

Horsham & Newton St.Faith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday December 15th. 2025

Present: Mr.R.Browne Mr.B.Coe Mrs.C.Quinton Mr.R.Wilks Mr.M.O'Connor Mr.S.Lawrence
Mrs.R.Scarff Mrs.J.Bamber

Mrs.S.Holland (BDC) Public: One

Apologies: Mrs.G.Hegarty Mr.Karl Smith Mr.D.Roper (NCC)

- a) **Public Participation** A resident asked questions about future development areas.
- b) **Police Report** The Police website indicated 8 incidents recorded in October. Residents can see locations and details by accessing the police website <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/>, entering Horsham St.Faith and selecting "crime map"
- c) **County and District Reports** Cllr.Holland said BDC budget discussions had started and there would be consultations. She also said that there was likely to be a review into the current effectiveness of the Planning Dept.
- d) **Norwich Airport JCC** Nothing to report
- e) **St.Faiths Centre Report** Cllr.Browne had attended the recent meeting. Refurbishment work had enhanced the facilities and the finances were still very healthy.
- f) **Full Council**

- 1. **Apologies** As above
- 2. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr.Coe – Mission Room Trustee, Cllr.Wilks – Grass cutting
- 3. **Minutes** of the meeting on November 17th. were confirmed and signed.
- 4. **Reports** The Clerk reported that two NCC posts for the SAM2 sign were still to be installed. Five councillors had elected to go on courses for new members. Old Norwich Road path was scheduled for remedial action and the Highway Engineer would visit the West Lane path to decide upon it's future. No quotes had yet been received for thatching the shelter. The Clerk had attended a training course for new requirements on the Annual Financial Return.
- 5. **Planning** 2025/3140 60 Newton Street Office in Front Driveway. The Council objected to this application as it would be in front of the building line and the style of building would not be in keeping with the street scene.
- 6. **Highways** Potholes at the Waterloo Road/Swan Street junction would be reported. The Clerk would again raise the state of the signposts on Old Norwich Road.
- 7. **Parish Precept** The Clerk had prepared a discussion document on potential future expenditure and existing financial commitments and the Council agreed to set the precept for 2026/27 at £36,000.
- 8. **Cemetery** The Council accepted a quotation from Norse for £525.27 to cut the cemetery hedge.
- 9. **Play Area Inspection Report** It was agreed that the working group currently engaged on the Newton Park Plan would assess the findings of the report and then make recommendations to a future Council meeting on the actions required. It was agreed to take down signs relating to dog access as these were unenforceable. The Clerk would be erecting signs relating to the BDC Public Spaces Protection Order which related to dogs.
- 10. **Correspondence** A letter had been received from a former resident suggesting road names with a local historical connection. The Clerk was asked to reply stating that these would be considered for future developments in the pipeline. Cllr.Lawrence had circulated a discussion paper on future community engagement. Cllr.Bamber offered to prepare a potential strategy to bring to a future Council meeting.

- 1. **Accounts** Cheques signed
 - Information Comm'r. Annual Fee £52.00
 - Wave Blind Lane Water £87.55
 - Wave Coltishall Lane Water £8.71
 - Norfolk PTS Training (inc.VAT) £369.60
 - Zak Branch Newton Park Trees (inc.VAT) £1,260.00

David Bracey	Play Inspections (inc.VAT)	£240.00
J.Graves	Salary (inc.PAYE)	£740.94
Soc. Local Council Clerks	Subscription (part)	£124.00
T.T.Jones	Quarterly Maintenance (inc.VAT)	£408.82
Public Pits Charity	Newton Park Annual Rent	£50.00
M.Medler	Horsham Park Half-year Rent	£211.00

11. Clerk's and Councillors' Reports None.

12. Next Meeting January 19th. 7.30 p.m.