

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

Present:

Cllr Robert Ferrier-Hanger (Chair)

Cllr Michael Godfrey

Cllr Daniel Moulton

Cllr Jane Rutter

Parish Clerk Laura Bateman

Also present: 1 member of the public

Meeting opened: 7.30pm

1. Apologies

Cllr Ben Mullard

Cllr Richard Price (Norfolk County Council, South Smallburgh Division)

Cllr Gerard Mancini-Boyle (North Norfolk District Council, Hoveton & Tunstead Ward)

PC Matt Pritty (Norfolk Constabulary)

2. Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation

Cllr Ferrier-Hanger declared a personal interest as a Trustee of the Poor's Trust for item 6b.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2025 were AGREED as an accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Rutter, seconded by Cllr Godfrey, all in favour.

4. Public Speaking

a) County Councillor:

The Clerk read a report submitted by Cllr Price stating that the Government's public consultation on Devolution has begun and will remain open until 11th January.

He has been supporting flood wardens, and highlighted that recent flooding issues are being caused by tidal surges increasing saline levels in the river system, resulting in dredging being temporarily suspended until levels fall.

He confirmed his full support for covering the remaining 50% of the TROD project cost under the Parish Partnership Scheme (PPS). Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council are applying for funding to upgrade the SAM2 device for remote download. The upgrade costs £1,624 plus VAT, with £812 being contributed from the councillor's personal Highways budget, meaning no cost to either parish.

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:

No applications received.

b) Planning Decisions Noted:

PF/25/1927 The Brambles, School Lane, Butchers Common, Neatishead, Norwich, Norfolk, NR12 8XH, Alterations to front porch to allow change of roof from flat to pitched-**APPROVED**

6. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

a) The Clerk provided an update on investigations into the ownership of the Sandpit and is making progress in gathering the necessary evidence for the Parish Council to register the land with the Land Registry. Another visit to the Records Office will be made in January before the next meeting. **ACTION Parish Clerk**

d) The Clerk updated the meeting that The Poor's Trust had received professional advice on who is responsible for the oak tree situated on the boundary of the recreation ground. It is believed that the tree sits on the boundary between two properties. The Clerk will make contact with both residents to try and progress this matter. **ACTION Parish Clerk**

c) Cllr Price had confirmed that he would cover the remaining 50% of the permissive footpath project, to which the Council were extremely grateful for his support. Cllr Ferrier-Hanger would contact the land owner for written approval of the project going ahead and then the application form could be submitted. **ACTION Cllr Ferrier-Hanger & Parish Clerk**

7. Maintenance and Risk Assessments

a) Cllr Godfrey has removed the hoses, turned off the taps and taken a final water meter reading at the Staithe. Cllr Rutter will remove the tins and bank the remaining donations. Cllr Ferrier-Hanger may know a plumber who could provide a quote for the repair works needed before next season.

b) Cllr Godfrey will re-tension the zip-wire. **ACTION Cllr Godfrey**

c) There were no issues to report regarding the recreation ground car park.

d) There were no issues to report regarding the recreation field.

e) There were no issues to report at the allotments.

f) The bench on the school green now had a broken slat and it was agreed that it most likely needed replacing. The Clerk will obtain some quotes for the next meeting.

ACTION Parish Clerk

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

8. Other Matters

a) The camera was currently located on School Road. Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council's PPS funding application for the upgrade to the SAM2 device was positively received.

9. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) The Clerk would feedback to CityFibre regarding road closures to request they take into account school drop off and pick up and suggest they contact the industrial park to notify local businesses. **ACTION Parish Clerk**
- b) MP Steff Aquarone's latest parish report
- c) BFI latest newsletter
- d) Cllr Price latest parish update on Norfolk County Council
- e) Norfolk County Council Budget 2026-27 consultation
- f) Details of the next Stalham Neighbourhood meeting 10th December 2025 at 7.00pm

10. Finance

- a) The bank account balances were accepted.
- b) The scheduled payments were approved. Two additional invoices from CountryStyle Ltd (£51 and £27) were also authorised, along with the previously agreed £75 donation to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Proposed by Cllr Ferrier-Hanger, seconded by Cllr Moulton, all in favour.
- c) The initial draft of the 2026–27 budget was considered. It was agreed that a quote would be obtained from ABC Landscaping for a regular cut of the visibility splay at the recreation ground entrance, to be considered for inclusion in the grounds maintenance contract. This will be reviewed at the January meeting when the budget is finalised. **ACTION Parish Clerk**

11. Any Other Business

It was suggested the replacement bench outside the school green could be multi coloured to fit in with the school location. The Clerk would include quotes for this for the next meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 15th January 2026 at 7.30pm in New Victory Hall, Neatishead

Meeting closed: 8.18pm

CHAIR Signed..... Dated.....

Chair's initials.....