



**Meeting of the Parish Council  
In the Pavilion  
6pm, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
MINUTES**

Present: Councillors Christine Ashdown, Anthony Besford-Land, Ben Falat, Brian Keller, Sandie Keller, Donald Munro, Jo Turner and Valerie Wickard.

**Also in attendance:** Michaela McGoun (Clerk). 1 member of the public. 1 County / District Councillors.

1. Welcome

2. Announcement on Reporting

Councillors and members of the public will be reminded that in the interests of openness and transparency, the law permits filming, recording or other means of reporting of meetings.

3. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs. Carver and Bragg. Cllrs. Bromley and Davis were not in attendance.

4. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

4.1 Receive Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests from councillors on items on the agenda. None

4.2 To receive and consider written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None

4.3 To note any dispensations previously granted. None

**5. To discuss Co-opting a vacancy**

**5.1 To interview and appoint the vacancy.**

Having helped with some events the Councillors had spoken with Val, and it was agreed she would be a valuable new member. It was unanimously agreed to Co-Opt Val.

**Proposed by Cllr. Ashdown, seconded by Cllr. B Keller, all in favour.**

**6. To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Proposed by Cllr. B Keller, seconded by Cllr. Falat. 1 abstention, 7 in favour.**

6.1. Outstanding actions: To note actions taken from last meetings which are not detailed on this agenda. NONE

## 7. Chairman's Report:

It has been quiet. We have heard that one of FoNEP members is unwell so we would like to send him our best wishes, Geoff was asked to pass it onto him. Cllr. Ashdown circulated a list of dates for year for E & T events to the Councillors.

Cllr. Falat spoke about meeting with the local MP and asked permission to mention Oulton Broad, as the Lowestoft Place Board is no longer running.

## 8. Public Forum and Public Service Reports:

An opportunity for members of the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda. This forum will include **receipt of any written District Council, County Council reports.**

District Cllr. Gee said that at the next Full Council they will debate on the huge rise in car parking prices, hopefully there will be enough Councillors in attendance to oppose the rise as it is over a 100% increase. There will be far less local representation when the changes come into place in 2 years' time. The Broads were mentioned as being part of the National Park, this was discussed and Cllr. Falat said they were only part of the National Park for tourist purposes but officially they are not a National Park.

## 9. To receive an update from FoNEP.

Voluntary hours for January were 160. They have 3 new volunteers which is good. The Clerk and Cllr. Falat were thanked for the tree survey meeting. The Clerk was given some funding streams that will hopefully come through. The roses have been pruned, and they will be fed in March & July. New tree ties and stakes have been purchased and the plaque for the rose is being mounted on a metal stand. FoNEP have been tidying up the flower beds at the entrance to the park and clearing the leaves etc.

## 10. To discuss signage at Slaters Pit

The figure for the signage was agreed at Finance, roll over to next month when Cllr. Bragg is in attendance.

## 11. To receive a Finance and Projects Brief

During the recent Finance meeting, quotes for the Boulevard amusements repairs were discussed and agreed. Requests have come in from Christmas Lane residents, which we are supporting. It was agreed to test the soil at Kesgrave field to see if they are contaminated. Cllr. S Keller raised the concerns that if the residents do not have a friend of bank account, we would not be able to give them a grant. It was suggested that we pay the grant to the Church. Cllr. Besford-Land advised that the Church would have the same issue paying the residents on, so the residents need to form a structure.

**12. To approve the payments for this month and in between meetings.**

<b>Monthly</b>			
<b>MC Cleaning</b>	<b>Office / pavilion</b>		<b>£144.00</b>
<b>Norfolk Copiers</b>	<b>Copy costs</b>		<b>£101.59</b>
<b>Daisy</b>	Phone/internet		<b>£124.64</b>
<b>ADHOC</b>			
<b>TCV</b>	Events and task day	<b>£</b>	<b>1,668.00</b>
<b>Suffolk Arb</b>	Traffic control for removal of dead tree	<b>£</b>	<b>1,320.00</b>
			<b>-£3,358.23</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>P Petty</b>	<b>Rent</b>		<b>£180.00</b>
<b>OBWS</b>	<b>Rent</b>		<b>£1,250.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,430.00</b>

**Proposed by Cllr. Falat**

**Seconded by Cllr. B Keller**

**All in favour.**

**13. To discuss the Annual Parish Meeting in March and agree invitees.**

It was agreed to invite Park Café, Church, FoNEP, Library, Bowls, tennis, Nordic Walking, Pilates, Bonds Meadow, Hannants to name a few. Buffet and soft drinks would be on offer.

**14. To discuss renewal of SLCC Membership.**

The Clerk advised there is not much point renewing the SLCC membership as she never uses it. It was unanimously agreed to go with the Clerk's recommendation.

**To note date of next Annual Parish Meeting, Council Meeting and Committee**

**Meetings:** Planning 18<sup>th</sup> March 5.30pm 2025, Finance Committee Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 5.30pm, Annual Parish Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> March 6pm, Full Council 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 6.30pm. Events and Tourism TBC

**15. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:**

15.1 To discuss upcoming / expired leases

15.2 Mini Zoo

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.33pm.**

Signed by the Chairman..... Date.....