

MINUTES OF TRIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Wednesday, 21st January, 2026**
at Pilgrim Shelter, Loop Road, Trimmingham, NR11 8EG.

1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The meeting was opened by Cllr Wallis who was standing in as temporary Chairman. Two councillors were proposed for the position of Chairman: Linda Brown and Sarah Young. A vote was held with Linda Brown elected as the new chairman and Sarah Youngs elected as Vice-Chairman, both with immediate effect.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

Following the parish election last week, all newly elected councillors were in attendance: Linda Brown, Sandy Wood, Alan Farrow, Sue Rust and Sarah Young, along with both existing councillors: Dan Gotts and Richard Wallis. Also in attendance: District Councillor Angie Fitch-Tillett, County Councillor Ed Maxfield and eleven members of the public.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

None. The Clerk explained the relevance of this in relation to Parish Councillors.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the September meeting were seconded by Cllr Gotts as being correct; he was unable to second them at the December meeting due to being unable to attend (and no other Parish Councillors were present to do so). The Minutes of the next meeting held on December 18th were agreed as true and correct. Proposer: DC Fitch-Tillett. Seconder: CC Maxfield.

5. UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES / MATTERS ARISING

- a) The Pilgrim Shelter: Mike Parke the builder has been paid £3,800 for the work along the front (against the estimate of £4,000 on the Schedule of Dilapidations). It was agreed at the December meeting for him to return and fix the two concrete balls to retain some of its original design. He has priced these at around £90 to £95 each.
- b) The Clerk is waiting to hear from Serco/NNDC for the price of an extra dog waste bin to place at the end of the Council Houses on Cromer Road. Cllr Rust asked whether the bin outside the Pilgrim Shelter could be moved as it is not pleasant for people who are having a picnic, and also when people walk by they don't always see the bin there. The possible re-siting will be carried forward to the next meeting for discussion.
- c) Damaged post by church: Following a resident's report of the post by the church having been damaged, the clerk contacted Highways who quickly sent somebody out to see it and have decided to move the post to a different position as it has been damaged several times before in its current spot by vehicles turning into or out of Church Road.

- d) The clerk explained that she was arranging for all new Parish Councillors to have a gov.uk email to use for Parish council matters, in line with requirements for increased security.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

A member of public raised the question about graves in the churchyard being moved due to the threat of coastal erosion, adding there is a lady in Trimmingham who wants her son's grave moved to where she now lives. DC Fitch-Tillett is working with the diocese on this matter. Having asked questions at Coastwise meetings, he was told it's nothing to do with Coastwise, but the diocese instead. The Chairman said she will ask both Coastwise and the diocese if they are working together for this or if there's some discrepancy over decision making.

7. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL

District Councillor Fitch-Tillett reported there has been a couple of District Council meetings: one was to respond to support the three authorities if we're going to have to move into local government form but there has been no motion at all in the councils, so for now we just carry on. She understands that County Council has until mid-March to decide whether they want the county elections to proceed or not.

County Councillor Ed Maxfield reported that he felt the decision about holding the County elections were stuck in mid-air at the moment. Cllr Gotts asked what powers there are to postpone the County elections. CC Maxfield said that central government makes the decision. He had received an email from David Bick, another County Councillor, saying that Reform has put in an appeal about this for judicial review which will be heard about 20th/21st February. Elections had been postponed during covid, so that was the catalyst. He thought it to be a real shambles and is disgraceful because if we don't have elections County Councillors are basically in the job for seven years, because they would have another year on top of that. He and 83 others would be doing seven years instead of the four which is wrong. Other than that, there was nothing to add. The Norfolk Community Fund is the pot of money available for community projects. Although the application process is a bit convoluted, if there's a project that's suitable then go for it. There is £5,000 to allocate initially and it's a shade under £2,000 now available. He assumes the pot will top up again in April to share between the set number of parishes he covers.

Coastwise: the project consists of two parts, Jubilee Wood and the reinstatement of the pond in Middle Street. In early 2025 it was believed that there was a clear route to start both projects which had been provided as drafts, pending some final detail. It has since been updated that if either project was to proceed additional studies would have to be carried out, including a downstream flood analysis and the other to approach NNDC planning to consider if any planning permission was required for the change of land use. The downstream flood analysis refers mainly to Jubilee Wood. There were also questions regarding the drainage work in the surrounding fields. It is believed these questions have been resolved but confirmation is yet to be received. There is another Coastwise meeting next week so things

should be finalised then. As soon as all other points are clarified, the project will proceed, although it is later than envisaged.

Village Hall: Liz King provided this report covering the period of December 19th to today. Events have been quite muted over the past weeks with many regular clients taking a Christmas break. A tea dance held on December 31st was quiet but the one on January 14th was a real success. A cash bingo had been planned for January 3rd but it was postponed a week to the 10th which had a good turnout. The Parish Council election was held in the committee room on the 15th and worked well. There is a new Tai Chi teacher starting at the end of the month. Overall the hall is very busy and enjoyed by all who use it. In December the Environmental Health Officer visited and awarded the kitchen a five star rating. The old extractor fan was replaced but at no cost to the Parish Council. **Fundraising:** the Christmas Afternoon Tea raised £192 gross (£130 after expenses). The Christmas Night pub games evening continued to be popular. The table top sale in December raised over £190 and the jigsaw and book sale raised over £90. The book and craft stall is well attended. The coffee mornings continue to raise money for the church and the **Pilgrim Shelter**. A Soup & Pud lunch is being held on the fourth Wednesday until May and will then resume in September. A fortnightly chess club has begun and is proving popular. There is currently no progress with regards to the charitable status – the Charity Commission is quoting 16 weeks for any decision.

8. HIGHWAYS

Update on Traffic Management Scheme: the clerk reported that Highways still hasn't given a start date for the works but it was imminent. CC Maxfield said that as soon as we get a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) it will give more clues to when the work is going to be started. If there is a need to close the road Highways will need to give people sufficient warning and to specify which dates apply. The clerk will contact Highways again.

9. PLANNING

One planning application came in only this week regarding the Tiki Bar on Mundesley Road which is a Change of Use of its detached garage to use for the sale of food and drink. It is a well-attended venue with lots of regulars returning. The owner of the Tiki Bar was in attendance and told the Parish Council that customers come in from North Walsham by bus. The Chairman asked if there were any stipulations on parking numbers. The owner confirmed that they have six places for vehicles. Cllr Farrow asked if a Risk Assessment had been done as quite a lot of bamboo had been erected. Cllr Rust said she has no objection but numbers of visitors are discretionary pointing out that the application says ten people inside the building and thirty-five outside. The owner/applicant said a lot of time, money and effort had been invested in it. It was agreed for the Parish Council to support the application.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The 2026 Norfolk Marathon will be held on Sunday, 19th April and will include the same route in Trimingham as last year.

The Pier 2 Pier will be held on Saturday, 6th June and participants walk 32 miles from Cromer Pier to Gt Yarmouth Pier and the route includes Trimingham's coastal path.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Bank balances as of today –

Business Premium Account (deposit account): £16,292.53

Community Account (current account): £8,157.12

Current invoices due:

Pilgrim Shelter hire	£60.00
Total:	£60.00

Proposer for payment: The Chairman. Seconder: Cllr Wood.

New bank signatories were discussed and agreed. The Chairman said that she was already a bank signatory with Barclays and hoped this would make transfer simpler. Cllr Young suggested getting two signatories to start with. The clerk explained that she is able to set up the payments but authorisation has to be made by a Parish Councillor. She will email the Chairman with bank account details.

The budget for 2026-2027 was discussed and agreed.

The precept was also discussed and it was agreed that there has to be an increase of 5% for 2026-2027.

It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that the backs have gone in both grit bins and will need replacing. CC Maxfield said he would put the clerk in contact with Robert Pratt at NCC regarding funding for a replacement bus shelter.

The clerk said that a lot of her time had been spent on the traffic management scheme which was shortly drawing to a close and working hours can now be reduced to four hours a week. She also tendered her resignation due to recent events in the village which resulted in unnecessary flak and ill feeling towards her which she was not prepared to accept. She wished the Council well for the future.

12. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday, 11th March, 2026.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32pm.

Signed:

CHAIRMAN –
Trimingham Parish Council

Date:

