



North Tuddenham Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the Meeting of

North Tuddenham Parish Council at

7.00pm on Wednesday 17th September 2025 at North Tuddenham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Harding, Baxter, Stapleton, Smith, Blake and Ellen Blake; Clerk

Members of the public: 16

District Cllr Gordon Bambridge

Norfolk County Cllr Bill Borrett

1.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks and welcome

Thank you to members of the public and our Cllrs for attending tonight.

The last 2 months have been very busy. As always, it is lovely to see our village community coming together, with the Community Association holding several events including coffee mornings and community nights which have been well attended, as well as the recent 392nd Bomb group Memorial event. There are several Church events planned and the village hall has regular and new bookings. Thanks to our Clerk and Cllrs, who have been going about their work and projects in the background. I must stress, all these activities take a lot of planning and organising; finally, it is important to recognise our groups of volunteers and say a huge THANK YOU to them. Since the last meeting, we have achieved:

- Public meeting to discuss Call for Sites and a planning application
- On, going, Common maintenance work .
- Pot holes repaired throughout the village
- Some tidying up of gulleys and sign replacements.
- Engagement with Highways, including installation of signage to remind drivers to drive slower through our village
- Recycling work carried out and some weighed in
- "Community club night"
- Monthly Mardle (Mike)
- Community Association coffee morning
- Ongoing collection of SAM 2 data
- Checking of defibrillators
- Looking after the village library
- 392nd Bomb group Memorial event

If I have missed anything I apologise, but say a big Thank You to all involved.

2.0 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for Absence received and accepted from Cllr Hall.

Declarations of Interest – Standing Interests confirmed – no change

No other conflicts with the Agenda declared.

3.0 Cllr Training

To discuss and agree any training identified for Cllrs CPD – Clerk to attend Parish Online Training in October - NOTED

4.0 Public Session [Limited to 20 minutes] – Including District and County Cllrs' Reports

A member of the public tendered congratulations to the PC and Cllr Harding in particular, for the ever-increasing bus provision - the NO 8 bus is routed through the village every 20 minutes now. This was agreed by all as a positive.

A member of the public encouraged residents to attend PC meetings more regularly to ensure they had an input and felt their opinions were better heard; it was also agreed that this would be a vital route to ensure recruitment of new Cllrs and when there were vacancies, or an Election. Increased meeting attendance was agreed to be vital for the continuation of growth of the village.

A member of the public revisited the need to slow traffic around the 60mph roads in the village – Cllr Harding confirmed that unfortunately, despite continuing and thorough efforts to find permanent solutions to this, the PC continued to be unsuccessful in attaining interventions for reducing speeding traffic by road speed limit. He asked Parishioners to note the recent placement of the signs asking drivers to respect the village during the A47 upgrade.

Cllr Borrett stated that whilst the A47 upgrade was underway, increased road use would be higher but hopefully once completed, this would reduce to pre-upgrade level. He explained that he was working with National Highways to review and limit the impact of diversions; he told the meeting that the Parishes of Elsing, Lyng and Swanton Morley had also shared with him the same concerns. He encouraged the PC to make contact with the Police and Crime Commissioner if excessive speeds were recorded on the Main Road which is 50mph. Cllr Borrett agreed to set up a meeting with Highways if there is a site-specific issue identified.

Local Gov reorganisation is proceeding – abolishing DC and NCC and replacing with a new structure; proposals have been submitted which suggests 3 unitary Councils in Norfolk. Please see <https://www.futurenorfolk.com/> for further information

Cllr Bambridge has recently had conversations around the wishes and feelings of residents of NT with Planning Officers, and reassured residents that he would continue to advocate.

5.0 To approve the minutes of previous meetings

5.1 To review and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th July 2025 – Read and agreed as a true and accurate record of events and to be signed by the Chair

6.0 Reports of Community Groups

6.1 To receive any reports to Parish Council – including District and County Councillors' Reports – Delivered in the context of the Public Session.

7.0 Highways Matters

7.1 To receive any report on A47 Upgrade and NWL (Cllr Smith)

No new reports from Galliford Try – traffic diversions were again discussed particularly around the area of Kimblewick Riding Stables. It was NOTED that a bus was often having trouble getting round the roads in this area - this was identified as the school bus servicing the Dereham Schools. **ACTION: Cllr Harding to email Cllr Borrett for him to pursue safer/passable routes with Highways**

7.2 To receive SAM2 Data – Cllr Harding – No data reporting this month – Defer to next meeting

- 7.3 To receive any update for Wheelie Bin 'Slow Down Stickers' – Cllr Harding/E Blake – Defer **ACTION: Clerk to defer to next meeting**
- 7.4 To consider and discuss any further update around lowering speed limits on roads with 60mph speed-limits within the village – already discussed as part of Item 4.0
- 7.5 To consider any other Highways matters for attention – Cleaning of the gullies to also be identified with Highways Rangers. **ACTION: Clerk to collect locations and report.**

- 8.0 **Review and Adoption of Policies**
 - 8.1 **Planning Policy September 2025** – This was reviewed and unanimously **AGREED** for formal adoption.
 - 8.2 **Planning Committee Terms of Reference** – This was reviewed and unanimously **AGREED** for formal adoption

- 9.0 **The Common and Recycling Project – Cllr Stapleton**
 - 9.1 To receive general report and any update around signage on The Common – Cllr Stapleton RPA scheme will shortly come to an end; Cllr Stapleton explained the process of proposing a new scheme and ensuring it is viable. Other organizations such as NWT and Forestry Commission will on occasions allocate money to such schemes as NT's Common. **ACTION: Clerk to add to Agenda for consideration of future funding schemes and associated costs**
Silver Birch control is needed at this time of the year which may require the services of a contractor.
Permissions for Bracken and Silver Birch sapling curtailment was unanimously **AGREED**; Lowland Heath is a rare habitat and needs protection. **ACTION: Clerk to add to next Agenda, the consideration of two kissing gates to deter use of the Common by horse-riders and cyclists.**
Recycling continues – a new member of the Team has been recruited. Last consignment has been weighed in and has amounted to £267.72 – Copper, £79.05 – Aluminum £787.70 – data cable; £354.30 miscellaneous metals – Cllrs thanked Cllr Stapleton and his volunteers for their hard work and for the generous contribution to Parish Council funds.

- 10.0 **Village Sign - To receive any updated Report around the new Village Sign – Cllr Ellen Blake** – Finished and is ready for collection. Cllr Ellen Blake was thanked for her work around this project and all eagerly awaited the installation of the new sign.

- 11.0 **Planning**
 - 11.1 **To receive any new planning applications - NOTED**
 - 11.1.1 **PL/2025/0525/OMIN** North Tuddenham: Land At Low Road / Fox Lane, Clippings Green, North Tuddenham – 7 Self-Build dwellings – **REFUSED**
 - 11.1.2 **PL/2025/1027/OMIN** - Willow Farm, Elsing Road, North Tuddenham, Erection of self-build dwelling – **Unanimously AGREED not to SUPPORT**
 - 11.1.3 **PL/2025/1013/OMIN** - Willow Farm, Elsing Road, North Tuddenham, Outline Application for erection of No.1 self-build dwelling with all matters reserved except access and appearance – Garden Land - **Unanimously AGREED not to SUPPORT**
 - 11.1.4 **PL/2025/1120/FMIN** - Old Chapel, Elsing Road, North Tuddenham, Proposed Replacement Dwelling and Garaging (Self Build) – **Unanimously AGREED to SUPPORT With Condition that there be one property remaining on the plot.**
 - 11.2 **To note any planning outcomes**
PL/2025/0768/FMIN - Dale Tree Farm Low Road, North Tuddenham, Dereham,

Norfolk, NR20 3DQ Proposed single storey detached dwelling and garage – **REFUSED**

PL/2025/0824/NMA NMA Non-material amendment of an existing planning permission - Bucks Burrow Low Road, North Tuddenham, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 3DQ - Amendment to planning permission 3PL/2023/0901/HOU Additional of small additional window at front elevation – **ACCEPTABLE**

PL/2025/0701/HOU Church Farm Cottage Low Road, North Tuddenham, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 3DQ Replacement of PVCu conservatory with brick, tile and part oak framed extension – **GRANTED WITH CONIDITIONS**

- 12.0 To receive update around new PC website hosting and dedicated emails addresses – Cllr Baxter** – Still in progress; subscription for existing website has been renewed to allow for business continuity.

13.0 Breckland Local Plan and Renewed Call for Sites

- 14.1 To receive any update around Local Plan 2024-42 – Cllr Harding/Cllr Smith/DC Bambridge and to feedback public opinion around Call for Sites – Cllr Bambridge** confirmed that the Local consultation and deliberation was still in process; new Plan is running concurrently with the previous Plan until the successor is formerly adopted. Next Hearing likely to be late Spring 2026.
Cllrs agreed that at the recent public meeting, the opinion of the electorate was concise and clear and that the temperature of the residents attending, was almost unanimously against the proposition of all sites currently being brokered. Cllrs **AGREED** to register their **OBJECTION** to all sites proposed. **ACTION: Clerk to register comments**

14.0 Wendling Bomber Command Visit to The Common – Report – Cllr Stapleton

Cllr Stapleton summarised the success of the recent Bomber Command visit. Special thanks to Pat Baldwin and all volunteers who helped to make the day so special.
ACTION: Clerk to draft a letter for Cllr Harding’s signature.

15.0 Finance – Review and agree payments below:

Payee	Invoice Details	£ Total	Section 137	Chq Number
V Turner	Clerk’s Salary, On-Costs and Expenses	£479.82		100612
HMRC	Clerk’s On-Costs	£27.96		100613
Ellen Blake	Reimbursement for O/S amount for village sign	£2116.80		Travel costs to be agreed and reimbursed at next meeting 100614
Norfolk NALC	Subscription and Website Hosting	£229.03		100608
Jonathan Stapleton	Reimbursement for plaque for Community Association	£44.10		100609

Barry Pummell	Reimbursement of expenses to repair memorial on The Common	£31.49		100611
TO NOTE CHEQUE CANCELLED				100610
TO NOTE RECEIPT	Breckland Council grant re USAF memorial service	£100.00		
TO NOTE RECEIPT	Mellor Metals Recycling Credits	£354.30 and £1119.47		
TO NOTE RECEIPT	Breckland Council recycling income from glass and textiles	£219.74		
TO NOTE RECEIPT - DEPOSIT ACCT	Barclays Interest	£20.86		

- 15.1 To receive current account balances**
15.1.1 Current Account – £4639.58
15.1.2 Deposit Account – £6306.21
- 15.2 To receive and consider any new requests for Grant Funding – None received**
- 15.3 To receive any update around moving to two signatory authorisation for online banking and Clerk's admin rights to Accounts for business continuity**
Barclays forms for Mandate changes to be signed and relevant information will be shared to give online access asap. **ACTION: RFO to progress**
- 15.4 To note confirmation of Internal Auditor's engagement for 25-26 Internal Audit – This was AGREED subject to quotation for the Audit in Spring**
- 15.5 Receive any update from Cllr Ellen Blake about the Breckland Community Grant towards a village Christmas celebration - £250 grant from Cllr Borrett has been accepted under the auspices of the Community Association for a Christmas Fayre on 07.12.25**
- 15.6 To discuss and propose any projects eligible for Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership funding – Nothing proposed – nil return**
- 15.7 To discuss and agree the purchase of a Commemorative Poppy Wreath for the War Memorial (S137) – Cllr Baxter PROPOSED this annual spend under Section 137 - AGREED that the wreath be ordered by the Clerk. ACTION: Clerk to progress**
- 16.0 To discuss and review the provision of a Food Bank at St Mary's Church – Cllr Harding and Cllr Smith – ACTION: Clerk to defer to next meeting**
- 17.0 To discuss Operation Radium from Norfolk Constabulary and review and agree to join the scheme – Clerk read the letter from Norfolk Constabulary to the Meeting; Cllr Harding PROPOSED that the village take part in the scheme; AGREED. ACTION: Clerk will contact and leave the PC's contact address so that alerts will be received.**

18.0 To note correspondence received: NALC bulletins; NCC updates'; NWL Liaison Group; CAN Newsletters; emails from NCC Highways; BDC Planning emails; email from Norfolk ALC; TRO emails; emails from Galliford Try; emails from Norfolk PTS; email from DCllrs Borrett and Bambridge; emails from NWL Group: emails from RLS Computer Services; email from North Tuddenham Village Hall; emails from BDC Elections; Local Plan emails from BDC; letter from Age UK; East Proactive Comms; email enquiring about wood from The Common; email reporting a locked gate on a public bridleway; email from Radio Norfolk; updates to electoral roll; email from Go East Anglia around bus services; email from NCC Regarding Parish Partnership Funding; email from Community Police Officer - **NOTED**

19.0 Urgent Business – to consider any issues raised by Councillors that the Chairman Considered urgent – Nothing raised

20.0 To confirm the date and time of the next ordinary Parish Council Meeting -- Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 20.54 with no further matters arising

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