

ELSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Elsing Parish Council meeting held in Elsing Village Hall, Church Street on Monday September 15th 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: - Councilors Laws, Chaplin, Palmer and Horncastle.

Other Members Present: - 2 Members of the Public, County Cllr Bill Borrett and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the Public present said he was in attendance at the meeting because of the road closures currently in place. Cllr Horncastle gave a brief report to the member regarding what had happened in the village and also that Cllr Adams had been fighting this matter with Norfolk County Council since the start of the situation. Cllr Borrett gave his opinion on the situation and he is still fighting the case. Cllr Horncastle asked if Cllr Borrett had any advice to offer and he suggested that all concerned parties should continue to complain. Another member present said that all the roads could be seen on Google Maps, which show how narrow the roads are that are being used. Cllr Borrett spoke about the Parish Partnership scheme and said he would support any scheme the Parish Council wished to do.

1. To appoint the Chairman for the meeting.

Cllr Palmer proposed Cllr Horncastle for Chairmen, seconded by Cllr Laws and carried.

2. Clerk to receive signed Declaration of Acceptance form.

The Clerk received the signed Declaration of Acceptance Forms.

3. To receive apologies for absence.

There were apologies for absence received from Cllr P Butler and Cllr L Adams and these were accepted.

4. To declare any interests re items on the agenda.

No interests were declared.

5. To confirm and accept minutes of the meeting held on July 21st.

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Laws proposed the minutes of July 21st be accepted as true and accurate records of the meetings, seconded by Cllr Chaplin and carried.

6. To discuss any matters arising from the July minutes (not on the agenda).

There were no matters arising.

7. To discuss any necessary Correspondence, inc. Data Protection notice and e-mails regarding appearance of the Mermaid and grass cutting of the footpath from Church St to Peaseland Green. Email from the Police regarding OP Radium Trigger Support Plan.

An email had been received from Elsing residents regarding the state of The Mermaid Public House. The Clerk will reply to the email and she will let them know that the Parish Council



cannot set a precedence regarding how people look after their property. She will advise them that they can contact Breckland Council for further information on this subject.

An email had been received from another resident regarding cutting of grass on the footpath. A reply will be sent.

Cllr Palmer proposed the Data Protection Privacy Notice be adopted, seconded by Cllr Horncastle and carried.

The Clerk will inform the Police that the Parish Council are willing to get involved if necessary.

8. To discuss the Wild Track and Risk Management. To receive an update on Zurich Insurance. Proposal to write to Norwich City Council about one of their own wild tracks. Proposal to fell one Eucalyptus tree.

The Parish Council are not covered for jumps and a new policy has to be obtained. There have been no incidents on the jumps. A new risk assessment will be put on the website. As there is a play area in the Norwich area, Cllr Palmer is going to send a letter to Norwich City Council and ask a few questions. Cllr Horncastle proposed that Cllr Palmer send the letter, seconded by Cllr Laws and carried. Cllr Horncastle will confirm that the launching pad is still solid and it will be mentioned in the risk assessment.

Cllr Laws had received a letter from a parishioner regarding the children using the jumps. The Clerk will respond to the letter by sending him an email. He will be told that the Parish Council notes his comments and the situation is monitored at all times.

Cllrs Laws and Horncastle are going to cut down a Eucalyptus tree.

9. To discuss Allotment matters, inc. nursery, vineyard, beekeeping and Woodlanders. to discuss paying for a fence, and control of deer on the allotments.

There was a successful Apple Pressing Day recently and a good amount of juice was extracted. Regarding the deer, the control of them is ongoing. Three people are engaged with shooting them and a few have already been shot. A pest controller is coming and he will shoot also. He will be compensated for his petrol and bullets and the shooting will continue. The cost of a fence would be £5,850 and it would go all the way around the vegetable garden but it is a very high price and no decision has yet been made.

10. To discuss the possibility of a footpath between Mill Street and The Rectory, via the Parish Partnership Scheme.

It will not be a permissive path but the subject will be followed up.

11. To receive a Financial Update from the Clerk.

This had been circulated and no-one had any questions regarding it. Cllr Horncastle's figures had been circulated also.

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12. To authorise necessary financial payments, inc. Clerk's net salary, tax, expenses for August to September and review procedures for direct debits.

Cllr Palmer proposed the following financial payments be authorized, seconded by Cllr Laws and carried.

Clerk's net salary £384.39 HMRC Tax £84.60 Clerk's expenses £31.75

Since the July 21st meeting, Clerk's net salary of £313.36, expenses £34.75, tax payment £66.80, C.P.R.E. subs £36.00, 2 community car payments, one for £18.50 and one for £33.00, 2 signs £60.00 and English Heritage Soc. £62.00 have been paid out.

UK Power Networks £19.27 was received and £23.50 in Interest.

Direct debits were discussed but the only direct debits in place are for Npower Business Solutions. The payments are for the electricity in the phone boxes.

13. To receive an update from Cllr Horncastle on the solar farm.

Cllr Horncastle has spoken to someone and he was happy to discuss the situation with Cllr Horncastle. There are some new silver posts going up and they are infra-red cameras.

14. To confirm the text of the Financial Regulations, the Code of Conduct and the Standing Orders (with the option to replace the last by a shorter version).

Cllr Horncastle proposed the Financial Regulations document be accepted, seconded by Cllr Laws and carried. Cllr Laws proposed the Code of Conduct document be accepted, seconded by Cllr Palmer and carried. Cllr Horncastle proposed the Standing Orders document be accepted, seconded by Cllr Palmer and carried.

15. To discuss the road diversions situation.

This was discussed under the Open Forum for Public Participation period.

16. To receive items for the November agenda.

Allotment Report

Wild Track and Risk Management.

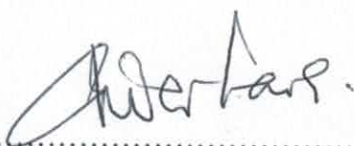
Footpath

Reply from Norfolk City Council, if received

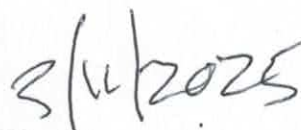
Solar Farm Development in Lyng

17. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council meeting in November.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was set for Monday November 3rd 2025 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. As there was no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.



Chairman



Date