

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21 July 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, Mr Ken O'Leary, Mr Stephen Walker, Mrs Debbie Walker, Mrs Debbie Adams, Mrs Sharron Bacchin, Mr Peter Rogers, Mrs Rachel Shreeve, Mrs Gillian Marklew-Allen, Mr Jonathan Allen, Mrs Patsy Jones, Mrs Debbie Ashford, Mrs Yvonne Davy, Miss Lisa Mathieson, Mr Ludo Wood, Miss Rhula Enerick, Mrs Mary Huggins, Mr Trevor Shurmer.

Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillor Martyn Hooton.

Declaration of interests

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

Mr Delf declared a financial interest in the Tea Room matter.

Mr Bates declared a non-financial interest in the ditch clearance off Mill Rd matter.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Mrs Cann proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was unanimously agreed by those who were present at the last meeting the minutes of the meeting on 16 June 2026 be approved.

Public Participation

See matters where relevant below.

County Councillor Update

Mr Catchpole reported Topcroft parish council had requested that Hempnall parish council report rubbish in the ditches along Spring Lane near Berries Direct greenhouses. The Clerk will report to NCC.

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Mr Catchpole reported that he has asked NCC Highways to put distance markers on Road Closed Ahead signs.

Mr Catchpole is now a member of the Norfolk Waste Partnership committee, he reported that there will be a new recycling centre just off the Pulham Market A140 roundabout but is likely to take 12 months before it is in operation.

Mr Hook asked Mr Catchpole if the new NCC councillors were taking forward a legal challenge against the validity of the statutory consultation carried out by EPS. Mr Catchpole said that no further action was being taken at the moment.

Mr Hook informed Mr Catchpole that NCC had made an unhelpful suggestion to EPS to use haul roads for site access through open countryside off B roads. He asked Mr Catchpole to ensure that NCC reversed this option as haul roads caused so much damage to the countryside and neither the current access proposals or haul roads were acceptable.

Mr Hook informed Mr Catchpole of the parish council's views on the consultation about the proposed new GNLP. Mr catchpole indicated that NCC was doing the bare minimum as NCC did not want the revised GNLP either.

Mr Catchpole alerted the meeting to the possibility of more pylons connected with the

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industrial estate development by WSP Global Infrastructure near the new Hethel roundabout.

District Councillor Update

Mr Hooton sent a report via the Clerk as follows:

Food waste collections will start Monday 28th September 2026, collections will take place on your usual rubbish and recycling day. It was noted that some houses already had the new bins.

Co-option of parish councillor

Mr Hook had spoken with Mr Ken O'Leary about the role of parish councillor.

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that Mr Ken O'Leary be co-opted as a parish councillor. The Clerk to inform SNC and provide Mr O'Leary with the new councillor starter pack and ensure the relevant forms are submitted to SNC and update the parish council website.

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Planning Applications

New applications since the last meeting:

2026/1136 - Mr Simon Hodd, St Edmunds, Bungay Road Hempsall - 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 – revised application. Mr Delf proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the application be approved.

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2026/1585 - Mr Michael Watts, Land To The West Of Alburgh Road Hempsall - Outline planning application for 3 no. self-build dwellings – Mr Bates proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the application be refused for the same reasons as before.

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2026/2035 - Berries Direct Farming Ltd, Spring Farm Spring Lane Hempsall - Siting in relation to heritage assets with archaeological interest, following prior notification application 2026/1425 (Excavation of land to create a reservoir for the storage of water for crop irrigation) – Mr Turner proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was agreed with one abstention, that the application be refused for the same reasons as application 2021/1208.

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Applications approved since the last meeting:

2020/2396 - Clayland Estates Ltd, Land East of Field Lane Hempsall - Construction of 2 dwellings, new access and associated works following demolition of existing outbuilding.

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

There were none.

East Pye Solar

East Pye Legal Challenge

Mr Hook and the Clerk had written letters to County and District Councillors to ask for an update on progress. See the county councillor's response in his report above.

Registration as an interested party

The Clerk and Mr Hook had registered the parish council as an interested party.

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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.

Points raised by parishioner re EPS application

The Clerk had responded to them thanking them for their points and explained they were on our action list for response to the application.

Banners

There are a few banners provided by the parish council that are still available for parishioners.

Potential Compulsory Purchase Notices

Mr Hook and the Clerk had written 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

Public meeting called by the Planning Inspectorate

The preliminary meeting and first round of public hearings have been scheduled for 15 to 17/09/2026 to be held at Dunston Hall Hotel at 10am. Any interested party can attend and speak at the meeting if registered to do so in advance.

Timeline

The East Pye examination process has to be completed within 6 months of 15/09/2026.

The draft deadline for written representations from interested parties is 06/10/2026. Mr Hook proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk should write to the Planning Inspectorate to request this deadline be extended by 2 months. Mr Catchpole said that Topcroft PC had made such a request as well.

The draft timetable includes other deadlines and anticipates that the examination will conclude by 23/02/2027.

Factual errors / inconsistencies in EPS documents, maps and photographs

The Clerk had contacted parish councils and interested parties in the scheme area to request that they examine documents, maps and photographs and note errors inconsistencies and misrepresentations in their areas. Only Heddenham PC had responded. It was agreed to write to PCs again.

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Mr Bates had also taken the idea to BEPS and reported that BEPS is asking their volunteers to help with this. In addition, he reported that BEPS has already sent several papers re errors to the Planning Inspectorate.

Landscape planning consultant budget

Mr Hook had undertaken site visits with Mr Blackledge of Landscape 2B Consultancy over a period of 3 days. The costs so far were c£4,000 and Mr Blackledge will write a review for a further c£4000. Mr Blackledge advises that there is a need to demonstrate that the visual impact of the development after 15 years is far more severe than that outlined by EPS. This involves significant further work. Mr Hook proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the budget be raised to £15,000 plus VAT to give some headroom for unexpected work in short timescales.

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It was noted that Mr Walker was giving his services pro bono, Mr Hook proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that in principle a gratuity be paid to offset his expenses as and when known.

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BEPS update

Mrs Marklew-Allen reported that she had visited a 900acre solar farm on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent and there was no wildlife/vegetation underneath the panels and locals had reported damage to the underground infrastructure in the locale. They also reported that during the construction phase there had been nuisance noise caused by pile driving 12hrs/day, 6 days per week. A community fund had been set up by the developers, but a distant trustee had been appointed, and it was felt that funds were not being released from the fund to benefit the community in an appropriate way.

Re EPS, BEPS had appointed a sound specialist to measure existing background noise, a hydrologist and a cultural heritage expert.

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the Mr Hook & the Clerk write to the Prime Minister, Mr Burnham and the new Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, Miatta Fahnbulleh's MP to enlist their support to stop the EPS development.

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Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – completed

Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) Consultation

Mr Hook and the Clerk had written letters to County and District Councillors.

Kay Mason Billig of NCC responded as follows: *"I am happy to support your letter, as it mirrors the challenge that Norfolk County Council have already sent to the Secretary of State.*

We also tried to get a motion through our recent full council meeting to rethink LGR. Unfortunately, this was voted down by Reform, despite their earlier statements that they would oppose the reorganisation. We do not understand why they did this...

We will continue to oppose this plan to create 3 unitaries. It makes no sense on the boundaries proposed and will cost taxpayers more for a less efficient system."

Proposed solar farm off Stoke Lane

The Clerk had written to SNC to ask them not to approve any more solar developments in the area and on reflection consider the damage that has been created by the construction of the Bloys Grove site which they previously approved.

NCC response to resident re repairs to damaged caused by lorries using Field Lane

The Clerk had written to NCC to state that the request for funds from residents was totally unacceptable given that highway repairs are the full responsibility of NCC Highways who are funded already by council tax paid by residents. The Clerk to also respond to the resident.

Stones from driveways on Pavements

The Clerk had drafted an article for the next newsletter and responded to the resident accordingly.

Request for Dog Bin – Old Market Way

Mr Bates had responded to the resident.

Bus Shelter – Broaden Lane

The bus shelter has been installed, and the Clerk had received the grant from NCC for 80% of the cost.

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Road safety matters

The Clerk had reported to NCC Highways the following:

- the demolished pavement safety post near Willow Drive.
- the large pothole on the Alburgh Road.
- the sunken roadside on the Woodton Road.

Village Hall Car Park

The Clerk had responded 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.

Field Lane Traffic speeds

The Clerk had responded to the residents.

Statement of assurance and financial regulations review

This had been signed by the Clerk and chairman.

Action Plan

The Clerk had published on the website and provided councillors with a copy.

Norwich to Tilbury Consultation

Mr Hook and the Clerk had restated the parish council's views in the latest consultation.

Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – for discussion.

Nobbs Lane Spur

Following intervention from District Councillor Catchpole, NCC confirmed that on 9/6/26 they sent consultations out to user groups and interested parties, this period will last for 6 weeks. All responses will be fed into the report that will be written outlining NCC's decision. The Clerk to monitor.

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Flood Management – contact with Mornighthorpe & Fritton PC

Mr Bates will continue to pursue this.

PB

Play area shelter

Mr Delf will consider for a future meeting.

RD

Speed Limit extensions, 7.5t restriction and Zebra crossing

The Clerk had asked 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 had asked that the road from the Three Horseshoes to Field Lane 30mph sign be made 30mph. NCC responded to state *"that unfortunately none of your requests meet the criteria for reduced speed limits in accordance with our Speed Management Strategy, primarily due to the rural nature of the roads, with very limited residential development."*

The Clerk had investigated 7.5t limit restrictions on Field Lane and the Greens with a view to obtaining one via NCC. They responded as follows: *" This has been raised previously, and I can confirm that we would not progress a weight limit. For your general information, the weight limits that we installed many years ago were installed as part of a cell review, to prevent HGV's cutting across country on unsuitable roads, which I think has been largely successful. Since funding was withdrawn from our Traffic Team around 10 + years ago, there has been no budget to look at this type of issue, and as such we have not progressed any further weight limits since this time, and as far as I am aware, we have no plans to do so going forward."*

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

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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. NCC responded *“I am sure that this has been raised previously, and the answer would unfortunately be a no. The only way in which this would be considered is if there was a speed related injury accident record on the road section. I am pleased to report that there is not a speed related accident record at this location.”*

Mr Turner proposed, Mrs Cann seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk should pass on the above responses to County Councillor Catchpole and ask him to take the matters further as these responses were unacceptable given the risk to parishioners’ safety.

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The Clerk to report back to the parishioners who raised the matters.

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Defibrillator for the Old Market Way area

The Clerk had contacted UK Power Networks regarding the possibility of power supply to a defibrillator on the grass area at the end of the walkway from Roberts Close to The Street. The cost of a new supply would be £7,241 plus VAT with no concessions or grants for parish councils, charities or lifesaving equipment.

Mr Bates proposed, Mrs Cann seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the matter not be taken forward. The Clerk to inform UK Power Networks.

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Erection of new goal post

Mr Delf informed the meeting that he had the new goal post ready for erection One quote has been received but Mr Delf will seek another.

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Tree Preservation Order

The Clerk had contacted SNC re Home Farm. SNC had visited the site and intended to serve an Area Order across the whole site for now. The Clerk to monitor.

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Bins on Village Hall Car Park

Mrs Cann had asked the village hall to put a bottle/can bank in place and examine CCTV to discover who put the paint in the bin. The committee is considering the use of a bottle bank and in the meantime will ensure its hirers are aware that they are required to take away their waste.

Mr Workman will respond to Mr Cracknell and ask him to report quickly to Mr Ashcroft any future violations so Mr Ashcroft can look at CCTV to determine who is mis-using the bins.

PW

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

Norfolk Local Access Forum

Saxlingham Nethergate - Upcoming Temporary Road Closure of Cargate Lane to facilitate drainage and verge works (Norfolk County Council) (My Ref: STRO14714)

Topcroft - Upcoming Temporary Road Closure of The Street to facilitate water meter

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exchange works (Anglian Water) (My Ref: STRO14373)
Publication of parish councillors home address and register of interests
HEMPNALL - Upcoming temporary closure of U76051 Field Lane to facilitate pole testing works (Openreach) (REF STRO14710)
Topcroft - Upcoming Temporary Road Closure of C368 Low Road to facilitate new fibre network installation works by CityFibre (My Ref: STRO14673)
GNLP 2045 - Notice of Intention to Commence Plan Making
Norwich to Tilbury –Community Fund consultation launched to seek views on how to deliver a lasting, positive impact
Tasburgh - Notice of Emergency Temporary Road Closure at Fairstead Lane due to a Burst Water Main (Works Promoter is Anglian Water) My Ref: 1334-9288-2912-1756
South Norfolk Food Waste Info for Parish Clerks
Nature Conservation Fund grant launch

No further matters were raised from the above.

Items placed directly onto the Parish notice boards were:

Relevant notices/agenda
New food waste bins notice
Notice of audit completion year ended 31/03/26
AGAR pages year ended 31/03/26

No further matters were raised from 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.
Added Action Plan 2026/7
Notice of audit completion year ended 31/03/26
AGAR pages year ended 31/03/26
Reconciliation and variance report year ended 31/03/26

No further matters were raised from the above.

Correspondence from Parishioners

Bird fouling in play area

A parishioner had written again to say that

"I recently took my grandson to the playpark near Hempnall village hall and was disappointed to see that the swings and slides had lots of bird poop on them. Not great when it's all dried on and nothing to get it off with! Could I perhaps suggest that some form of bird prevention to stop them from sitting on the top of the equipment might be possible?"

Mr Workman kindly volunteered to investigate and clean the equipment. The Clerk to respond to the parishioner.

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Charity fundraisers outside Morrisons

Parishioners had complained about being approached by fund raisers standing on the pavement outside Morrisons. Mr Delf proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk should write to Morrisons to make them aware of this and the possible impact on their business and ask if there is anything they can do about it. The Clerk to respond to parishioners.

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Road signage around primary school

A parishioner had complained about the road signs around the school being obstructed by foliage also resulting in the flashing sign not working.

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It was agreed unanimously that the Clerk should write to the school to ask if it was their hedge and if so, could they cut it so the signs were not obscured. In addition, the Clerk to report it to NCC Highways for the rangers to cut / clean the signs and ask them to refresh the paint on the “slow” and “keep clear” signs on the road surface. The Clerk to also respond to the parishioner.

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Hempnall Tea Room

Two parishioners had concerns about the change of use of the old butcher’s shop to a café and had queried if the relevant permissions had been obtained. They were also concerned about parking on the Street and cars obstructing the pavement on the Street.

The owners of Tea Room business were present and provided extra information as did members of the public. Matters were discussed at length.

Mrs Cann proposed, Mr Turner seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk respond to the parishioners who complained to acknowledge the concerns and inform them that the issues had been discussed in full at the parish council meeting. A large number of parishioners had attended and spoke warmly of the way the Tea Room was operating and considered it an enhancement to the village. Assurances had been obtained from the business owner that all relevant permissions had been obtained from local authorities etc. With regard to parking this was a matter for the police to enforce if it was illegal. If they would like to discuss further, they are welcome to attend the next parish council meeting to do so.

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It was also brought to light that a resident may be producing CCTV footage from their home of the public in the Street / Tea Rooms. It was noted that there are strict laws surrounding the taking and use of such footage and penalties could be levied on anybody who did not comply with the law.

Hedge cutting back – Fairsted Lane / Broaden Lane

A parishioner had highlighted the danger a hedge was causing at the junction of Fairsted Lane and Broaden Lane. It was agreed to report this to NCC Highways.

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Ditch Clearance off Mill Rd

Mr Bates reported that a ditch was being silted up by waste surface water / debris exasperated by the AWA burst main.

Mr Hook proposed, Mr Workman seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk should write to AWA to ask them to rectify the silting to the extent it was caused by the burst main. Mr Bates to supply the Clerk with details and report back to the resident.

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Footpath Style FP14

Mr Bates had informed NCC of this issue so no further action was required.

Speeding in village

A parishioner had expressed concern about vehicles not complying with the 20mph speed limit on the B1527. The Clerk to respond explaining all the parish council had done in relation to speed control.

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Nature Conservation Fund grant launch

It was felt it would be good to be involved in this however time resources at present are being directed on other major issues. The Clerk to pass on the information to the chair of the Church & Town Estate Property Charity.

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Response from the Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP re local government reorganisation

Mr Hook reported that a response had been received but it did not deal with all the issues raised. It was agreed that Mr Hook and The Clerk should follow this up.

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Road Traffic Accident on Field Lane - Friday 26th June 2026

There was an RTA on Field Lane just South of the South entrance to Coronation Crescent on Friday evening about 7pm It was reported that a young male was driving North on Field Lane from Lundy Green at excessive speed & crashed into a resident's vehicle writing it off. It was agreed to make County Councillor Catchpole aware of this when writing to him about road safety measures in general.

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Financial Statements

Movements since last meeting

The Clerk presented the financial statement attached to these minutes showing the movements from 15 May to 16 July 2026. The statement was not materially out of line with the annual budget. Mr Turner proposed, Mrs Cann seconded, and it was unanimously agreed the statement be accepted.

Quarterly Budget Report

The Clerk presented the quarterly budget report showing the movements for the quarter ended 30 June 2026 Mrs Cann proposed, Mr Turner seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the statement be approved.

External Audit of accounts to 31/03/26

The Clerk reported that a clean audit report had been received, and the audit completion notice together with sections 1 to 3 of the Annual Return had been displayed on the parish council notice board. The Annual return in full and other financial information had also been uploaded to the website.

Clerk's Salary Review

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk's salary be increased by 5.069% to take effect from 1st July 2026 his annual salary review date. The Clerk was grateful for the increase and was thanked for his services over the last year.

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ROSPA Play Area Report

The Clerk had circulated the report prior to the meeting. Mr Delf reported that he had already attended to the medium risk matters and was thanked for his work.

Speedwatch

It was noted that the Speedwatch coordinator had resigned. Mr Delf proposed, Mr Bates seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that the Clerk put a plea in the parish magazine for a replacement co-ordinator and volunteers.

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Items for next newsletter

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

- Loose stones on pavements
- Keep hedges cut so not to encroach on pavements
- EPS update
- Speedwatch coordinator

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Items for next main meeting

- Dates for next year's meetings

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Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meetings will take place as follows:

11 August 2026 at 7.00pm in The Mill – planning meeting

24 September 2026 at 7:00pm in The Mill - main meeting

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 22:20

Signed _____ Date 11/08/2026

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Transactions to 16/07/2026

Current Account

(Payments)/Receipts since last meeting:		£
15/05/2026	Excite Solutions - Grass cutting	(285.60)
15/05/2026	NALC - subs	(331.17)
21/05/2026	The Mill grant (part) re Solar	(1,550.00)
31/05/2026	Ian Nelson Salary	(499.67)
31/05/2026	Ian Nelson use of home as office	(30.00)
31/05/2026	Ian Nelson broadband	(4.00)
01/06/2026	VFM - payroll and accounting	(21.50)
05/06/2026	Barclays charges	(8.50)
05/06/2026	NSIB Interest	237.28
19/06/2026	Npower	(27.77)
11/06/2026	Tr BPA to c/a	4,000.00
11/06/2026	Able Engineering - Bus Shelter	(3,924.00)
13/06/2026	Broadland Digital - Website hosting	(79.20)
24/06/2026	SNC Adopter receipt	200.00
30/06/2026	Ian Nelson Salary	(499.67)
30/06/2026	Ian Nelson use of home as office	(30.00)
30/06/2026	Ian Nelson broadband	(4.00)
01/07/2026	VFM - payroll and accounting	(21.50)
30/06/2026	ROSPA report	(142.80)
30/06/2026	Tr BPA to c/a	1,000.00
21/07/2026	Npower	(24.87)
11/07/2026	D Hook Expenses - Mileage	(113.40)
11/07/2026	D Hook Dunston - solar	(12.00)
11/07/2026	D Hook Sainsbury - ink/paper	(3.33)
11/07/2026	D Hook Thorns - solar	(5.50)
11/07/2026	D Hook Rymans - solar	(18.05)
13/07/2026	NCC grant re bus shelter	6,792.00
06/07/2026	Barclays charges	(8.50)
06/07/2026	NSIB Interest	237.53
11/07/2026	Tr c/a to BPA	(7,000.00)
		<u>(2,178.22)</u>
Closing Balance Current A/c		<u>2,039.53</u>

Business Premium Account

(Payments)/Receipts since last meeting:		£
11/06/2026	Tr BPA to c/a	(4,000.00)
30/06/2026	Tr BPA to c/a	(1,000.00)
11/07/2026	Tr c/a to BPA	7,000.00
08/06/2026	Barclays Interest	26.43
		<u>2,026.43</u>
Closing Balance BPA		<u>12,906.41</u>

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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

169,945.94

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Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – awaiting others

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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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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Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings – awaiting NCC

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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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. NCC responded on 17/02/26 stating *“I would suggest that there could be scope to install more repeater signs, but this would have to be funded by the Local Member, and their LMF budget “* Now the elections have taken place this matter will be considered at the next parish council meeting.

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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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