

Horsham & Newton St.Faith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday March 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 Mrs.G.Hegarty
Mr.D.Roper (NCC) Public: None

Apologies: Mrs.S.Holland (BDC) Mrs.R.Scarff

- a) **Public Participation** None
- b) **Police Report** The Police website indicated four incidents recorded in January. 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 had frozen their section of the Council tax and Norfolk CC had confirmed a 5% rise. The Broadland Country Park visitor centre was well under way and additional land had been added to the park. NCC was now entering a period of "purdah" where no major decisions would be made until after the May election.
- d) **Norwich Airport JCC** Next meeting due shortly.
- e) **St.Faiths Centre Report** Cllr.Browne had been unable to attend the recent meeting. It was mentioned in the minutes that the Parish Council would 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 February 16th. were confirmed and signed.
 4. **Reports** The Clerk reported that only two allotment rents remained outstanding and another plot had been re-let. The dead tree on Blind Lane had been removed. All work required at Newton Park had been completed. Highways had confirmed that the remaining SAM posts and repairs to the Norwich Road/Old Norwich Road signpost were in their work programme.
 5. **Planning** 2026/0490 12 Newton Close – Replacement garage – No objection
2026/0523 67 Newton Street – Single storey rear extension and side extension on the first floor – No objection
2025/3140 60 Newton Street – Revised application – No objection
 6. **Highways** The Clerk was asked to report a hole that had been dug in the West Lane/Blind Lane verge and also debris from cutting in West Lane.
 7. **Asset Register** The Clerk had revised the asset register to reflect the removal of the zip wire in Newton Park. This was adopted by the Council.
 8. **Correspondence** Norse had confirmed a 7% increase in grass cutting charges for 2026/27 and this was accepted. The chairman reported on discussions he had had with Broadland Monitoring Officer and was satisfied that the Council had acted appropriately with regard to co-option. As there was now more than one resident offering to fill the one vacancy the Council decided that, in the interests of transparency, the vacancy should be advertised for a month with a selection to be made at the May meeting. The Clerk would write to those who had already offered their services.
 9. **Accounts** Cheques signed

Wave	Coltishall lane allotments	£27.01
PD Property Maint.	Work at Newton Park (inc.VAT)	£1,508.40
Broadland DC	Dog Bin Emptying (inc.VAT)	£296.40
Broadland DC	Litter Bin Emptying (inc.VAT)	£889.20
Zak Branch Ltd.	Tree removal (inc.VAT)	£360.00
J.Graves	Salary & Exp. (inc.PAYE)	£745.29
Npower	Street Light electricity (inc.VAT) DD	£310.86
Mission Room	Room Hire including heating	£68.10
 10. **Clerk's and Councillors' Reports** None
 11. **Next Meeting** April 20th. 2026 7.30 p.m.