

**Minutes of the Neatishead Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19th February 2026 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.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2026 were AGREED as an accurate record.
Proposed by Cllr Moulton, seconded by Cllr Godfrey, all in favour.

4. Public Speaking

a) County Councillor:

No report was received.

b) District Councillor:

No report was received.

c) Police:

No report was received.

d) Public:

A member of the public noted that the roads had been quiet as a result of the many road closures from City Fibre.

5. Planning

a) New Applications:

None received.

Chair's initials.....

b) Planning Decisions Noted:

BA/2026/0013/TCAA The Cottage , Irstead Road, Neatishead, Norfolk T1 & T2: Alder (12-15m height) – remove-**APPROVED**

6. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

a) The Clerk provided an update on investigations into the ownership of the land known as the Sandpit. North Norfolk District Council's Estates Management team have no record of the land ever being vested in the trust of NNDC, so the matter has been passed to its legal team for investigation. Feedback is awaited before the Parish Council decides on further action.

A query was raised in regards to the progress of planning enforcement action at the RAF Air Defence Radar Museum. The Clerk would seek an update from NNDC Planning Enforcement team.
ACTION Parish Clerk

7. Maintenance and Risk Assessments

a) The Clerk will arrange for a plumber to attend the staithe to fix the broken tap.

ACTION Parish Clerk

b) There was nothing to report at the play area, except that the ground was exceptionally wet and muddy due to the excessive rainfall.

c) Cllr Godfrey is in the process of sorting a replacement post out for the recreation ground car park.
ACTION Cllr Godfrey

d) There were no issues to report regarding the recreation field, except that the ground was exceptionally wet and muddy due to the excessive rainfall.

e) There were no issues to report at the allotments, except that the ground was exceptionally wet and muddy due to the excessive rainfall.

f) The school green is currently being used for highway equipment. There is concern that, once the work is completed, the ground may be adversely affected and left in poor condition. The Clerk will contact City Fibre upon completion of the works to arrange for a restoration team to reinstate the area to its original condition.
ACTION Parish Clerk

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

8. Other Matters

a) The quotation from ABC Landscaping for the grounds maintenance contract for 2026 was agreed. The clerk will inform the contractor and pass on the Council's appreciation for him providing another excellent year of services in 2025. Proposed Cllr Moulton, seconded Cllr Godfrey, all in favour.
ACTION Parish Clerk

b) The grant request from St Peter's Church for the maintenance of the churchyard in 2026 was considered. The request was for an increase from £550 in the previous year to £600. It was agreed that £300 would be paid as the first instalment. The second instalment would be determined mid-year, taking into account other grant requests and the Council's financial position. The Clerk will inform the Church of the Council's decision. Proposed Cllr Ferrier-Hanger, seconded Cllr Godfrey, all in favour. **ACTION Parish Clerk**

c) The quotation from Costcutters of £460 +VAT for a replacement bench for the school green was agreed. The Clerk would order the bench with delivery to Cllr Godfrey's address. Proposed Cllr Ferrier-Hanger, seconded Cllr Moulton, all in favour. **ACTION Parish Clerk**

d) The Clerk's request to attend Assertion 10 regulation training was agreed. Proposed Cllr Godfrey, seconded Cllr Moulton, all in favour.

e) The reviewed Co-option Policy was agreed. Proposed Cllr Ferrier-Hanger, seconded Cllr Moulton, all in favour.

f) The reviewed Tree Care and Maintenance Policy was agreed, with Cllr Ferrier-Hanger appointed as Tree Councillor and the emergency spend limit increased to £1,000. Proposed Cllr Moulton, seconded Cllr Godfrey, all in favour.

g) The camera is currently installed on School Road and will be relocated next to Irstead Road. The data will be reported at the next parish council meeting. The device will be passed to Burton Turf and Irstead Parish Council mid-March. Cllr Godfrey will speak with Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council to organise a new sharing arrangement. **ACTION Cllr Godfrey**

9. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Invite to Broadland Future Initiative webinar 12th March 2026 10am – 11.15am. The Parish Clerk will attend on behalf of the Council.
- b) Email from member of the public regarding dog waste in the village. A reminder had been placed in the NIB.
- c) Email from member of the public regarding volunteer car scheme. Cllr Ferrier-Hanger had replied and a note placed in the NIB.

10. Finance

- a) The bank account balances were accepted.
- b) The scheduled payments were approved. Proposed by Cllr Ferrier-Hanger, seconded by Cllr Godfrey, all in favour.

11. Any Other Business

Cllr Rutter reported that the green bins had not been emptied. She had contacted NNDC, who stated that the lorries had been unable to access the road but would try again the following

day. Cllr Rutter expressed some scepticism about the lorries not being able to get onto the road and intends to dispute this with NNDC.

The New Victory Hall Management Committee had contacted the Clerk to advise that they are in the early stages of a project to install solar panels on land adjacent to the hall. They requested a parish council representative to attend the NVHMC AGM on 30th March 2026 at 7.30 pm. Cllr Ferrier-Hanger is expected to attend.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 19th March 2026 at 7.30pm at **Neatishead Primary School, School Road (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF USUAL VENUE).**

Meeting closed: 8.17pm

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