

Stody with Hunworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 7pm at Hunworth and Stody Village Hall

PRESENT: Karl Carter (Chair) (KC). Charlotte Crawley (Vice Chair) (CC). Adam Godwin (AG), Alan Suffling (AS), Beverley Tiller (BT). Kerry Harris - Clerk. (KH)
6 Members of the Public

25/40. Chair's welcome and to accept apologies for absence – KC welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Apologies were accepted by All for Cllrs Jeremy Phillippi and Andrew Taylor. Apologies have also been received from NNDC Cllr Andrew Brown and NCC Cllr Michael Dalby.

25/41. Declarations of interest and dispensations to speak – There are none.

25/42. To agree the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 19th May 2025 – These were agreed by all to be a true record of the meeting on a Proposal by BT and Seconded by CC and were signed by KC.

25/43. To note the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th May 2025 – There were no amendments.

25/44. To agree the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2025 – These were agreed by all to be a true record of the meeting on a Proposal by BT and Seconded by CC and were signed by KC

25/45. Matters Arising, not included on the agenda – There were none.

25/46. Open Forum for public participation:

(i) Questions and comments from members of the public- A resident expressed his dissatisfaction with the views of a Cllr expressed at the EPC meeting. The same resident described the Cllr's behaviour at the EPC as "a complete disgrace" and asked her to resign immediately. The Clerk was asked about her advice to the same Cllr, who had been contacted by another Hunworth resident soon after the July Meeting, with a request that she resign from the PC. The Clerk read out the Nolan Principles of public duty and stated that Cllrs need only respond to questions appropriate to their role. The Clerk also reiterated the point that Cllrs are elected by the community and unless there is a breach of the Code of Conduct for local councils, they do not need to resign.

(ii) To receive report from NCC Cllr Dalby – Cllr Dalby had sent a written report – Norfolk Community Fund: each County Cllr has a fund of £5,000 for community projects across their divisions; Local Government Reorganisation: Full Council will meet on 25th September prior to final submission to the Government. The Council will debate and vote for or against the proposed One Unitary Authority, Additional Hazard Waste Days have been announced, NCC has begun construction on a new connection between Norwich Airport and the nearby industrial estate to enable 2-way pedestrian, cycle and bus travel.

To receive report from NNDC Cllr Brown: Cllr Brown had sent a written report: - this addressed changes to voting entitlement, to include 16 and 17 year olds; National Government funding for homelessness; best in Norfolk for Council Tax & Business rates; with other Norfolk councils, successfully bid for money from the Government Warm Homes Local Grant; advice on flagpoles and a local government reform update

25/47. To receive an update on Planning Matters

- (i) PF/24/1219 land adjacent to Bertha Bloggs – Erection of 4 dwellings – Appeal dismissed
- (ii) PF/24/2610 - The Cottage, The Green – Erection of garage, home office & mower store - Approved
- (iii) PF/24/2066 Hunworth Mill – Alterations to dwelling including enlargement of dormers & erection of additional dormer and erection of 3 bay detached cart shed garage - Approved
- (iv) PF/25/0254 Hunybeach - Demolition of existing single garage and replacement with single storey outbuilding comprising double carport, home office, studio and workshop: Approved
- (v) PF/25/0583 The Cottage Next to Old Chapel, Proposed outbuilding and alterations to existing outbuilding for conversion to annexe – Approved
- (vi) LA/25/0889 Plant House : Works to repair gable end wall following kerosene oil spill from the onsite heating oil infrastructure– Approved
- (vii) LA/25/1099 Hunworth Hall - Internal works to form a single doorway through an internal wall forming access to proposed ensuite – Approved
- (viii) PF/25/1734 Vale House - Proposed 2no dormers and 4no new/1no replacement conservation rooflights Pending consideration
- (ix) To agree responses to late planning applications – There were none.

25/48 To receive an update on The Hunworth Bell pub– KC read the following email from Charlie MacNicol:

Following further discussions by the Stody Estate's Board, we would like to provide the PC with the following update on its Hunworth planning application

- We have instructed an independent drainage expert to further advise on drainage and flood mitigation. They have already undertaken filtration trial pits.
- NNDC's independent chartered surveyor / valuer has completed their report and has signed off our scheme as policy compliant
- However, having listened further to the community, we are amending our scheme...
 - Removal of all residential development from the pub, leaving the pub car park and garden exactly as they currently are
 - Reducing the number of houses from 10 to 6
 - There will still be an element of social/affordable houses
 - The 6 houses will only be built on the farmyard/beet pad
 - We are still going to undertake the major investment in the pub, renewing the drainage system and developing the overnight accommodation
- We look forward to publishing the detail of these plans as soon as they are ready

KC clarified that no breakdown of the scheme had been provided but that, once the scheme was available on the Planning Portal a further Extraordinary Meeting of the PC would be arranged.

25/48 To receive an update on Defibrillator Training– KC has contacted Norfolk Accident & Rescue and they have confirmed that they can offer defibrillator training to 15 attendees and request a donation of £10 - £20 per person He requested that the PC contribute £5 per attendee – a resident said that he would match this and also contribute £5 per attendee. The resident was thanked for his offer which was accepted. It was agreed that attendees would be on a “first come, first served” basis and that the advert would be sent to the residents email list and go on the Noticeboards. The contribution of £5 by the PC was Approved by All on a Proposal by CC and Seconded by BT.

25/49. To receive an update on Highways matters and Approve any Action.

- (i) To receive an update on the parking layby on the Main Green – There will be 6 spaces – marked out and labelled, 1 for each cottage, plus 2 spaces for visitors. This will be done after the work on the track.

(ii) To receive an update on the Track by Hunworth Main Green – All owner-occupiers have now paid up towards the scheme and Morrisseys have been instructed to undertake the work by the Stody Estate who will confirm the start date with the PC Chair. The direction of the flow of the water round the corner will be confirmed before the start of the work.

(iii) To consider the offer of Parish Partnership funding and Approve any action – There is no money available.

25/50. Finance and Governance matters

(i) To Approve the financial statement and budget update – There were no questions and the cashbook and budget update were Approved by All on a Proposal by AG and Seconded by BT.

(ii) To Approve the following payments and receipts: Receipts: none; Payments – C. Harris - £478.47 Clerk's salary: April-June, HMRC - £119.40 Tax on salary, K. Carter £10.79 Reimbursement for Domain registration, C Harris Clerk's salary July – September and Local Government Pay Award backdated to April £508.89, HMRC Tax on Salary £127.20, A. Suffling £32.65 petrol for mower. This was Approved by All on a Proposal by AG and Seconded by BT.

(iii) To note the Local Government pay award of 3.2% backdated to April 2025- This was noted.

(iv) To Appoint Mrs Di Dann as the Internal Auditor for the 2025 – 26 Financial Year – Mrs Dann's quotation was Approved by All on a Proposal by CC and Seconded by KC.

(v) To Approve the following policies - Standing Orders, IT The amendment to the Contracts Section to include the Procurement Act was noted and the Standing Orders were Approved by All on a Proposal by BT and Seconded by CC. The new IT Policy was reviewed and this was Approved by All on a Proposal by AS and Seconded by AG.

(vi) To Approve Training costs for the Clerk (cost + mileage - 20% of total): SLCC Annual Conference £13.72, NPTS Autumn Seminar £17.94 – Total £31.66– This was Approved by All on a Proposal by CC and Seconded by AS.

25/51 To consider the recommendations in the Practitioner's Guide regarding the website and email addresses effective from 1st April 2025 and Approve any action – Cllrs considered the options of upgrading the WIX site or moving to Parish Online to comply with Assertion 10 and on a Proposal by KC and Seconded by CC All Approved moving to Parish Online. The name for the site was agreed by all as stodywithhunworth-pc.gov.uk

25/52 To consider any action that would encourage more residents to attend Parish Council meetings – Options suggested included providing "tea & biscuits", putting out the A-Frames onto the Green, but no real answers were agreed as there was greater attendance when there was an item of interest to residents on the agenda.

25/53 To note any Correspondence.

Holt Police Neighbourhood Meeting
NCC Unitary Presentation
Cllr Dalby report
Surveys re access to cash
MP S Aquarone – Summer Tour poster
Holt Police meeting

NPTS Newsletters
NNDC Unitary presentation
Parish Partnership funding
Local Plan modification consultation
Recycling Centre survey

25/54. To note dates of Parish Council meetings – 7pm, Tuesday 16 December

25/55. Any other business for information only –

BT said that some large potholes had been missed when NCC Highways had recently repaired the roads. They will be reported again. The Clerk will contact the Highways Engineer to ask if there is any further information.

AS informed the PC that he will no longer be able to cut the grass on The Greens with effect from February 2026, nor will he be able to store the mower. This allows the PC the winter to find someone to take over. He recommended that the mower be serviced in January or February before being handed over – this will be added to the next agenda.

CC, KC and the Council offered sincere thanks to AS for all the work he had done over the years, keeping the Greens in such good shape. It was noted that Councillor Suffling has saved the PC thousands of pounds over time.

25/56. To close the meeting – KC thanked everyone for coming and noted the next PC Meeting on Tuesday 16 December. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed

Date