



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 7.00pm in West Row Outdoor Bowls Club,
Beeches Road, West Row IP28 8NY

Present: Cllr A Fisher, Cllr R Hamill, Cllr A Goodenough, Cllr M Connery, Cllr L Baker and Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls

Also in attendance: Sharon Vale, Parish Clerk

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm. A reminder to everyone that the meeting was being recorded for accurate writing of the minutes.

311	<p><u>Apologies and acceptance for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies received from Cllr M Peachey, D/Cllr C Noble, D/Cllr D Waldron, Sqn Ldr Andy Bell, Cllr J Goodenough and Cllr S Knight</p>	
312	<p><u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda.</u></p> <p>Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls on Item 9(k) Mildenhall Charaties footpath.</p>	
313	<p><u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on Wednesday 20th November 2024 are a true and correct record.</u></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 20th November 2024 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.</p>	
314	<p><u>Public participation (10 minutes in total).</u></p>	
315	<p><u>External reports.</u></p> <p>a. D/Cllr Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Non attendance. Nothing to report.</p> <p>b. D/Cllr Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council</p> <p>Non attendance. Nothing to report.</p> <p>c. Squadron Leader Andy Bell – RAF Mildenhall</p> <p>Non attendance. Nothing to report.</p> <p>d. PC Andrew Green – Community Police Office</p> <p>Non attendance. Nothing to report.</p>	

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316	<p><u>To consider planning applications.</u></p> <p>(a) DC/24/1540/HH – Householder planning application – detached single storey annex. 4 John Walter Drive, West Row IP28 8WZ. It was voted to support this planning application.</p>	Clerk
317	<p><u>Matters relating to governance.</u></p>	
318	<p><u>Financial matters.</u></p> <p>a. Approval and Authorisation of Payments for December 2024. It was unanimously Resolved to Accept the payments.</p> <p>b. Approval of November 2024 Bank Reconciliation was received.</p> <p>c. Approval of November 2024 Deposit Account was received.</p>	
319	<p><u>Matters relating to street furniture/amenity provision</u></p> <p>a. Report on Speed Indicator Device Findings – Results remain consistent.</p> <p>b. Update on Footpath 30 (eroded riverbank) along the river at bottom of the Gravel. No update on repairs. Unfortunately, another section of FP30, the path that runs alongside the river from approximately Judes Ferry to the Worlington (Kings) Staunch, is now also subject to a closure notice due to fallen trees. SCC hope to clear these in the coming weeks.</p> <p>c. SCC Development. Cllr M Peachey, Cllr A Fisher, Cllr R Hamill and the Clerk attended a meeting with Lovells on 10th December 2024. They have taken onboard a lot of WRPC suggestions including litter bins, benches, landscaping and street lighting. Developers will be starting work on the site in July 2025 with a completion date of Summer 2028.</p> <p>d. Shop Drove Footpath. Ongoing.</p> <p>e. Building site at the entrance to Pott Hall Road. Ongoing. Cllr A Fisher will speak to SCC.</p> <p>f. New Cemetery. SCC previously said that the land valuation would be shared by 1st December 2024. Nothing has yet been received. Cllr M Peachey has chased but has yet to hear back from SCC.</p> <p>g. Additional defibrillator at the end of Eldo Road. It was voted and agreed that Cllr A Fisher will confirm and accept the order.</p> <p>h. Bridleway to Mildenhall – Wamil Hall path wording was agreed.</p> <p>i. Hedge/Verge Cutting around the village.</p> <p>j. Phone Box Painting. Ongoing.</p> <p>k. The Ancient Parish of Mildenhall Charities. Footpath across allotments – Friday Street. The SCC committee voted yesterday 17th December 2024 to move forward with this application. The next stage is to issue the legal notices. Based on other cases, we do not expect this to be until February/March 2025.</p>	<p>AF</p> <p>AF</p>
320	<p><u>Other working party updates/reports</u></p> <p>a. Update on the Echo/Parish Magazine. Magazine currently at printers.</p> <p>b. Update on Neighbourhood Plan. Ian Poole has been in touch and should share some updated documents with us soon.</p>	

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	<p>c. Warm Place Update – next fish and chip lunch arranged for Friday 31st January 2025. Cllr A Fisher to speak with the mobile fish and chip lady.</p> <p>d. 100 Club Update. A few more people have joined the scheme.</p> <p>e. New Development – Road Naming. All names are to be presented at the next meeting in January. Clerk to distribute current names to councillors.</p>	<p>AF</p> <p>Clerk</p>
321	<u>Allotment Matters</u>	
322	<p><u>Events</u></p> <p>a. Christmas 2024. Christmas tree and lighting. Some of the lights on the Christmas tree are starting to dim/fail. Ideally, they need replacing for next Christmas. Cllr M Peachey will investigate new light options in the New Year. Voted and agreed to buy new coloured lights and new tree decorations.</p> <p>b. Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 19th April 2025. Cllr L Baker and Cllr S Knight to produce a map along with a quiz. Cllr L Baker to source costing of an Easter bunny outfit.</p> <p>c. 80th Anniversary End of WWII 2025. We will celebrate VJ Day to mark the end of World War II over the weekend of 15th to 17th August 2025. West Row Historical Society to take the lead on this event. Next meeting to be held in January 2025.</p> <p>d. Parish Council Surgeries. Next surgery to take place on Saturday 18th January 2025 from 10:00 to 12:00 – Cllr A Goodenough and Cllr R Hamill to attend. Additional surgeries will be on every third Saturday of the month.</p> <p>e. Village Litter Pick Saturday 12th April 2025. Cllr A Fisher to speak to Police Cadets.</p> <p>f. Community Thermal Imaging Project – Monday 20th to Friday 24th January 2025.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>SK/LB</p> <p>AF</p>
323	<p><u>Chair and Councillors’ reports/suggestion (on the night)</u></p> <p>Cllr M Connery received concerns from a resident regarding hanging branches on the big beech tree in the play park at the village hall. Clerk to speak to the village hall.</p> <p>Cllr R Hamill has been asked by a resident to write to Matthew Lee at County Farms SCC, as to why farmhouses are currently standing empty and becoming dilapidated. The farmhouse in question was Fifty Farm</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
324	<u>Correspondence and exchange of additional information (at the discretion of the Chair)</u>	
325	<p><u>Date of the next meeting</u></p> <p>To confirm the date of the next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 15th January 2025. Meeting closed at 20:45 hours.</p>	

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