

MINUTES OF TRIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Wednesday, 11th March 2026**
at Pilgrim Shelter, Loop Road, Trimmingham, NR11 8EG.

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

In attendance: Linda Brown (Chairman), Sandy Wood, Alan Farrow, Sue Rust
Also in attendance: District Councillor Angie Fitch-Tillett, County Councillor Ed Maxfield and four members of the public.

Apologies were received from Sarah Young and Richard Wallis. Absent: Dan Gotts.

Before the commencement of official Council business, the Chairman spoke about the passing of Alec Reynolds, a parishioner who had lived in Trimmingham all his life. The Parish Council felt it important to acknowledge Alec's service to the village for many years as a Councillor, and as its Chairman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the January meeting were agreed and signed as true and correct.
Proposer: Cllr Wood. Seconder: Cllr Farrow.

4. UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES / MATTERS ARISING

a) Damaged post by church: the Chairman explained that the post has been cut off halfway down by an unknown person. The replacement post will be moved to just inside the church wall to prevent it from being damaged again.

b) The Chairman explained that the bus shelter next to Staden Park was extensively damaged by one of Sanders coaches on Monday. The Clerk has contacted Sanders and reported it to the Parish Council's insurance company.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public reported that the potholes on Church Road have been filled in.

Another member of the public said that he had contacted the Archdeacon about Happisburgh's coastal erosion problems affecting the graveyard there. He was informed that any grave over 100 years old would be left to eventually go over the cliff. The Chairman reported that she had visited Happisburgh and spoken with the church warden/vicar and was told that remains can be moved but it would be at a cost and advised the member of public to read the Coastwise document. Frank Mason will be speaking at the Coastwise event which is open to the public and the diocese. The Chairman added that it has not been planned to take the church out of service for burials: it is the PCC which has to decide what happens to the churchyard. Frank Mason will report back from the meeting.

6. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL

District Councillor Fitch-Tillett has provided her written report (also available here this evening) adding that she had spoken with the planning department about the recent application for the Tikki Bar in the village, but was not confident that permission will be granted. Cllr Rust said that the premises appear to have been given an extension to their licence.

Cllr Fitch-Tillett left the meeting at 7.16pm.

County Councillor Ed Maxfield who has already provided his report, said that County Hall appears to be gradually closing down. He has no further updates on the Traffic Management Scheme for Trimmingham.

Cllr Farrow queried the hedge cutting on the corner of Middle Street and if permission had been needed for this.

Coastwise: a report had been received from Terry Brown explaining that Taylors Lane will have an Information Board fixed in place giving details about the location plus a bench with a sea view. Markers have been placed in the field at the bottom of Middle Street which indicate the general outline of the pond which is aimed to be done as soon as possible. It is intended for this to be turned into a community asset, encouraging wildlife and pond planting. There may be some permissions needed for a section of hedge to be removed. If so, it will likely have to be done in September due to the nesting birds. Post and rail fencing has been erected today on the old Crown & Anchor pub site which will protect the grassed area. This area over time, will 'naturally' populate with the aim of slowing erosion.

Some tree clearance has begun at Jubilee Wood and drainage work to the field and pond will be carried out after the sugar beet on the adjacent field has been harvested. The nominated footpaths, or permissive paths, will go ahead. When the work on Jubilee Wood is completed it will be a remarkable village asset.

The Environment Agency has now given NNDC and Coastwise further funding to 2029 to enable them to continue their work.

Village Hall and Pilgrim Shelter: The Chairman provided a report on the Pilgrim Shelter. The Table Tops again have been a success: in February the nett figure was £202.50 and for March it was £190.20. The quiz in January was well attended and thanks go to Paul for being Quiz Master: the nett figure was £86.60. The Games Night in February was enjoyed by 13 'gamers': the nett figure was £46.50. Chess is now a well-established club, the bell ringers are learning new tunes and all the other usual clubs, together with Coffee Mornings, are all running along nicely and enjoyed by everyone who attend. The Charity Commission has again moved the goalposts and the waiting time is now over 23 weeks, so we are still waiting.

7. HIGHWAYS

The clerk has contacted Highways again about a start date on the work but as yet no firm date has been given.

The Chairman has received a complaint about the grass verges collapsing into the pathways and pavements, especially near the bus stop. The pavement is about a third of the width it should be in the Broadwood Close area. The Clerk is meeting Highways in Gimmingham this Friday afternoon

and will ask them to visit Trimingham thereafter. Cllr Farrow offered his help this Friday in showing Highways the areas of concern.
Potholes – see Public Forum.

8. PLANNING

No new applications.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Extra dog waste bin – the Clerk will obtain costs of a new bin and also ask Chris Harrison if he will be providing a dog waste bin when he carries out the work at Jubilee Wood.

New bank signatories update – we are still waiting for Barclays to confirm the new signatories for the bank account.

The Clerk has received an insurance Pre Renewal Questionnaire which she will complete and send to the insurance company for its renewal on June 1st.

The Clerk has received notification from Josh Weekes who cuts the grass in the village, that his prices will be increasing to £160 per cut as from April. The Chairman proposed that the new charges should be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Wood.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Bank balances as of today –

Business Premium Account (deposit account): £16,333.78

Community Account (current account): £7,482.40

Current invoices due:

NNDC re parish election costs	£2,482.17
Pack of 100 plastic folders @ £3.39; set of printer cartridges @ £96.90 (already paid for by clerk)	£ 100.29
NPTS subscription	£ 146.27
Total:	£2,728.73

The Clerk was asked to query the Parish election costs as it was felt to be rather a lot of money and to delay payment until a response had been received from NNDC, in particular for the Management and Setup Fees of £500 and Delivery Charges of £275.

The Chairman reported that Webnos has removed from their system the defibrillator in the phone box by the church as the battery is dead. Nothing has yet been heard from the person who was going to oversee the units. It was unanimously agreed that a new battery should be purchased. The Chairman offered to proceed with ordering one which would cost £265, plus £16.95 p&p, plus vat. Payment will be reimbursed. The pads will expire on November 28th and will cost £44 plus £6.95 p&p, plus vat.

Proposer for payment: The Chairman. Secunder: Cllr Rust.

The Clerk was asked to find out the cost of a grit bin to replace the ones at Middle Street and Broadwood Close as they were in poor condition.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday, 13th May, 2026 which will include the **Annual Parish Meeting** at 7pm followed by the ordinary Parish Council meeting.

Before closing the meeting the Chairman extended her thanks on behalf of the Parish Council, to the retiring County Councillor Ed Maxfield for his support to the village over the years.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed:

CHAIRMAN –
Trimingham Parish Council

Date: