

Horsham & Newton St.Faith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday July 20th. 2026

Present: Mr.R.Browne Mr.B.Coe Mrs.C.Quinton Mr.M.O'Connor Mr.K.Smith Mr.S.Lawrence
Mrs.G.Hegarty Mr.P.MacAllan
Mrs.S.Holland (BDC) Public: None

Apologies: Mr.D.Roper (NCC) Mr.R.Wilks Mrs.R.Scarff Mrs.J.Bamber

Public Participation None

- a) **Police Report** The Police website indicated five incidents recorded in May. 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"
- b) **County and District Reports** Cllr.Holland said that Broadland DC had a "Green Community Fund" to provide small grants for any local projects. The Country Park should be fully open by the end of August.
- c) **Norwich Airport JCC** Next meeting 25th. July
- d) **St.Faiths Centre Report** Cllr.Browne reported a very satisfactory financial position.
- e) **Full Council**

- 1. **Apologies** As above
- 2. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr.Coe – Mission Room Trustee
- 3. **Minutes** of the meeting on June 16th. were confirmed and signed.
- 4. **Reports** The Clerk reported that he still awaited a response from the PCC regarding commemorative signs. He was still trying to get a quotation for a grab hire for mixed waste on the allotments. The car park repairs had been completed and a specification would be developed to obtain quotations for the concreting of the slope.
- 5. **Planning** No new applications had been received.
- 6. **Highways** NCC would be alerted to the overhanging willows on Norwich Road as no response had been received from the landowner. The Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting with the Highways Engineer to discuss issues with the new Old Norwich Road footpath. Further complaints had been received about West Lane cemetery and the Clerk was asked to write to the Bishop of Norwich to ask whether this was a diocesan policy or a local matter for the PCC. The Clerk would report overhanging hedges in Crown Road and Back Street. The milestone on Norwich Road would be cleaned but no further action would be taken. The Clerk was asked to chase NCC regarding the repairs to signposts in the centre of the village.
- 7. **Zip Wire at Newton Park** Cllr.Smith suggested applying for a grant and after the Clerk had given an update on Council finances it was agreed that an application should proceed.
- 8. **Bank Interest** The Clerk reported that the system whereby the bank automatically transferred funds from the deposit account to the current account had recently resulted in heavy charges. The Clerk had cancelled this arrangement so that he was in control of such transfers. He was asked to write to the bank and ask for a refund of the charges.
- 9. **Parish Council Computer** The Clerk reported that all Council work, although segregated and backed up, was carried out on his personal computer and he felt this situation should be addressed. He was asked to obtain a quotation for a Council PC to be considered at the next meeting.
- 10. **The Clink** some councillors had examined the state of this building since the previous meeting and it was resolved to commission a surveyor's report before any further action was taken.
- 11. **Correspondence** A resident had written asking for progress on the maintenance of "the Clink", thatching of the Swan Green shelter and reporting overhanging hedges on Manor Road and anti-social behaviour from a local motorist.

12.Accounts

J.Graves	Salary (inc.PAYE)	£740.94
T.T.Jones	Quarterly Maintenance (inc.VAT)	£425.57
T.T.Jones	Remedial works (inc.VAT)	£192.00

T.T.Jones	New Bracket and refit (inc.VAT)	£294.00
Norfolk PTS	Induction Course (inc.VAT)	£81.60
Norfolk ALC	Web Hosting (inc.VAT)	£76.88
Npower	Lighting Electricity (inc.VAT) DD	£214.26
Thomson Sawmills	Stakes (in.VAT)	£4.90
PD Property Maint.	Car Park Repair (inc.VAT)	£10,200.00

13. Clerk's and Councillors' Reports The Newton Park working party would inspect and if appropriate, remove barrier tape from the seeded area. They would also make recommendations for a seat in the shelter to be considered at the next meeting. The Clerk would arrange to have shoots trimmed from around a tree at the junction of Abbey Road and Back Street.

14. Next Meeting September 21st. 2026 7.30 p.m.