



**Meeting of the Parish Council
In the Pavilion
6pm, Monday 20th January 2025
MINUTES**

Present: Councillors Jean Bragg, Anthony Besford-Land, David Bromley, Paul Carver, Ben Falat, Brian Keller, Sandie Keller, Donald Munro and Jo Turner.

Also in attendance: Michaela McGoun (Clerk). 5 members of the public. 1 County / District Councillors.

1. Welcome

2. Announcement on Reporting

Councillors and members of the public will be reminded that in the interests of openness and transparency, the law permits filming, recording or other means of reporting of meetings.

3. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Ashdown.

4. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

4.1 Receive Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests from councillors on items on the agenda. None

4.2 To receive and consider written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None

4.3 To note any dispensations previously granted. None

5. To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th December 2025

Proposed by Cllr. B Keller, seconded by Cllr. Carver. all in favour.

5.1. Outstanding actions: To note actions taken from last meetings which are not detailed on this agenda. NONE

6. Chairman's Report:

Cllr. S Keller thanked everyone for attending, and thanked Cllr. Falat and the Clerk for their work on the budget.

We had a complaint from a parent whose coat was ruined from grease off a swing and it was agreed to offer £20.00 towards replacing the coat.

7. Public Forum and Public Service Reports:

An opportunity for members of the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda. This forum will include **receipt of any written District Council, County Council reports.**

District Cllr. Gee has recently had a couple of issues; she had been asked to help with getting yellow lines put down on Dunston Drive to stop the Parking on both sides of the road. Unfortunately, due to the new Government proposed changes, everything has been frozen so the lines cannot happen. Cllr. Gee will reply to the resident.

A complaint from a resident who lives opposite St Marks Church complaining about the car park being used as a drug dealing place near Pets Corner. They have asked if OBPC could put up a CCTV camera to deter this. It was noted that the car park belongs to East Suffolk and not OBPC.

8. To receive an update from FoNEP and agree any necessary action.

Voluntary hours for December were 96, and for 2024 were We have 2 new volunteers, possibly 3 which is good news. The memorial rose has been planted and have been reading up about hedges and looking at the possibility of the hedge between the boat park and the park more wildlife friendly. The circle bed is almost planted up. Geoff advised that the Woodland Trust is giving grants out for native trees so could be worth looking into at the tree meeting.

9. To receive a brief from Christmas Lane Residents

One of the residents of Christmas Lane spoke on behalf of the 22 residents, he advised there were over 1000 people who turned up for their Christmas switch on, and this year they raised over £5,000.00 for Angels and Rainbows Charity. They asked for support for:

1. Supporting them with the road closure for the switch on event this year which is at 6pm on 29th November 2025. The road would need to be closed for 2 hours. For the safety, they would like financial help with the closures.
2. Would we consider buying festoon lights to string from each lamppost along Christmas Lane?
3. There is a tree on a disused piece of land, would we consider funding the tree lighting?

It was agreed that the Parish Council would discuss the requests in a closed session and the Clerk will arrange a meeting with the residents to discuss in further detail.

10. To receive a Finance and projects brief

The last meeting was only a short meeting due to the Christmas break. The precept remained at a raise of 2.44%. The monthly tracking is in hand, and it looks as though OBPC has a small underspend so far, but NEPT has an overspend.

11. To approve the payments for this month and in between meetings.

Monthly		
MC Cleaning	Office / pavilion	£117.00
Norfolk Copiers	Copy costs	£101.59
Daisy	Phone/internet	178.78
ADHOC		
ESS	Tree install & re	£ 892.80
GK Home Improv	bench fitting	£ 25.00
		-£1,315.17
INCOME		
Wav & OBYHT	Rent	£262.00
TOTAL		£262.00

Proposed by Cllr. Bromley

Seconded by Cllr. B Keller

All in favour.

12. To agree the budget for 2025/26

As agreed last month if no changes were required, to submit the budget at 2.44%

13. To agree the meeting dates for 2025

The dates were discussed and changes to a couple of typing errors, the dates were agreed. All in favour.

14. To discuss replacing the goals at Kesgrave Field

Cllr. Besford-Land feels the previous goals were not really used and just got vandalised and predicts the same will happen to new goals. The ground is so uneven; Discussions have been had about flattening the ground to level it off so football can be played but we have been informed that it is contaminated ground. Pass onto Finance & Projects as a loose project to get soil samples. Cllr. Bragg advised that the grass would need cutting more regularly and ESS would need to take more care as they currently use as a racetrack. It was agreed to pass onto Finance & Projects to take forward.

Proposed by Cllr. Falat, seconded by Cllr. Bromley, all in favour.

17. To note date of next Full Council Meeting on Monday 17th February 2025.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.00pm.

Signed by the Chairman..... Date.....