village Amenities Update

7.1 St Mary's Church

– Cllr Smith reported the upcoming Shanty Singers event and the recent Rock Concert, both of which continue to raise much-needed funds for St Marys. He confirmed that there was still no incumbent Vicar, but both Harvest Festival, Remembrance and Christmas services would still go ahead.

7.2 Village Hall

– Next Committee meeting scheduled for 30th September 2024.

7.3 The Common

– Annual cut due in October – Cllrs reiterated their thanks to The Common Team for their continuing hard work.

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- 7.4 **North Tuddenham Community Association** – Cllrs discussed the viability of organising an evening event at the Village Hall; this could include playing card games, table tennis etc. **Cllr Harding to approach the Community Association to establish this as a dual project and to contact the Village Hall Committee around use of the Hall. Pilot event to be publicised via the Community Facebook Page.**
- 7.5 **Recycling Project** – Volunteers needed – if interested, please contact Cllr Stapleton.
- 7.6 **To review and agree the provision of a Community Car Scheme and to select A Council member to oversee** – Cllrs debated the need for a Community Car Scheme to support residents from the village. Cllrs **PROPOSED** the PC apply to Transport Plus scheme run by NCC (details previously circulated) – this was unanimously **AGREED**. Cllr Blake was nominated to progress this and make initial approach to Transport Plus; PC to promote in the village via the Facebook Page. Volunteer drivers will also be recruited from the village.

8.0 Planning

- 8.1 **To receive and consider any new Planning Applications – None received.**
- 8.2 **To note the outcomes of any recent Planning Applications –**
3PL/2024/0578/F – The Old Chapel, Elsing Road, North Tuddenham. Change of use from agricultural land to residential for Gardening and recreational purposes – APPROVED - NOTED
- 8.3 **To receive any update around the Breckland Local Plan – See Cllr Borrett's Report – Appendix 1 below and Public Session above.**
- 8.4 **To receive any update around Neighbourhood Planning Working Group – Cllr ` Harding and Cllr Hall**

Cllr Harding summarised the remit of the Neighbourhood Working Party and its 13-point Action Plan. He also reported around a recent meeting with BDC's Andrew D'Arcy Head of Planning Services. He stated that Andrew had seen little merit in attempting a DIY option and other salient points of the discussion were summarised. The Working Group also recently met with a NP Consultant who suggested that before a NP is progressed, a designated neighbourhood area should be established in the absence of a formal settlement boundary.

Cllr Harding told Cllrs that ultimately the decision would rest with the PC. He **PROPOSED** that a 14th Point be added to the Action Plan ie that a final debate be held around the adoption of a NP at the next meeting. This must ensure the prudence of the financial commitment of public funds and the viability and longevity of its affect, particularly pertaining to the recent potential change of direction with the Local Plan. It was unanimously **AGREED to add this to the project road map and that it be included on the Parish Council Agenda for debate at the next meeting in November. Cllr Harding to share draft Road Map ahead of the next meeting.**

- 8.5 **To consider and review any planning protocols and to review and adopt a PC Planning Guidelines document** - previously shared. The PC reviewed this document and agreed to adopt it to help guide planning decisions moving forward. It was also **AGREED** that Cllr Hall will manage this planning protocol and become Primary contact for all planning matters in future. **Clerk to circulate on social media and Website.**

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9.0 Finance

9.1 To receive and consider any Report from the RFO – Cllr Baxter led discussions around the affordability of future projects given the limited funds held by the PC. **It was AGREED to add this for further discussion at the November meeting.**

9.2 To receive and review any report around provision of Bus Shelter and agree budget.

Is it viable? This was discussed at length and given the costs, even with PP Funding and Member's Share, the additional maintenance burden would be inadvisable at present. It was **AGREED** to suspend this matter until Bus Provision had been increased and/or the A47 upgrade had been completed.

9.3 To consider offer of Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership to part fund 9.2 if agreed Unanimously AGREED not to apply.

9.4 To consider and agree reasonable maintenance costs for PC assets - deferred to November – see 9.1 above.

9.5 To Review and Agree any payments below:

Payments agreed as per below:

Payee	Invoice Details	£ Total	VAT	Excl VAT
V Turner	Clerk's Salary and Expenses	543.38		
HMRC	Clerk's Tax Liabilities	6.80		
Barry Pummell	Materials for Seat Repairs	5.69	ALREADY Paid – Chq no 578	

9.6 To note any Payments received –

Deposit Account interest £23.17

9.7 To note Bank Account Balances

Current account £1625.10

Deposit account £6219.20

9.8 To consider and agree any Cllr or Clerk Training Requirements – Nothing required.

9.9 To receive update around restoration of the Village Sign and to agree any budgetary expenditure (£137) and consider any joint funding opportunities with St Mary's PCC or other funding partners – Options and estimates were debated – given the financial outlay likely required, it was agreed that replacement or repair could be postponed for the time being to establish any other funding routes or joint funding opportunities.

9.10 To discuss and consider whether to adopt Dot.gov dedicated email addresses for Cllrs; pending decision, to agree to expenditure of £112.00 plus VAT for two years with Governor subsidy of £100 for two years registration.

This was discussed and it was **AGREED** not to pursue; dedicated free email addresses should be created to curtail use of personal or business addresses currently being used. **DB and Clerk to create a test address for RFO and then add other Cllrs once PC have reviewed - AGREED**

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- 9.10 To discuss and agree the purchase of a Commemorative Poppy Wreath for the War Memorial (S137) –AGREED – DB abstained. Clerk to order.**
- 9.11 To receive a quarterly finance report – RFO – delivered.**
- 9.12 To review the updated Risk Assessment, agree changes and adopt –**
This was previously circulated – All changes AGREED and ADOPTED for use.
Clerk to upload to Website.
- 9.13 To review and agree purchase of data storage and virus protection for PC work.**
Costs were previously circulated – these were reviewed and a budget of £100 agreed for the two purchases. **Clerk to order.**
- 10.0 To receive and note any correspondence received:**
Emails from Breckland District Council; Email from Galliford Try; Emails from NALC and Norfolk PTS; emails from CAN; Emails from Cllr Hawker; Emails from Cllr Bambridge; Green Spaces Norfolk; email from Marie Curie; Woodland Trust email; email from Cllr Bambridge; emails from residents – **ALL NOTED**
- 11.0 AOB – Clerk to email former Cllr Philips and thank him for this tenure.**
- 12.0 To confirm the date and time of the next ordinary Parish Council Meeting as Wednesday 20th November 2024 – 7.00pm - at North Tuddenham Village Hall – PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME**

Thanks to all – meeting closed at 21.25pm

Appendix 1

PARISH REPORT OCTOBER 2024

Cllr. BILL BORRETT

Elmham and Mattishall Division

Norfolk County Council

New Government scraps £600m Norfolk Deal

More than £600m of investment to create jobs, homes and infrastructure has been scrapped, after the new Government halted Norfolk's devolution deal.

Norfolk County Council had secured an in-principle devolution deal in December 2023, to bring more powers and funding to the county - including a £20m investment fund for 30 years.

The Government has now informed the council that the current deal has been halted.

For a Government that is keen on economic growth, this is a shortsighted and damaging decision.

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The Government says it supports devolution, yet it has killed off a deal that was ready to go: a deal that was going to improve lives in Norfolk, and grow our economy and start to address decades of historic under investment in our county.

Norfolk deserves better than this. I intend to press the Government for talks on how we can salvage as many benefits as possible from our current deal - and ensure we don't go to the back of the queue for new powers and funding.

The deal Norfolk has agreed with the previous Government proposed investment of more than £600m over 30 years. It would have enabled Norfolk to invest in areas such as transport, skills and job opportunities, housing and regeneration, tailored to the needs of local people.

It would mean:

- Targeting funding and resources to Norfolk's own priorities
- Unlocking housing and employment sites
- Investing in the skills we need and attracting and retaining key businesses
- Opening the door to more - further powers and funding in future

Working with district council colleagues and other partners, the county council developed a significant pipeline of projects which would have been funded through the devolution deal.

The first phase of schemes included new health facilities in Kings Lynn and Norwich, funding to unlock major commercial and housing sites in a range of sites including Norwich, South Norfolk, Kings Lynn, Attleborough, Dereham and North Walsham. Together these schemes have the potential to unlock around £750m in investment, more than 1,000 jobs and hundreds of houses.

Norfolk County Council opposes National Grid pylon scheme

We have objected to a National Grid proposal to construct an overhead electricity transmission line across the county. In Essex and parts of Suffolk this is due to go underground, but not here in Norfolk

National Grid has launched a statutory consultation on plans for an 114 mile overhead power line between Norwich in Norfolk, Bramford in Suffolk and Tilbury in Essex.

In non-statutory consultations, Norfolk County Council has urged National Grid to reconsider the scheme, but the project will be determined by the secretary of state for energy security and net zero as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

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Norfolk County Council's planning and highways delegations committee have agreed to object to the proposal, arguing that the alternative option of an underground scheme, had not been adequately considered.

At a recent full council meeting, councillors backed a motion expressing concerns over the proposals.

Norfolk countryside at risk from proposed solar farms

Thousands of acres of farmland are being put "under attack" from Solar Farm developers.

I am very concerned by the urbanisation of the countryside these proposals would cause. There have been several huge proposals unveiled with separate plans to create the UK's largest two solar farms here in Norfolk.

One of the developments, called High Grove, would cover 4,000 acres of land on five sites close to Dereham and Swaffham, on the North and South of the A47. The other, East Pye, would cover 2,700 acres on 34 fields surrounding several villages close to the A140 near Long Stratton.

Conference celebrated Norfolk's market towns and examine their future potential

Champions of Norfolk's market towns came together at a conference aimed at showcasing their strengths and developing plans to maximise their future potential.

Businesses, organisations and councils from market towns across the county took part in the event at Swaffham Assembly Rooms on 1st October, exploring placemaking, business and skills support and transport.

My colleague, Councillor Fabian Eagle, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, conceived the idea for the conference which will build on the engagement work the county council has completed through its Norfolk Economic Strategy workshops and Love Your Market Town initiative.

Norfolk County Council wants to highlight the crucial role market towns such as Dereham play as service centres for local communities and bring together people to share best practice around revitalising them, encouraging pride in place and increasing footfall.

Norfolk Business Board ushers in new era of support for the region's economy

A Norfolk Business Board tasked with developing a vibrant economy, helping local companies to succeed and ensuring the region has the necessary skills and infrastructure has met for the first time.

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Representing a wide range of backgrounds, including agri-food, clean energy, creative industries and financial services, the board's members were chosen from almost 70 applications and will help oversee an ambitious, evidence-based economic strategy for Norfolk.

Meeting four to six times a year, they will give their time to deliver the board's vision for inclusive economic growth, in partnership with business, education, the voluntary sector and local authorities. The first meeting was held on Thursday 26th September at Hethel Engineering, near Norwich.

To find out more about the work of Norfolk Business Board, visit www.norfolkbusinessboard.co.uk

Latest round of funding open for agri-tech and food tech businesses

Norfolk County Council is working in partnership with Innovate UK and regional partners Greater Lincolnshire LEP, Suffolk County Council and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority on the Launchpad with up to £7.5m to grow innovation in Eastern England's agri-tech and food technology cluster, which also includes agri-biotech and aquaculture.

The Eastern England region is the national leader in fresh produce, meat, poultry, fish and seafood processing, underpinned by the largest food logistics sector in the UK. The cluster has a strong drinks and convenience food sector as well as leading niche and specialty food producers.

Innovate UK has opened two grant funding competitions to offer innovative businesses the opportunity to win a share of up to £2.5m.

- In the '[Minimum Financial Assistance' \(MFA\) competition](#), micro, small and medium sized businesses can apply for grant funding between £25,000 and £100,000. The grant is to cover up to 100% of the project costs.
- The [Collaborative Research and Development \(CR&D\) competition](#) offers grant funding of £150,000 to £300,000 for business-led collaborative innovation projects lasting between 6 and 18 months. Project consortia must include an SME and be comprised of organisations such as businesses, universities, research institutes, charities and the public sector.

In both competitions, innovative businesses can seek funding for projects developing and applying technologies in themes that include the following:

- Enhancing the productivity of primary crops, livestock, aquaculture or ornamental crops
- Biotechnologies related to agriculture, aquaculture, food processing and nutrition
- Food that promotes safe, lower carbon or more sustainable healthy and nutritious diets
- Resource efficient production and processing methods for low emission foods

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Under the Launchpad, Norfolk County Council, Greater Lincolnshire LEP, Suffolk County Council and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority are collaborating as the Launchpad Cluster Management team, showcasing wider support on offer for innovative businesses in the cluster, including events, finance and investment and connections. If you would like to engage with the Norfolk lead, please do contact james.allen@norfolk.gov.uk.

Norfolk businesses looking to apply for the Innovate UK grant funding competitions can take advantage of free innovation bid writing support on offer through the [Innovation Grant Mentoring Project](#).

Aiming high with latest investment in county's fire and rescue service

Norfolk's brand-new Aerial Ladder Platform is having its first outing this week at a prestigious national Fire and Rescue event.

The £1million capability will belong to Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service and be vital in emergency rescues from height and help in tackling fires from above extinguishing them quickly and safely.

This latest piece of equipment is part of an investment by Norfolk County Council, which has also included a phase one rollout of the first 22 new fire appliances across Norfolk, and specialist wildfire kit and personal protective equipment.

Over the last year, Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service has introduced 22 new fire appliances, at a cost of close to £7 million across the service. These have gone to replace ageing models across the service. Further appliances will be heading out on the road as part of further phases in the coming years.

As a result of those new fire appliances, the service will be providing one of the old appliances, previously stationed at Heacham, to our friends at Norfolk Fire Museum.

Second World War veterans attended Battle of Britain Commemoration at County Hall

I was very pleased to help host a group of Second World War veterans as part of a ceremony to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

The event took place at County Hall on Friday 13th September, organised by Norfolk County Council Chairman, Councillor Stuart Dark MBE and was attended by members of the Armed Forces and leaders from across the county.

The veterans, with an average age of 100, were led into the ceremony by the next generation of Cadets as part of the opening parade. Music accompaniment was provided by the Norwich City Concert Band.

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Extracts from speeches by Sir Winston Churchill to The House of Commons were recited by HM Lord-Lieutenant, Lady Dannatt MBE.

Wreaths were laid ahead of the playing of the last post and a minute silence to honour those we have lost.

The Service was concluded with the playing of the National Anthem.

Herring Bridge receives further national awards

The new Herring Bridge in Great Yarmouth, which opened in February, received further national recognition at a Highway Awards ceremony in London last night.

Norfolk County Council's nationally significant infrastructure project won the Major Project of Year award and was also later announced as winner for the Highways Special Merit award across all shortlisted finalists.

This follows the bridge already receiving Major Project of the Year at the New Civil Engineer awards early this summer.

The Highway Awards were held on Tuesday 24th September at Park Plaza, Westminster Bridge in London, with shortlisted entries decided by an expert panel of twelve judges.

Norfolk's entry was a joint submission with consultants WSP who worked with the council and partners to take the project, constructed by BAM Farrans joint venture, from its inception through to delivery.

Subsidised trees available to order as Norfolk County Council aims to hit 600,000 trees for Norfolk

I'm really pleased that Trees in Norfolk are set for another increase as Norfolk County Council launches projects for the new tree planting season which starts in November.

The One Million Trees for Norfolk subsidised tree scheme is now open for individuals, parish councils, community groups, businesses, schools, and landowners to apply for tree packs (and tree protection) at up to 50% off the original price.

As well as the usual range of tree packs available, this year, for the first time there are a limited number of single Norfolk Oak trees, grown at Gressenhall Community tree nursery, making it possible for more people to take part and be 'one in a million'.

Those interested can apply for subsidised tree packs by visiting www.norfolk.gov.uk/subsidisedtreepacks

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In addition to the subsidised tree scheme Norfolk County Council is once again partnering with Busseys, to launch the Busseys Community Grant. This initiative offers £10,000 in funding to support tree planting projects across Norfolk. Community groups can apply for grants of up to £2,500 to plant trees that provide tangible benefits to their local area. The grant is open to any organisation in Norfolk with suitable land and the necessary permissions for planting.

More information on how to apply, the application process, and deadlines visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/busseyscommunitygrant

Tree planting projects take place from November to March, and as of the end of the 2023/24 planting season Norfolk County Council had planted 486,825 trees across Norfolk since the programme got under way in 2020. These include everything from single urban trees, to hedgerows and woodlands.

Given the range of projects, it is expected that the number of trees planted since 2020 will reach 600,000 trees across the county by the end of the planting season (March 2025).

Other projects supporting our tree planting ambition this year include:

- Free hedgerow planting for County farms tenants
- Tree planting pilots being run as part of the Trees Outside Woodland (ToW) project. We are a partner of the ToW project, led by DEFRA. This is a research project, looking at new ways to increase tree cover outside woodlands and strengthen biosecurity, helping to mitigate the effects of climate change.
- Free Advice Pilot - we have partnered with the Norfolk Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group to offer free advice to landowners who wish to plant more the 0.5ha of woodland (Woodland creation).
- We also continue to encourage residents to '[Tell Us Where You Planted](#)' by letting us know online if they have planted a tree so they can be part of Norfolk's 1 million Trees story.

For more information on Norfolk's 1 Million Trees initiative visit

www.norfolk.gov.uk/milliontrees

Changes coming to Norfolk's recycling centres in November

We hope that the changes proposed benefit everyone who uses recycling centres. The changes will help reduce congestion and make sites safer whilst ensuring costs are covered for the disposal of waste.

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Anyone wishing to visit a Norfolk recycling centre from Monday 18th November 2024 must book in advance. Bookings can be made up to seven days ahead either online via the council's website or by phoning the customer service centre. The new booking system will be live from Monday 11th November.

Slots are available every fifteen minutes and people can make a booking or cancel one right up until the time of the booking. People will be asked to give the registration number of the vehicle they will be using on the day. Business and trade waste customers will also be asked to provide their waste carriers licence number.

Everyone has to book to drop off waste at the recycling centre, including those arriving on foot or by bicycle. People do not have to book if they only want to visit the Re-use Shop but if they also want to leave waste in the same visit, then they need to book ahead.

Trade Waste

In addition to the booking system, trade customers will also see a change to the way they pay to dispose of their waste from the 1st November. Businesses will be charged based on the size of vehicle and the type of waste they bring, instead of the number of bags.

These changes are to make sure that the costs of disposal of trade waste at Norfolk recycling centres are fully covered, and to provide a fair and consistent price for traders based on the volume and type of waste in each vehicle.

- This change has already worked well in neighbouring counties and now Norfolk will come into line.
- The booking system goes live on Monday 11th November 2024 to book slots for the following week. Customers can find out more by picking up a leaflet at a recycling centre or at www.norfolk.gov.uk/recyclingbooking . Or call 0344 800 8020
- The trade waste service is available at our seven largest recycling centres including Dereham
- There are five vehicle categories, and each vehicle will be assessed and charged as either up to 50% full or over 50% full. Prices can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/recyclingbooking starting from £10.50 for half a mini-van of recyclables
- Alternative ways for businesses to dispose of trade waste can be found on our www.norfolk.gov.uk/businesswaste

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Initiative encourages young cyclists to illuminate their rides day and night for enhanced safety

In my role as cabinet Member for Public Health I have organised Norfolk's Safety Camera Partnership with the support of Norfolk County Council to encourage young cyclists across Norfolk to "be switched on" both day and night by offering a free set of bike lights on completion of their cycle training this year.

It became apparent during Bikeability training commissioned by Norfolk County Council and delivered by Outspoken, SJ3 and Pedal Power; that some cyclists in Norfolk either don't have access to bike lights or choose not to use them.

Norfolk's Safety Camera Partnership have agreed to fund bike lights for Year 6 cyclists who complete their cycle training from September 2024, supporting their transition to high school.

The benefits of using bike lights can improve the visibility for the cyclist and other road users. A Danish study in 2012 found that the risk of a collision with a car decreased by 19% in cyclists who used their lights during the day.

For more information about cycling courses available in your area please [visit Primary school road safety education courses](#).

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