

**Minutes of the Neatishead Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 16th April 2026 at
8.22pm in the New Victory Hall, Street Hill, Neatishead NR12 8AD**

Present:

Cllr Robert Ferrier-Hanger (Chair)
Cllr Michael Godfrey
Cllr Brian Boldero
Cllr Ben Mullard
Cllr Jane Rutter

Parish Clerk: Laura Bateman

Also present: Cllr Richard Price (Norfolk County Council, South Smallburgh Division)
4 members of the public

Meeting opened: 8.22pm

1. Apologies

Cllr Daniel Moulton
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.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2026 were AGREED as an accurate record.
Proposed by Cllr Godfrey, seconded by Cllr Rutter, all in favour.

4. Public Speaking

a) County Councillor:

Cllr Price provided an update on community funding that was available through local members. This could then be matched by Crowdfund Norfolk and he encouraged the Parish Council to look at the Crowdfund website for innovative ideas that the funding has been used for.

He confirmed he had circulated the process for upgrading the SAM2 device and the Parish Council will liaise with Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council to make the necessary arrangements.

ACTION Parish Clerk

b) District Councillor:

Report previously provided at the Annual Parish Meeting.

c) Police:

Report previously provided at the Annual Parish Meeting. The report had confirmed that a

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replacement Beat Manager was in the process of being recruited as PC Pritty is retiring from the police force in June.

d) Public:

No items were received from the public.

5. Planning

a) New Applications:

None received.

b) Planning Decisions Noted:

None received.

6. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

a) The Clerk had contacted Norfolk County Council regarding ownership of the barriers at the land known as the Sandpit to try to help establish who owns the land, but a holding response has been received stating that a full response could take up to three months.

ACTION Parish Clerk

b) Contact has been made with North Norfolk District Council to ascertain how recycling credits for the clothing bank installed at the Parish Council car park next to New Victory Hall could be claimed. No response had been received to date; the Clerk will follow up this matter.

ACTION Parish Clerk

7. Maintenance and Risk Assessments

a) Cllr Godfrey reported that a plumber had fixed the tap at the Staithe and the invoice was on the payments list to be agreed.

b) Cllr Rutter reported that the play area entrance at the gate was a trip hazard and needed levelling and that the overhanging trees near the zip wire needed trimming. She had tightened the bolts on the swing. Cllr Ferrier-Hanger would tend to these issues.

ACTION Cllr Ferrier-Hanger

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

d) The goalposts on the recreation ground need replacing. The Clerk will look at possible funding options available.

ACTION Parish Clerk

e) Cllr Rutter reported there were two vacant pitches for allotments and that the welcome sign had kindly been fixed by ABC Landscaping.

f) It was noted that the green opposite the school had been relatively well reinstated by City Fibre, but there had been a few bald patches left in the grass. Cllr Rutter would review any growth and report whether City Fibre needed to return to carry out any further remedial work.

ACTION Cllr Rutter

g) The Parish Council car park next to the New Victory Hall required spraying, as weeds were starting to become overgrown. Cllr Godfrey would tend to this.

ACTION Cllr Godfrey

8. Other Matters

a) An email had been received from a concerned resident regarding whether the correct permissions had been obtained for the Parish Council to install the cut-through to continue the permissive footpath via the PPS funding received, particularly due to the area being a Conservation Area. The Clerk is looking into this to see if planning permission is needed and the Parish Council will not start any work until this has been established.

ACTION Parish Clerk

b) It was AGREED that the Parish Council would declare itself exempt from an external limited assurance review. Proposed by Cllr Ferrier-Hanger, seconded by Cllr Mullard, all in favour.

c) It was agreed that, following receipt of the renewal quotation from Zurich, the Clerk would endeavour to obtain two further quotations for comparison before a decision on the insurer was made.

ACTION Parish Clerk

d) Cllr Godfrey had been discussing with Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council a revised plan for when each council would have the SAM2 device. It had been suggested that Neatishead would have the device for 7 months of the year, predominantly in term time and Barton Turf and Irstead would have it for 5 months during the holidays. There were no objections raised to this being trialled and Cllr Godfrey would continue discussions regarding this.

Cllr Boldero queried the accuracy of the data, as it seemed a particularly high volume of traffic, but it was agreed that this could reflect City Fibre work traffic and also that there is more traffic going through the village than might initially be expected.

9. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

a) An introductory email from the new manager of the Nancy Oldfield Trust. It was noted that an invitation to the manager to attend the next Annual Parish Meeting would be appropriate.

b) An update received from Norfolk County Council on LGR.

c) An update received from North Norfolk District Council on LGR.

10. Finance

a) The bank account balances were accepted.

b) The following schedule of payments was AGREED. Proposed by Cllr Godfrey, seconded by Cllr Ferrier-Hanger, all in favour.

L Bateman	24hrs x £17.18 April-May 2026, 1 x £5 WFH	£417.32
NNDC	Bin collections	£257.40
Norfolk ALC	Membership fee (National & Norfolk)	£195
New Victory Hall	Hall Hire	£22.00

c) The quarterly bank reconciliation was AGREED. Proposed by Cllr Rutter, seconded by Cllr Godfrey, all in favour.

d) The quarterly/end-of-year budget reconciliation was noted without concern.

e) The list of direct debits, regular payments and bank signatories as follows was AGREED. Proposed by Cllr Ferrier-Hanger, seconded by Cllr Rutter, all in favour.

Regular Payments

Clerks Salary/Working from Home Allowance

Countrystyle Recycling Ltd

Anglian Water

New Victory Hall

Lloyds Service Charge

ICO Data protection fee

Direct Debits

Anglian Water

Lloyds Service Charge

ICO Data Protection fee

Bank Signatories

Robert Ferrier-Hanger

Michael Godfrey

Jane Rutter

11. Any Other Business

Cllr Godfrey extended his thanks to all the councillors and the Clerk for their efforts and dedication to the Parish Council.

Cllr Rutter issued her apologies for the next meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Neatishead Annual Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 21st May 2026 at New Victory Hall, The Street, Neatishead, NR12 8AD

Meeting closed: 8.55pm

CHAIR Signed Dated