

Horsham & Newton St.Faith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday February 16th. 2026

Present: Mr.R.Browne Mr.B.Coe Mrs.C.Quinton Mr.R.Wilks Mr.M.O'Connor Mrs.R.Scarff
Mrs.J.Bamber Mr.K.Smith Mr.S.Lawrence
Mr.D.Roper (NCC) Public: None

Apologies: Mrs.G.Hegarty Mrs.S.Holland (BDC)

- a) **Public Participation** None
- b) **Police Report** The Police website indicated seven incidents recorded in December. 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.Roper reported that Broadland DC would be freezing their section of the Council tax and Norfolk CC would confirm a 5% rise. There would now be a further “call for sites” for future new developments as the Greater Norwich Plan would be renewed with increased targets from the government.
- d) **Norwich Airport JCC** Cllr.Quinton gave a brief report on the recent meeting including the issue of parking in the immediate vicinity of the airport which was causing concern.
- e) **St.Faiths Centre Report** Cllr.Browne had attended the recent meeting. It was likely that the Parish Council could be approached for a grant towards new play equipment.
- 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 January 19th. were confirmed and signed. It was agreed that the survey referred to in the minutes would commence by considering the topics and questions at the April Parish Council meeting.
 - 4. **Reports** The Clerk reported that only four allotment rents remained outstanding. The broken litter bin at Newton Park had been replaced. Expanded Council contact details had been published in the Journal and would be repeated in future issues. A dead tree in the allotment hedge on Blind Lane would be removed.
 - 5. **Planning** 2026/0338 20 Beck Lane – Loft conversion, Internal alterations, Double garage and solar panels. – No objection.
 - 6. **Highways** Speed sign posts were still awaited from NCC. Cllr.Roper would chase NCC. The Clerk would report flooding issues at the Back Street/Blind lane junction, a blocked drain outside the telephone exchange, a blocked culvert in Coltishall Lane, potholes in the footpath on Spixworth Road and seek assistance from CPRE and Historical England in persuading NCC to restore the signpost at the Norwich Road/ Old Norwich Road junction.
 - 7. **Newton Park Play Area** The Clerk together with Cllr.Wilks had met on site with representatives of Wicksteed Ltd. and agreed that due to the persistent heavy rain it was impractical to install new equipment at the moment. It was agreed that this should be programmed for April after the children's Easter break. Quotations for fence and gate repair, a concrete entrance path from Manor Road and the demolition and removal of the broken zip wire totalling £1,257 were accepted.
 - 8. **Bus Shelter** The Clerk confirmed that a further quotation for re-thatching had been received and that the order had been placed with G.J.Stokes in the sum of £6,150.00 with the work to be carried out later in the year. This would be funded from accrued Community Infrastructure Levy.
 - 9. **Correspondence** A resident had written offering to become a member of the Council. The Council resolved not to make any further co-options at this stage in the electoral cycle as Parish Council elections would be held in Spring 2027. The Council had received a letter from Horsham St.Faith Fuel Allotment Charity concerning trustee nominations and the Council nominated Dr.Macbeth and Mrs.Nash for a further four year term. Cllr.Brown read notes of discussion with the planning officer on recent modifications to the Abel Homes application and the data obtained from the Council's SAM2 speed sign. It was agreed that

the Clerk should write to the planning officer with a copy to NCC Highways requesting that urgent consideration be given to the following points when reaching a decision on the application.

Data from the sign in December showed 54% of the traffic on Church Street being above the prosecutable threshold (35 mph) and the Council would like the 30 mph restriction to start shortly after the junction with the A140.

Clearing the tree line should be abandoned as studies in the Netherlands have shown that this does not reduce traffic speed and it would leave a more acceptable street scene on the approach to the village.

Traffic calming should be installed on the approach to the village and an essential safety feature should be a pedestrian crossing to the east of the Church Street/West Lane junction.

10. Accounts Cheques signed

J.Graves	Salary (inc.PAYE)	£740.94
Tudor Environmental	Litter Bin (inc.VAT)	£222.66
Public Works Loan	Repayment (DD)	£768.64
Npower	Lighting Electricity 2025 (inc.VAT) (DD)	£2,871.22
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11. Clerk's and Councillors' Reports The Clerk would investigate with UKPN re-instatement of a street light on Norwich Road. The Clerk was asked to circulate all members of the Council with the current standing orders and financial regulations.

12. Next Meeting March 16th. 2026 7.30 p.m.