



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 7.00pm in St Peter's Church Hall, Church Lane,
West Row IP28 8PD

Present: Cllr R Hamill (Chair), Cllr A Fisher, Cllr June Goodenough, Cllr A Goodenough, Cllr L Doyle,
Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls, Cllr M Connery

Also in attendance: Sharon Vale, Parish Clerk, D/Cllr D Waldron

124. Apologies for acceptance and absence. Cllr M Peachey, D/Cllr C Noble, Cllr M Bradshaw, Sqn
Ldr A Bell.

**125. To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this
agenda.** In accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members should declare any
disclosable pecuniary interests, non-disclosable pecuniary interests, and non-pecuniary interest
in any items(s) on the agenda.

126. Public Participation (10 minutes in total)

127. Approval of Minutes

- (a) The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th October 2023 were proposed and agreed as a
true record of the meeting held.

128. External Reports

- (a) D/Cllr Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council – Non-attendance and report submitted for
October.
(b) D/Cllr Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council – Non -attendance. D/Cllr D Waldron reported
on the visit by the Police and Crime Commissioner to Beck Row Parish Council's meeting
earlier in the week.
(c) D/Cllr Mick Bradshaw – West Suffolk Council. Non-attendance and no report submitted.
(d) Sqn Ldr Andy Bell – RAF Mildenhall. Non-attendance report submitted and attached.

129. Planning

- (a) Reserved matters application – submission of details under outline planning application
DC/21/2337/OUT – means of appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale for 100 dwellings,
parish office and car parking, and green infrastructure including sustainable drainage,
amenity green space and ecological habitats. Land east of Beeches Road, West Row. It was
voted to Object to this planning application as per the attached document.



- (b) Planning application – variation of condition 1 of DC/21/1037/VAR to enable improvement to plots for the 46 dwellings (including 14 affordable dwellings) with the creation of new vehicular access onto Beeches Road. Land east of Beeches Road, West Row. It was voted to Support this planning application.

130. Matters Relating to Governance

131. Financial Matters

- (a) Approval of Accounts – Payments – 1st to 30th November 2023. It was unanimously Resolved to Accept the payments.
- (b) Approval of October 2023 Bank Reconciliation was Received.
- (c) Approval of October 2023 Deposit Account was Received.
- (d) Approval of Budget 2024/25 was Received.
- (e) Approval of Precept 2024/25 was Received and Signed.

132. Matters Relating to Street Furniture/Amenity Provision

- (a) Report on Speed Indicator Device Findings – Results remain consistent.
- (b) Update on Footpath 30 (eroded riverbank) along river at bottom of The Gravel - Defer to end of year.
- (c) SCC Development – following Zoom meeting with Cllr M Peachey, Cllr A Fisher and Cllr R Hamill, WRPC plan to object to the planning application under Item 114 Planning (a).
- (d) Update on Storage Facilities – Cllr A Fisher reported that WRPC now have use of the container nearest the hedge.
- (e) Blue Plaques – Defer until 2024.
- (f) Shop Drove Footpath – Ongoing.
- (g) Building site at the entrance to Pott Hall Road – D/Cllr D Waldron sent us the appeal decision from 2018. Ongoing.
- (h) New Cemetery – The tree survey and report were received by Cllr M Peachey. One of the existing roadside trees will need to be removed to gain sufficient room for the new road access. The tree survey details have been passed onto our consultant for them to update the site/access plans accordingly. Hopefully we can then submit the plans to WSC.
- (i) Community Assets – Bowls Club, Village Hall, and Amenities. Gary Morley is still looking through the documentation. Clerk to chase.
- (j) Overgrown foliage on public footpaths – The date of the 10th February 2024 has been organised for the village tidy up.
- (k) Grass Cutting – Village Hall. Clerk received quotation from R H Landscapes regarding the contract for the grass cutting on the village hall playing field. Clerk to write to village hall.
- (l) Additional defibrillators at the end of Eldo Road, and one by the Fish and Chip shop. Continuing investigations into locations where these may be sited.



133. Other Working Party Updates/Reports

- (a) Update on the Echo/Parish Magazine – 15th December deadline for content for the January/February edition.
- (b) Update on Neighbourhood Plan – No update. Clerk has chased Ian Poole for the draft plan.
- (c) Warm Places Update – Expenses presented to Council.
- (d) 100 Club Update – Next draw to take place on 13th December. Cllr L Doyle will try and promote at the Christmas tree lighting event.

134. Allotment Matters

Outstanding monies received.

135. Events

- (a) 80th Anniversary End of WWII 2025. Working group to be set up.
- (b) D-Day 80 – 6th June 2024. Working group to be set up.
- (c) Christmas 2023 – All going to plan.
- (d) RAF Mildenhall 90th Birthday Community Initial Planning Meeting, Thursday 16th November 1000-1200 at the Jubilee Centre, Mildenhall. Cllr R Hamill to attend.

136. Chair and Councillors' Reports/Suggestions (on the night).

There have been suggestions within the village for a sign at the start of the bridleway to Mildenhall. All agreed that Cllr M Peachey will investigate further.
Cllr A Goodenough mentioned that a villager had complained about the wooden sleepers at the thatched cottage on the bend on Eldo Road. All complaints must be direct with Suffolk Highways.

137. Correspondence and Exchange of Additional Information (at the discretion of the Chair)

138. Date of next meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 13th December 2023.

Cllr R Hamill
Chair

15th November 2023

Meeting closed at 9:10pm