

MINUTES OF TRIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Wednesday, 12th March 2025**
at Pilgrim Shelter, Loop Road, Trimmingham, NR11 8EG.

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Elizabeth King (Chair), Patrick Carpmael, Richard Wallis, Chris Harrison, Terry Brown, Daniel Gotts, District Councillor Angie Fitch-Tillett.

APOLOGIES were received from County Councillor Ed Maxfield and Cllr Charlesworth.

Eight members of the public attended.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held January 8th 2025.

These were agreed as correct. Proposer: Cllr Gotts. Seconder: Cllr Carpmael.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Voluntary tasks in the parish: Cllr. Wallis felt that it would be unreasonable to expect any volunteer to personally subsidise jobs in the village on behalf of the Parish Council without recompense of their expenses, as times had changed and someone has to pay for these jobs to be done. Cllr Gotts is putting the benches in place but said he would need another person to help. Cllr Brown offered to assist. It was agreed that expenses should be met including the cost of concrete bases.
- b) Report from meeting with NNDC Financial Director: District Councillor Fitch-Tillett explained that her group at NNDC had met with the Finance Committee to go through the budget. She expects there to be a balanced budget at the end of the year.
- c) Loop Road potholes and cutting back of verges in the village: The Clerk has contacted Highways again to find out when the works will be carried out as the verges in the Broadwood Close area were collapsing in places, narrowing the pavements. No further updates on this at present.
- d) Repairs to bus shelter, phone box, Pilgrim Shelter: The Clerk reported that she had invited four separate tradesmen in the area to tender for the works: two hadn't responded, one replied explaining he could not do the work; the only one to provide a quote was Dan Gotts who quoted £170 for work on the bus shelter, the door to the phone box is in a terrible state so he is looking into the best way forward with it as new ones are very expensive, and repair to the damaged brickwork above the door of the Pilgrim Shelter, to strengthen and repoint to stop further movement would be £380 but as this is slightly different to the Schedule of Dilapidations he will look into the reinstatement of the work as stated in the Schedule.
- e) Insurance for fire/storm damage re Pilgrim Shelter: following the Clerk's request to the insurance company regarding the risk of damage to part of the Pilgrim Shelter, e.g. the kitchen, the company had sent a very lengthy

questionnaire which she will complete and return to the company for clarification. The annual insurance is due for renewal on June 1st 2025.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

One member of the public reported that she had done a litter pick during the last two weeks and was disappointed at the amount of litter left by the roadside. She also reported the sign in the layby regarding litter is covered by tree growth. Cllr Harrison will cut back the vegetation over it.

6. HIGHWAYS

The clerk confirmed that she had checked all grit bins in the village on February 3rd which had all recently been filled. A shovel had also been left in each bin.

Speeding restrictions: Phil Reilly from Highways has informed the Clerk that plans are currently with the designer; the clerk emphasised with him the need to place the 30mph limit signs on the Gimingham Road near The Rising, and at the other end of the village fixed near Bizewell Farm, and felt we would be lucky to have everything completed by September/October which is the time specified at the meeting on October 4th with Councillors and Highways. The Clerk will request a site meeting for Parish Councillors to meet the designer. Cllr Wallis asked if Coastwise funding could be used for the road scheme as per Cllr Maxwell's report. Cllr Fitch-Tillett said it wouldn't be applicable as Coastwise won't contribute to speeding works.

7. PLANNING

Approval for planning ref. PF/25/0027 at New Dawn Cottage, Middle Street, Trimingham: front and rear extension to dwelling.

<https://idoxpa.north-norfolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SPPGSYLNJYM00>

8. PILGRIM SHELTER and VILLAGE HALL reports.

The Chairman reported that weekly classes at the Village Hall continue to fill most days. Weekend parties and fundraising events have begun with a successful hosting of the band 'Cutting the Mustard' at the beginning of March, another band 'The Glamtastics' in April and a Fun Dog Show on April 6th. There was an unwelcome visitor at the end of February when a local female smashed windows to break in: the glass should be replaced in the next fortnight. The quotes for interior decorating are being sought. The paving work to the container should be done this month. The dishwasher had to be replaced but overall the finances are very healthy.

9. REPORTS

The County Councillor report has already been sent to Parish Councillors, has been uploaded to our website and is also available on the table here for the public.

District Councillor Fitch-Tillett reported that Trimingham Coastwise has had huge congratulations for their work. There has been a really big slip over the promenade in Overstrand, and that part is closed for the foreseeable future.

Reorganisation within local government: there is a full council next Wednesday, when the preferred options are going to be put forward. DC Fitch-Tillett felt that the Districts are in agreement, but the County Council prefers a single unitary for the whole area. She feels this would not be of benefit because at present she has 2000 residents to look after which is manageable, but this will increase to 8000. Parts of North Norfolk will be allocated to different areas but her worry is who is going to manage the coast and will they understand its problems. A mayoral election is likely next year and in 2028 there will be a Shadow Authority.

COASTWISE: Cllr Harrison reported that as regards to the west of the village there had been meetings about the drainage to Jubilee Wood. He plans to take out the land production on the cliff and put into vegetation. The financial plan to get Coastwise and Defra works goes in on March 31st. He will open up the paths around the farm to bring in Natural England footpaths and is trying to get quotes for the works.

Cllr Brown has applied for a grant to reinstate the pond at Middle Street to collect the excess water. The water will overflow into the drain which will go into the storm drain to the sewer, which should help to slow the erosion. The site of the old Crown & Anchor pub will be fenced in and planted out with vegetation to slow erosion in that area. Cllr Brown is preparing an application for a grant. The Community Fund is for the east of the village, and the Support Fund handled by Cllr Harrison is for the west.

Cllr Brown reported he had attended a meeting at Happisburgh which also suffers with coastal erosion, where someone from Breckland asked why bother about erosion? This is something that we need to be very careful about because we must maintain a focus on the coast, adding that some people prefer to think we don't even have a coastline, so we must be vigilant on what may happen in three or four years' time.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk has invited Steff Aquarone, MP, to attend the Parish Council meeting in May when it coincides with our AGM, mainly to discuss the coastal erosion in the village. As yet she has received no reply.

Meetings of the Coastal Forum will be held on:

- Tuesday, 15 July 2025
- Tuesday, 11 November 2025
- Tuesday, 3 March 2026

11. GENERAL MATTERS ARISING

Recent Local Government Reorganisation meetings on Norfolk's Devolution have been held at Northrepps and Thursford. The Chairman and the Clerk attended the Northrepps meeting where options of the devolution were explained, concluding that NNDC is unlikely to exist in about four years' time.

Norfolk Marathon, Sunday 13th April: Maps and times showing when and whereabouts in the village the event will partake are displayed on the village notice boards and on the Parish Council website.

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Current invoices due: payment proposed by Cllr Wallis, seconded by Cllr Gotts.

J W Gardening (grass cutting) Inv.1192.	£140.00
Clerk's wages, 4 weeks to March 7 th .	£266.72
Total:	£406.72

Balance of bank accounts as of today 12th March 2025:

Community Account: £16,846.00

Business Premium Account (deposit account): £11,139.68. From May 13th the gross interest rate will be reduced to 1.25%.

Cllr Wallis proposed that £5,000 is transferred from the Community Account to the Business Premium Account. This was seconded by Cllr Harrison.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk explained that Norfolk Community Foundation has one grant in particular which could interest young people locally: the Kiln Cliffs Nurture Fund, which aims to support individuals aged 16 to 25 who have lived within a five mile radius of Mundesley for at least one year. Further details will be displayed on the Parish Council website and the Chairman will also publish it in Crab Tales magazine.

Cllr Wallis congratulated Sue Rust on her excellent production of the village newsletter.

It was brought to the attention of the Council that a broken and rusted road sign post is lying in the hedge by Four Jays on the Mundesley Road. Clerk to report to Highways for a replacement.

14. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday 14th May 2025 which will follow the **Annual Parish Meeting** at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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Trimingham Parish Clerk