

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19 May 2026 at 7:00 in The Mill

Present

Chairman Mr David Hook, Mr Phil Bates, Mrs Joan Cann, Mr Richard Delf, Mr Hamish Rose, Mr Mike Turner, Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

County Councillor Karl Catchpole.

Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillor Martyn Hooton.

Appointment of Chair and other Officers

The following appointments were made unanimously:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Office Holder</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chairman	D Hook		
Vice-Chairman	R Delf		
Village Hall Rep	J Cann		
Footpaths	P Bates		
Tree Warden	D Hook	En-bloc Mr Workman	En-bloc Mr Turner
SAM2 coordinator	M Turner		
Bank Signatories	R Delf D Hook P Bates		
Data Protection Committee	D Hook P Bates P Workman		
Playing Field Liaison	P Workman		

Declaration of interests

Mr Hook declared a non-financial interest in the East Pye Solar Project as he is a trustee of CPRE Norfolk.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Bates proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, by those present at the last meeting, the minutes of the meeting on 21 April 2026 be approved.

Public Participation

There was none.

County Councillor Update

Mr Hook congratulated Mr Catchpole on his appointment. Mr Catchpole reported he had completed his induction training. He said that he represented the people of Long Stratton Division irrespective of party politics but would make use of politics at higher levels if it helped with action on local issues such as East Pye Solar. He will be working 5 days per week in the role so is open to help as required.

Mr Hook outlined the key areas of interest for the parish council:

- Reorganisation of local government – the parish council is against this for many reasons – Mr Catchpole agreed that Reform UK would oppose the current proposed reorganisation.
- Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) review – the parish council is very concerned that the increased housing target equivalent in total to an additional 16 towns the size of Diss in the Greater Norwich Area. Mr Catchpole wished to keep Norfolk rural. Mr Hook asked Mr Catchpole to ask NCC, as an integral partner in the

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GNLP, to withdraw from the review as it is not sensible to undertake it at this time, especially as boundaries may change due to local government reorganisation.

- East Pye Solar – the parish council and parishioners are against this. Mr Catchpole had already declared his support for opposing EPS and confirmed he would be supporting NCC mounting a legal challenge against the scheme.
- Nobbs Lane Spur – The application to register this path on the Definitive Map which was made in January 2025 and subsequently confirmed by NCC as compliant was not due to be examined further by officers at NCC until at least July 2026. Mr Catchpole said that he would do what he could to accelerate matters. The Clerk to provide details to him.

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Morningthorpe Recycling Centre

Mr Catchpole reported that there is the possibility of a new recycling centre in Long Stratton in 2029 as part of the overall development of the area. He had asked Mr Sargeant (the landowner of the Morningthorpe site) if he would extend the lease in Morningthorpe to allow the centre to stay open until 2029. Mr Catchpole reported that at first, Mr Sargeant was positive about this but later said he would not extend the lease.

District Councillor Update

Mr Hooton sent a report via the Clerk as follows:

“Food Waste Dates

5th July the delivery of two caddies to all residential addresses across South Norfolk commences.

27th July 28,000 properties will start having weekly food waste collections.

28th September 41,000 properties will start having food waste collections.

The planning of collection rounds is currently still being worked on but households in the first wave will get plenty of notice of the start date and what to do. “

Co-option of parish councillor

The Clerk informed the meeting that the casual vacancy had been publicly notified, and a by-election had not been called for by electors. Councillors were therefore free to co-opt another councillor. Some potential candidates were identified and would be approached before the next meeting.

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Planning Applications

New applications since the last meeting:

2026/1127 - Mr S Drake, 22 Old Market Way Hempnall - Details of condition 9 of 2024/2027 - habitat management and monitoring plan and approval of details reserved by the statutory biodiversity gain plan condition – Mr Bates proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was unanimously agreed no comment was required.

2026/1136 - Mr Simon Hodd, St Edmunds, Bungay Road Hempnall - Demolition of existing garage and erection of rear extension. External changes to include removal of front dormer, replace with 5 velux windows and clad property with cedar – Mr Delf proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the application be approved.

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Applications approved since the last meeting:

2026/0234 - Mr & Mrs M Oakley, 8 Broadway Close, Hempnall - Dormer extension to front of dwelling to accommodate additional bedroom space.

2026/0763 - Mrs Rachel Shreeve, Land to the Rear Of 25 Coronation Crescent And 2-10 Roland Drive Hempnall - Details of condition 9 of 2024/2027 - habitat management and monitoring plan and approval of details reserved by the statutory biodiversity gain plan condition.

2026/0378-2026/0724 - Mr P Bates, Hempnall Mill Centre Mill Road Hempnall - Hempnall Mill Centre Mill Road Hempnall Norfolk NR15 2LP. Installation of solar panels and associated battery storage.

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Applications withdrawn since the last meeting:

There were none.

Applications refused since the last meeting:

There were none.

Applications outside the parish boundary since the last meeting

Application refused by SNC:

2024/2982 Approval of Condition Details Morningthorpe and Fritton European Trade Centre, Unit 2, Hempnall Road Morningthorpe Norfolk NR15 2AG Details for condition 5 of 2018/2043 - (5) External Lighting with Sensors.

East Pve Solar

Mock-up Panel

The owner of the mock-up panel in Shotesham had agreed to lend it to Hempnall Parish Council. Mr Rose proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that Mr Bates ask Mr Webb if it can be sited on his land at the Krons.

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Mr Catchpole offered some posts for banners. Mr Bates to liaise.

PB

Registration as an interested party

The Clerk and Mr Hook had registered the parish council as an interested party The link to register is:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110014/register/register-have-your-say>

Letters to Parishioners

An updated version of the leaflet explaining to people how to register had been produced and distributed to all households in Hempnall, published on the parish council Facebook page and sent to the village newsletter to publish.

Banners

The 50 banners provided by the parish council nearly 2/3 of which had already been distributed.

Potential Compulsory Purchase Notices

Mr Hook reported that he had seen an EPS notice at the entrance to Spring Wood identifying 18 pieces of land including some properties that could be subject to compulsory purchase, including one in the main village of Hempnall. Another EPS notice relating to multiple properties had been placed at the Krons crossroads. Mr Bates proposed, Mr Hook seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk write to EPS and the Planning Inspectorate (cc County Councillor District Councillor, Member of Parliament) to highlight:

- the inappropriate location of the notices – at a considerable distance from the properties/land to which they apply
- the fact the individual property notices are grouped together on one post resulting in it being difficult to clearly see them
- some owners have not had any direct communication from EPS about the notices
- some of the maps were not adequate to identify the land concerned

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Mr Hook proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk keep a log on infringements of procedure by EPS.

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Engagement of landscape planning consultant to cover the visual intrusion and landscape aspects

Mr Blackledge of Landscape 2B Consultancy, had confirmed the pricing based on the scope previously outlined. Mr Hook had arranged for him to pay a site visit.

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Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – completed

Banners – “No to EPS”

The Clerk had obtained the banners and presented them to BEPS for distribution.

Registration window for EPS NSIP

The Clerk had written to the Planning Inspectorate to request a longer window for registration as interested parties. The response from the Planning Inspectorate was as follows: “The minimum period for submitting Relevant Representations is 28 days. For this project, the period has been set at 6 weeks, and it will not be extended beyond this. The Relevant Representation period allows individuals and organisations to provide their initial views on the project and become an ‘interested party’. Further information can be found in the Have your say guide.

Becoming an interested party enables participation throughout the examination stage, including responding to examination deadlines (if required) and making further representations on more specific aspects of the project. Additional guidance is available here: Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: How to register to have your say and make a relevant representation - GOV.UK”

Bats info to BEPS

The Clerk had searched for further details re the bats survey etc used in the SHOWT campaign to give to Mr Bates for potential use by BEPS, however he had not found anything however, contact details for the person heading up the bats survey had been passed on.

South Norfolk Community Hero award

The Clerk had obtained further details from SNC.

Hempnall parish council on behalf of all the parishioners wish to commend 83 year old Derek Cracknell for a Lifetime Achievement Award. He has voluntarily carried out the following services for the village of Hempnall for well over 40 years.

Every Sunday come rain or shine he empties parish council litter bins in the village, sorting the letter between recycling and other. General litter picking around the village.

He reports issues to the parish council that need attention.

He keeps in good repair and annually paints our bus shelter.

He cuts public footpaths to keep them passable and used to cut the grass in the churchyard.

He has a real servant heart and is full of public spirit for the welfare of the village and the benefit of others and deserves special recognition for his efforts and commitment.

The parish council does pay a small gratuity each year but this in no way covers the value of the service he gives nor is it the motivation for him undertaking the work.

Letter of thanks to County Councillor

The Clerk had written to Mrs Thomas to thank her for her work over 17 years as both District and County Councillor and in particular for her help to Hempnall.

Letter of thanks to Mr Elliott

The Clerk had written to Mr Elliott to thank him for his excellent service.

Parking on the playingfield

The Clerk had written to the Village Hall Committee to request that they take action to ensure cars are not parked on the playing field.

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Playground repairs

Mr Delf reported that he had undertaken many of the repairs required.

Norfolk Local Government Reorganisation – Government minded-to decision

Mr Hook and the Clerk had written to Ben Goldsborough MP and council leaders of all the current Norfolk authorities outlining the foolishness, in regard to the impacts on the planning system, of the proposed reorganisation and pointing out that far from avoiding duplication of administration it would increase the number of service providers substantially.

Annual Accounts and AGAR to 31/03/26

The Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer and Mr Hook as Chairman had signed the accounts etc and the Clerk had submitted the statement of accounts, the statement of assurance and the internal auditor's report to the external auditors.

The Clerk had also complied with the notice and information publication rules.

Footpath PF9 - bark

Mr Delf had laid the bark kindly donated by Mr Dye on the worst areas of the path and he had been thanked by the Clerk.

Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – for discussion.

Flood Management – contact with Mornighorpe & Fritton PC

There had been a change of parish councillors at Mornighorpe & Fritton PC so Mr Bates will continue to pursue this.

PB

Play area shelter

Mr Delf will consider for a future meeting.

RD

Bus Shelter – Broaden Lane

The bus shelter has been delayed and should now be installed 28/29 May. The Clerk to monitor.

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The Clerk will submit the invoices to NCC for their contribution towards the cost.

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Road safety matters

The Clerk had written NCC Highways again to reiterate highway safety matters and ask for the criteria required for a Zebra crossing from the Mill across Mill Road and/or an extension of the 20mph limit. NCC responded as follows: *“One of the main criteria is the number of people who cross the road. Having dealt with several requests over the years, I can confirm that there would not be enough people crossing the road to consider a formal crossing. The crossings that we have installed over recent years have all been linked to large schools, where there are obviously high numbers of pedestrians crossing at a given location “*

The Clerk had written again asking for comment on extension of the 20mph limit. The Clerk to monitor.

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The Clerk to report the demolished pavement safety post near Willow Drive and ask again for the road to be signposted a one direction priority.

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The Clerk to report the large pothole on the Alburgh Road

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The Clerk to report the sunken roadside on the Woodton Road.

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It was noted that any individual can report such issues. The link to report such issues is as follows: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/highwaysproblem>

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Mr Turner proposed, Mr Delf seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk ask NCC Highways to consider making the B1527 a 40mph limit from the village boundary sign to Alburgh Road and along all of Alburgh Road to Mr Peck's corner past the Strawberry farm. In addition, the Clerk to ask that the road from the Three Horseshoes to Field Lane 30mph sign be made 30mph.

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Defibrillator for the Old Market Way area

Mr Bates had investigated the cost of a solar/turbine powered defibrillator on the bus shelter at Broaden Lane and reported it would cost an extra £3200+ VAT as there was no power point. Mr Bates to enquire with another building owner in the area and consider the SNC owned play area off Knudsen Close as potential sites for the unit.

PB

Village Hall Car Park

Councillors had inspected the car park to be able to assess the request from the Village Hall Committee to fund half the cost of circa £22k to resurface it. Mr Delf proposed, Mr Hook seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk respond to the village hall committee to indicate that after parish councillors' inspection we do not think that it is necessary to resurface at this time.

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Correspondence

Items given directly to Councillors or representatives since the last main meeting were:

Various police crime summaries
Various planning applications
Various "solar" emails
Relevant notices/agenda and minutes
Various SNC Planning Monthly Enforcement Reports
Correspondence from parishioners
Norwich Western Link project update
Norfolk Local Government Reorganisation – Government minded-to decision
Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Norwich to Tilbury Project - Notification of Hearings
Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) for an order granting development consent for the Norwich to Tilbury project - Procedural Decision following request to make changes to the application
SNC - Surface Water Drainage Officers new in post
Norwich to Tilbury - April 2026 Project Update
Upcoming temporary closures to facilitate surface dressing works in the south area (STRO14449)
Update to Street naming and Numbering Legislation

No further matters were raised form the above.

Items placed directly onto the Parish notice boards were:

Relevant notices/agenda
Poster – SNC Recycling small electrical appliances.
Notice of parish council vacancy
Notices re accounts inspection

No further matters were raised form the above.

Website &/or Facebook

The following changes had been made since the last main meeting:

Added relevant notices/agenda and minutes.
Added various papers to be tabled at meetings.
Updated County Councillor information.
Updated Parish councillor information.

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No further matters were raised from the above.

Correspondence from Parishioners

Field Lane Traffic speeds

The Clerk had circulated emails from residents of Field Lane regarding speeding traffic and the size of vehicles using it.

In addition to the speed limit restrictions being sought under the “Road safety matters” heading above, the Clerk investigate 7.5t limit restrictions on Field Lane and the Greens. IN

The Clerk to respond to the residents. IN

Points raised re EPS application

A parishioner had written in making points about the EPS scheme. The Clerk to respond thanking them for these and explain that the points were on our action list for response to the application. IN

Financial Statements

Movements since last meeting

The Clerk presented the financial statement attached to these minutes showing the movements from 14 March to 14 May 2026. The statement was not materially out of line with the annual budget. Mr Delf proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was unanimously agreed the statement be accepted.

Mr Delf informed the meeting that he had the new goal post ready for erection and awaited a quote from Paul Anderson. RD

Quarterly Budget Report

The Clerk presented the quarterly budget report showing the movements for the quarter ended 31 March 2026 Mr Bates proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the statement be approved.

Statement of assurance and financial regulations review

The statement of assurance was reviewed together with the financial regulations. Mr Bates proposed, Mrs Cann seconded and it was unanimously agreed that no amendments were required to either document and the chairman and responsible financial officer were authorised to sign the statement of assurance. DH/IN

General Power of Competence

The general power of competence allows councils to do anything that generally an individual can do for the benefit of the council, its area or persons resident or present in the area.

Provided two thirds of councillors elected at either at an ordinary election or by-election agree and the Clerk has a qualification of a Certificate in Local Council Administration, which the Clerk does, the council can vote to exercise the general power of competence.

Mr Bates proposed, Mrs Cann seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the general power of competence be re-adopted.

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Review of Policies and Procedures

The Clerk had sent copies of the various policies and procedures to councillors to consider prior to the meeting. Having undertaken the annual review Mr Hook proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that no amendments were necessary.

- Training Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Complaints Procedure
- Information & Data Protection Policy
- Document Retention and Disposal Policy
- Removable Media Policy

Standing Orders Review

The Clerk had sent copies of the standing orders to councillors to consider prior to the meeting. Having undertaken the annual review Mr Hook proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that no amendments were necessary.

Risk Assessment Review

The Clerk had sent copies of the risk assessment review to councillors to consider prior to the meeting. Mrs Cann proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that no amendments were necessary.

Declaration of Interests Review

The Clerk reminded councillors that it was their responsibility to update their declarations of interest in real time by either emailing the Compliance and Risk Manager at SNC and the Clerk with minor changes or submitting a new form for significant changes.

Action Plan

The Clerk had sent copies of the draft action plan to councillors for consideration prior to the meeting. Following discussion, extra items were added as follows:

- To oppose the East Pye Solar Application.
- To keep a log of inconsistencies and inadequacies in the East Pye NSIP application process
- To keep a careful eye on the GNLP review so we know which sites in the village have been put forward by landowners for housing development and to challenge the revision.

Mr Bates proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed the draft, subject to the above amendments be finalised. The Clerk to publish on the website and provide councillors with a copy.

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GDPR Information Audit

The Clerk had circulated an updated Information Audit Schedule to the Data Protection Committee and other councillors prior to the meeting.

Mr Delf proposed, Mrs Cann seconded and it was unanimously agreed the Information Audit Schedule be accepted as complete.

Tree Preservation Orders

Mr Hook reported that a parishioner had raised the issue regarding trees in the late Mr G Penn's property which has naturally rewilded. Mr Delf proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk contact SNC to point out the wild area and ask if there are any trees or groups of trees suitable for TPOs in this area.

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Bins on Village Hall Car Park

Mr Workman explained that complaints had been received from Mr Cracknell as he was still having to take bottles and cans from the bin on the village hall car park to the bottle bank at the Mill usually after events at the village hall. In addition, someone had put two half full paint tins in the bin.

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Mr Workman proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that Mrs Cann ask the village hall to put a bottle/can bank in place and examine CCTV to discover who put the paint in the bin. Mr Workman to respond to Mr Cracknell.

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PW

Norwich to Tilbury Consultation

Norwich to Tilbury is a proposal to build a new 400 kilovolt (kV) electricity transmission connection for approximately 180 kilometres from the Norwich Main substation via Bramford substation, a new East Anglia Connection Node (EACN) Substation and a new Tilbury North Substation.

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Delf seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that Mr Hook and the Clerk restate the parish council's views in the latest consultation.

DH/IN

Items for next newsletter

The Clerk to draft and publish, when appropriate, articles on the following:

- Report that 100% of those attending the meeting on 17/04 were against the EPS scheme and the parish council is acting in accordance with parishioners' wishes.
- Highlight the mock-up solar panel.

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Items for next main meeting

- Clerk's salary review

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Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meetings will take place as follows:

16 June 2026 at 7.00pm in The Mill – planning meeting

21 July 2026 at 7:00pm in The Mill - main meeting

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21:16

Signed _____ Date 16/06/2026

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Transactions to 14/05/2026

Current Account

(Payments)/Receipts since last meeting:		£
18/03/2024	UK2 - web domain charge not taken	17.63
01/04/2025	VFM - payroll and accounting	(21.50)
20/03/2026	Tr BPA to c/a	1,000.00
20/03/2026	NPower - streetlight power	(36.73)
31/03/2026	Ian Nelson Salary	(499.67)
31/03/2026	Ian Nelson use of home as office	(30.00)
31/03/2026	Ian Nelson broadband	(4.00)
02/04/2026	Tax refund	14.80
02/04/2026	Tennis Club Rent	210.00
03/04/2026	M H Goals - Goal Post	(577.92)
07/04/2026	NSIB Interest	217.30
08/04/2026	Barclays charges	(8.50)
09/04/2026	HMRC VAT Refund	2,831.31
11/04/2026	J Franks - internal audit	(132.00)
11/04/2026	Euro Computers - power repair	(30.00)
14/04/2026	Prontaprint - 17/4 invitation	(159.78)
21/04/2026	D Hook exp - paper/ink	(20.35)
21/04/2026	D Hook exp - mileage	(48.60)
21/04/2026	Prontaprint - registration help	0.00
21/04/2026	Excite Solutions	(142.80)
21/04/2026	Hempnall Village Hall booking	(25.50)
23/04/2026	N Power - Electricity	(36.57)
23/04/2026	HMRC paye	(39.00)
24/04/2026	SNC CIL	2,286.15
26/04/2026	Banners re Solar	(523.50)
26/04/2026	Makro - paper	(20.38)
26/04/2026	Tr c/a to BPA	(10,000.00)
27/04/2026	SNC precept	9,150.00
29/04/2026	Tr BPA to c/a	2,000.00
29/04/2026	The Mill grant (part) re Solar	(3,450.50)
30/04/2026	Ian Nelson Salary	(499.67)
30/04/2026	Ian Nelson use of home as office	(30.00)
30/04/2026	Ian Nelson broadband	(4.00)
01/05/2026	VFM - payroll and accounting	(21.50)
05/05/2026	Barclays charges	(8.50)
05/05/2026	NSIB Interest	210.29
12/05/2026	Prontaprint - EPS leaflets	(154.06)
12/05/2026	Tr BPA to c/a	3,000.00
22/05/2026	Npower	(30.51)
06/06/2026	Zurich Insurance	(1,158.94)
		<u>3,223.00</u>
	Closing Balance Current A/c	<u>4,217.75</u>

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Business Premium Account

(Payments)/Receipts since last meeting:

£

20/03/2026	Tr BPA to c/a	(1,000.00)
26/04/2026	Tr c/a to BPA	10,000.00
29/04/2026	Tr BPA to c/a	(2,000.00)
12/05/2026	Tr BPA to c/a	(3,000.00)
		<u>4,000.00</u>

Closing Balance BPA

10,879.98

Investments

NSIB

Instant

85,000.00

Hinckley Instant

10,000.00

Hinckley 45 day

20,000.00

Hinckley 90 day

40,000.00

155,000.00

Total funds

170,097.73

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Matters arising awaiting others

Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – awaiting others

Policy for use of chemicals

Mr Bates reported he is running a trial at home to determine the best options.

PB

Outside Toilets at recreation ground

Mr Bates had made initial enquiries with the Village Hall Committee who had no objection if the toilets were not attached to the hall. They were prepared to consider use of the hall's utilities to connect the toilet block. The cost of maintaining the toilets was thought to be significant and would need to be quantified before progressing. Given the time required to attend to the EPS issues, it was agreed to postpone further consideration of outside toilets until after the conclusion of the solar planning application.

PB

Football club container

The Clerk had written to the football club explaining that the container is beyond economic repair and needs replacing, asking them if they were minded to raise funds for a replacement. They will consider further and respond in due course. The Clerk to monitor.

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Himalayan Balsam ("HB")

The trustees of the Church and Town Estate Property Charity had asked the Parish Council to request other landowners upstream of Krons Meadows remove their HB. It was agreed that the Clerk put an article in the April edition of the newsletter to ask households/landowners along the watercourses to take action. In addition, a leaflet would be prepared and hand delivered to relevant properties at that time.

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Harassment

Mr Bates had reported on 21/10/25 that he had been no progress from the police nor the Crime Commissioners. Mr Bates to monitor.

PB

The Mill Solar Panels

The Clerk awaits the Mill's final paperwork re the installation of the panels before paying the balance of the donation of £5,000. (£3,450 already paid)

PB/IN

Performance of SNC enforcement

Following a long history of inadequate enforcement actions by SNC it was agreed on 17/02/2026 to monitor more closely their performance.

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Play area – bench

The Clerk had purchased a bench to replace the wooden bench which is in poor condition. Mr Delf volunteered to install.

RD

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Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – awaiting NCC

Traffic calming at Broaden Lane

Again, any kind of artificial road narrowing was ruled out by Mr Overland. The extension of the 30mph limit had also previously been ruled out. However, it was agreed that he would ask his team to look at placing a new 30mph reminder in sightline of incoming traffic not far past the bus stop and he would look favourable on the placing of the SAM2 unit on that post in order to catch traffic sooner.

Mr Elliott said that he thought that “Slow” or “30” painted in road and remove the white lines. Mrs Thomas thought she may be able to use some of her highway’s budget to fund small measures like that. The Clerk had asked Mr Overland to consider painting “30” on the road and requested NCC to remove the central white lines on the road after just entering the village from Saxlingham.

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Footpath 12 finger post

The Clerk had asked NCC to erect a figure post at the junction of footpath 12 where it tuns into a bridleway with one figure pointing to the footpath and another the bridleway. The Clerk to monitor.

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Nobbs Lane Spur

Mr Hook had submitted the application to NCC, and we have received confirmation of compliance. The Clerk chased 08/07/25 and 14/10/25 and 12/01/2026 – NCC state that they will not even start to look at it until at least July 2026. The Clerk to monitor.

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New 30mph sign

The new sign pole and 30mph repeater signs for Broaden Lane have been programmed and will be installed in the next 8 to 10 weeks (by end of September 2025). The Clerk to Monitor.

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Flood Barriers

The Clerk had let Mrs Thomas know we would be interested in barriers in future if they were available. Mrs Thomas said that the mobile flood defences are being assessed and if effective she is prepared to use here budget to supply more to help parishes. The Clerk to monitor.

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Speed reduction – Alburgh Rd repeater signs

The Clerk had contacted NCC Highways to request that there be more 40mph repeater signs and that they be the larger size type. The Clerk to monitor.

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B1527 resurfacing

The Clerk had been informed by NCC Highways that the resurfacing would be done between April to September 2026. The Clerk to monitor.

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Classification of the B1527

The Clerk had written to NCC on 18/02/26 to ask for the B1527 be downgraded to a C road and he had responded to the member of the public who raised the matter. We await a response, the Clerk to monitor.

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Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – awaiting SNC

Millfields Exception Site

We await the outcome of the survey. The Clerk to monitor.

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Lighting at Jack in the Box Nursery

Mr Hook and the Clerk had written to SNC enforcement to ask if it complies with the decision notice that granted planning permission in which it was stated there would be no permanent lighting (i.e. dusk to dawn). The Clerk to monitor.

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European Trade Centre, Hempnall Road, Morningthorpe

The SNC enforcement officer had reported that he had met with the agent for the European Trade Centre and had been in regular contact with a view to getting all outstanding matter regularised on the site. The Clerk to monitor.

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Berries Direct Farming Ltd, Spring Farm, Spring Lane, Hempnall - Details of conditions 13 & 14 of 2022/1803 - external lighting and proposed lighting

Mr Hook and the Clerk had reviewed this delegated decision to see if it is in line with our recommends and determine if it complies with the NPPF and wrote to SNC pointing out where it varied therefrom. The Clerk to monitor a response.

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Willow Drive planting

Mr Baines had not reported back following his meeting with his manager, the Clerk to chase.

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