

**Minutes of the Neatishead Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19th June 2025 at
7.30pm in the New Victory Hall, Neatishead**

Present:

Cllr Robert Ferrier-Hanger (Chair)

Cllr Michael Godfrey (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Daniel Moulton

Cllr Ben Mullard

Cllr Jane Rutter

Parish Clerk Laura Bateman

Also present: 0 members of the public

1. Apologies:

Richard Price (Norfolk County Council, South Smallburgh Division)

Cllr Gerard Mancini-Boyle (District Councillor, Hoveton & Tunstead Ward)

PC Matt Pritty (Norfolk Constabulary)

2. Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation

Cllr Ferrier-Hanger declared an interest as a trustee of The Poor's Trust.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2025 were AGREED as an accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Moulton, seconded by Cllr Mullard, all in favour.

4. Public Speaking

a) County Councillor:

The Clerk read a report submitted by Cllr Price reporting that Norfolk County Council is favouring a single Unitary Authority for Norfolk due to the greatest financial benefit and the least disruption to public services. The idea of Neighbourhood Committees involving Parish Councils, the Unitary Councillor, Highways, Planning, Police, School and Charity representatives making decisions and recommendations on local issues, could help strengthen the local voice.

Cllr Price has £5,000 in the form of a Community Fund to support local projects that promote social inclusion, volunteer opportunities and community engagement. Further details will follow.

b) District Councillor:

No report was received.

c) Police:

No report was received.

d) Public:

There was no participation from the public.

5. Planning

a) New Applications:

There were no new planning applications received.

b) Planning Decisions Noted:

There were no new planning decisions received.

6. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

a) Cllr Ferrier-Hanger had met with the land owner to discuss the continuation of the permissive footpath through the Parish Council's car park at New Victory Hall. The option of maintaining a straight path was deemed favourable for ease of use and to avoid the added complexity of seeking additional landowner's approval.

It was agreed a good first step would be to clear some vegetation and create an access point from the permissive path to the car park. This may be enough to provide a continuous route for pedestrians, to avoid them having to walk on the road. The Clerk would obtain a couple of quotes for the work, but due to current dry ground conditions, it was agreed the work should wait until conditions improved. **ACTION: Parish Clerk**

b) It was agreed that the visibility mirror opposite the entrance to the New Victory Hall will be fitted to the existing posts and the surrounding bush tidied.

It was agreed that the concealed entrance sign for the New Victory Hall Parish Council car park would be considered again once the permissive footpath work had been undertaken. The What3Words location double/backward/meanders was suggested and will be revisited.

7. Maintenance and Risk Assessments

a) Cllr Mullard had made contact with the plumber regarding the tap at the Staithe and will update the Council once he receives a response. Cllr Ferrier-Hanger and Cllr Godfrey will install a new post for the hose. **ACTION Cllr Ferrier-Hanger/Cllr Godfrey/Cllr Mullard**

b) The new picnic table for the park had been ordered, once it is delivered, Cllr Ferrier-Hanger will install it.

c-e) There were no issues reported for the recreation ground/car park/allotments.

f) Cllr Mullard had reported that Openreach had installed a new manhole inspection cover on the green opposite the school.

g) There were no issues reported for the Parish Council car park at New Victory Hall.

8. Other Matters

a) It was agreed to sign up to Norfolk Association of Local Councils' offer of providing the Parish Council with its own email domain of norfolkparishes.gov.uk. **ACTION: Parish Clerk**

b) The amendment to the Asset Register to reflect the defibrillator's replacement cost (reduced from £1,500 to £150 over 10 years) was accepted.

c) The planning officer's update on Church Road was noted, it was felt the wrong area had been assessed. The Clerk will update the officer on the exact location. **ACTION: Parish Clerk**

d) The Clerk will enquire with MW Whites about the cost of hiring a replacement paper recycling bank, as the current free one will soon be removed. **ACTION: Parish Clerk**

e) The Clerk's attendance to the SLCC/NALC conference on 20th June was agreed.

f) The next location for the SAM2 camera was agreed as School Road, towards the School.

9. Correspondence

a) The Council felt the water charge increase was unreasonable, the Clerk will raise the issue with Wave and ask if the smart meter can detect a leak. Cllr Ritter will provide the Clerk with a spreadsheet on money collected from the Staithe water donation. **ACTION: Parish Clerk**

b) The invite to North Norfolk District Council Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) event was received and the Clerk would try to attend.

c) The update from Norfolk County Council on LGR was received.

d) The adoption of the Neatishead Conservation re-appraisal document was noted.

e) The adoption of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Plan by Norfolk County Council was noted.

10. Finance

a) The bank account balances were accepted.

b) The payments due were agreed to be paid. Proposed Cllr Godfrey, seconded Cllr Mullard, all in favour.

c) It was agreed £1,700 would be transferred from the current account to the savings account. Proposed Cllr Rutter, seconded Cllr Mullard, all in favour.

11. Any Other Business

Cllr Moulton clarified what information was required for the defibrillator checks. It was agreed a photo sent confirming the date and time of the visual check would be satisfactory.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 17th July 2025 at 7.30pm in New Victory Hall, Neatishead

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

CHAIR

Signed..... Dated.....

Chair's initials.....