

WIVETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman : Cllr. John Ramm. **Parish Clerk :** Louise Stevens.
Vice-Chairman : Cllr. Martin Pearce.

Minutes of the Meeting of Wiveton Parish Council held on Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

1. Welcome and Apologies :

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present : The Chairman, Cllr. John Ramm, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Martin Pearce, Cllr. Mrs. Andrea Beal and Cllr. Richard Petley.

Apologies from Cllr. Godfrey Sayers and Cllr. Phil Cheadle.

Also present were District Councillor Dr. Victoria Holliday and Parish Clerk Louise Stevens.

Two parishioners present.

2. Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensations :

None.

3. To Approve the Minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2024 :

The Draft Minutes were circulated earlier by The Clerk. It was Agreed that they are a true record of the Meeting. Cllr. Mrs. Beal proposed them, and Vice-Chairman Cllr. Martin Pearce seconded. The Chairman signed them.

4. Matters Arising :

The new Bus Stops on the Coast Road have been completed. Timetables will be installed by the bus company.

Martin Horlock, from Norfolk County Council has arranged a meeting on The Downs for Wednesday 15th January 2025, to discuss proposed works. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr. Mrs. Beal will attend.

5. To receive reports :

District Councillor Victoria Holliday gave her report to the meeting, including details of new Housing Policies with the new build target now set at 932 annually from 556, The Role of the Planning Committee, Nature Recovery Paper were highlighted and the new PharmaBox in Blakeney which is expected in early spring. Local Plan soon to be adopted. The full Report is sent by email and printed in the Glaven Valley Newsletter. The Chairman thanked District Cllr. Dr. Holliday for her report.

County Councillor Michael Dalby arrived at the meeting and gave his report, which confirmed that County Council Approved forming an Unitary Authority with Suffolk Councils, as described in the new white paper for Devolution, part of new Local Government reform. No decision on the May elections but Parish Partnerships with NCC will continue.

Members advised County County Michael Dalby that the bus stops on the Coast Road had been completed and The Clerk stated that she had not received any payment details for this work. Councillor Dalby agreed to enquire about this.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Dalby for his report and he left the meeting.

6. Affordable Housing :

Vice-Chairman Cllr. Martin Pearce confirmed that Anna Clarke, Community Housing Enabler, North Norfolk District Council, had been invited to attend the Council's September meeting to address the homelessness and affordable housing situation in North Norfolk with 85 households on the housing list expressing preferences for properties in Wiveton. North Norfolk District Council will approach local land owners, who would be willing to sell land in suitable sites. A flyer, a call for sites, will be sent out with initial details. Proposed sites will need suitable access for 8 - 10 properties or spread in clusters within the village envelope.

The Parish Council confirms that it is in early stage discussions and will hold a public meeting to engage parishioners in the near future.

District Councillor Dr. Victoria Holliday mentioned the new Exceptions Site that is currently being developed in Salthouse as an example.

7. Parishioners Questions :

None.

8. Progress on The Bell :

The Council has settled the account with Birketts ,Solicitors. Chestnut Holdings have made an application to the Land Registry and the Council has objected formally to this. It will withdraw its objection subject to further clarity from the Land Registry. The Parish Council has also objected to the DfT highways Stopping Up Order along with another two unknown parties. The Chairman to contact Mr. James Daly, Head of Commercial, at Chestnut Holdings.

9. Planning :

Planning Application Number : PF / 24 / 2404. Approve.
Broadview, Hall Lane, Wiveton.

Planning Application Number : PF / 24 / 1736. Approve.
Golden Goose Cottage, Wiveton.

Planning Application Number : PF / 24 / 1786. Withdrawn.
Myrtle Cottage, Wiveton.

It has been noted that building works and driveway alterations have commenced at Leatherpool Place. The Council will enquire with the planning department.

10. Finance :

Balance in Deposit Account as at todays date : £20,538.02
Interest payment of £76.52 was received December 2nd.

Balance in Current account as at todays date : £19,972.55.
Payment since last meeting, to be presented : Birketts, £1327.20.

Both allotment rents were received : Total £45.00.
Six Allotted Land rents had been received : Total 300.00.

Payments to Approve this meeting :

ET Myers.	30.00
L. Stevens.	453.78

The Clerk explained that the National Minimum Wage for year to 31st March 2025 is £11.44.
Current hourly paid to Clerk £10.00.

It was Agreed to increase the hourly rate to £11.44, backdated to 1st April 2024. This will be included in this month's payment. It was also Agreed to increase the Clerks hourly rate to £12.21 from 1st April 2025.

Cheques will be drawn and signed at the end of the meeting.

11. Village Maintenance :

To Agree a date, before the end of February, for a working party, to remove the overgrown vegetation on Chapel Lane. Clearing the gulleys on the Permissive Path will be included.

12. Parish Rooms Report :

December was a busy month. A well attended Christmas gathering with Mulled Wine and nibbles. Three all day bookings over Christmas, a regular Friday morning Art Group and Yoga and Pilates.

An Annual General Meeting was held in December, no attendees.

Future dates :

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 from 2.30pm - Afternoon Tea Party.

March 15th 2025. Quiz night.

13. Correspondence :

Affordable Housing.

14. Any other Business :

May 8th 2025 VE Day. (Victory in Europe Day).

Vice-Chairman Cllr. Pearce has received a Freedom of Information request from a non-resident regarding property sales in the village. Cllr. Pearce advised him that the Parish Council do not hold records of property sales and have no legal responsibility to do so.

15. Meeting Dates for 2025 :

March 6th.

May 8th.

July 3rd.

September 4th.

November 6th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.50pm.