

MINUTES OF TRIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Wednesday, 14th May 2025**
at Pilgrim Shelter, Loop Road, Trimingham, NR11 8EG.

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES.

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

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

Twelve members of the public attended.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held March 12th 2025.

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

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Loop Road potholes and cutting back of verges – there had been no further response from Highways.
- b) Repairs to bus shelter and phone box – waiting for quotation any time now from a tradesman in Mundesley. Pilgrim Shelter: The Clerk will persist in obtaining two further quotes for the work. Cllr Brown has possible donors who may be prepared to pay for the cost of works to the front portico of the building.
- c) Insurance for this year was quoted as £934.17 in comparison to £419.68 last year; Cllr Brown advised that insurance for contents are not needed. Both he and the clerk will seek alternative quotes, as £934.17 is a substantial increase from the previous year.
- d) Norfolk Marathon feedback – Cllr Brown reported back with good general feedback about the event which the clerk has passed on to the organiser.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- A member of public commented on the height of the hedge opposite her house on the Mundesley Road, as it needs to be cut.
- Report of a lorry left every night by a Staden Park resident in the layby opposite the village hall. Although Cllr Harrison has cut back the foliage on the track's sign, the sign is not particularly clear.
- To commemorate the recent VE Day, amateur radio operators met at Frank Mason's property where 45 people across the UK were in contact.
- A member of the public expressed her disgust at the comments a Parish Councillor had made to her in the recent past, asking why does that Parish Councillor want to be on the Parish Council if that person makes derogatory comments about some of the villagers and nasty

things about the village itself. She added that she will not be bullied or intimidated by any Parish Councillor.

6. HIGHWAYS

The Chairman commented on the dedicated work a local group of litter-pickers, the Norfolk Wombles, were doing in clearing up litter in the area. Progress on traffic calming measures: the clerk applied for 50% (being £5,000, the maximum allowed) of the cost of the implied footway by the church, through the Parish Partnership Scheme. NCC had originally said it would then cost us £4,000 but we have since been billed for £5,000. The Clerk has asked for a date as to when the works will be commenced and the scheme's overall cost, but as yet has not been informed of this. The Clerk has successfully applied for a contribution from our County Councillor's fund, which is understood to be £5,000 and will be paid directly to NCC towards the cost of the traffic management scheme. The clerk will continue to chase NCC for full costings and further details of where the footway will be marked out. Cllr Brown said that our County Cllr has got to be instrumental in the scheme.

Cllr Brown referred to the recent road resurfacing in the village which had covered over the white lines which had only been repainted a few weeks prior. The clerk reported that she had received an email from County Cllr Maxfield which explained it had been the contractor's fault, because the white lines should not have been repainted at the time they had been. The contractor has agreed to replace them at their own cost.

Cllr Wallis reported that motorcycles had been speeding through the village at probably 60 – 70mph. He felt that unless something was done about it there would be a fatality, adding it is worse in the early mornings and evenings, and that it was not just the odd youngster who were doing 60mph in a 40mph limit. More volunteers are needed to help with Speedwatch and the clerk will put out an appeal for help on the website. Cllr Brown clarified that Speedwatch volunteers are only allowed to stand at given points and nowhere else.

7. PLANNING

None.

8. PILGRIM SHELTER and VILLAGE HALL reports.

The Chairman reported the village hall was in a healthy financial position despite some expenses in the last year which have included ground source heating, decorating and replacing a pane of glass. The hall continues to be busy with a range of activities. There is a problem with pigeons perching on the benches and window sills causing a mess. All is going well but the Hall is in need of more volunteers. Cllr Carpmael will send a link to the Chairman with details of metal strips to place on benches to prevent the problem recurring.

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, with the District Councillor's report as per the Annual Meeting.

The Chairman said that in County Cllr Maxfield's report he referred to recycling centres, and she thinks it's likely they will be moved; it is a pity Cllr Maxfield was not here this evening to update the meeting.

The Coastwise report was also covered in the Annual Meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- The clerk contacted Steff Aquarone, MP on March 7th inviting him to our meeting. A reply was received on May 2nd from his assistant explaining that he is still committed to working to resolve the issue and impact of cliff erosion in Trimingham and that his general report should be with us in time for this meeting. Copies are available on the table here.
- The clerk had been informed of a new funding initiative to support bus funding installations in Norfolk. The clerk will enquire if repair work to Trimingham's current bus shelter could be covered in the scheme where NCC will cover up to 80% of the costs.
- The Environment Agency informs us that maintenance work is going ahead in one area of the village where weed cutting will be carried out.
- Norfolk County Council have organised more meetings regarding the shape of future government in Norfolk, these are at The Cedars in North Walsham on Friday 16th and an online meeting on May 20th. Cllr Brown expressed interest in attending the North Walsham event.
- Contractors for Highways maintenance works have changed. It was hoped County Cllr Maxfield would be able to give more details but he was not in attendance this evening.
- NNDC has asked the clerk for Parish Council views on street trading, and which streets in the village should be designated as consent or prohibited streets. It was agreed there should be no prohibited streets.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Current invoices due:

JW Gardening for March 8 th & 31 st and April 5 th and 25 th @ £140 per cut:	£560.00
Clerk – 5 weeks work:	£333.40
Cllr Brown – purchase of fixings for benches:	£44.13
Norfolk County Council – contribution to footway in traffic scheme:	£5,000.00
Total:	£5,937.53

Balance of bank accounts as of today 14th May 2025:

Community Account: £16,827.48 which includes the first half of this year's precept of £5,804 which was received on April 30th.

Business Premium Account (deposit account) which has an Annual Equivalent Rate of 1.26%: £16,139.68. Interest is paid quarterly on this account. Payment proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Gotts.

NCC has confirmed that the Parish Council will receive £477.68 for the agency grass cutting for 2025-2026, being an increase of 3.5% from last time. The clerk has arranged for the internal audit to be done by Jim Graves before submission to PKF Littlejohn.

12.ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The clerk reported that there is now a requirement for every parish and town council to have a domain owned email address such as gov.uk. Parish Online has launched a “Core” version of their email service to help councils towards best practice, and includes a free gov.uk domain name and one free mailbox for the clerk. Norfolk Parish Training & Support subscribers are offering a discount of £40 reducing the cost to £220. The clerk will obtain further details.

Cllr Brown and Cllr Gotts expressed their disappointment of County Councillor Maxfield who was not in attendance, as there were questions that needed answering, in particular relating to the traffic calming scheme in the village.

Cllr Brown asked of the future of the old MoD site. The Chairman has email details of the site contact, adding that the site is still used by the Ministry.

Cllr Carpmael asked why the gates of the camping site on Gimingham Road had been widened. A member of public commented that the site opens soon.

13.ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday 9th July.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

J Collingwood
Trimingham Parish Clerk

Signed:
CHAIRMAN

Date: July 9th 2025.