

SEA PALLING & WAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Meeting details	
Date	Monday 29 th June 2026
Time	6.30pm
Venue	Sea Palling Village Hall, Waxham Road, NR12 0UP
Meeting type	Main Meeting

Present

Cllr Val Bird (Chair), Cllr Clive Preston (Vice Chair), Cllr Simon Burrell, Cllr Susan Deary and Cllr Amanda Draper.

In Attendance

Becky Furr (Parish Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Public Participation

a. Beach Matters to Report to the Environment Agency (EA)

Concerns were raised about safety in respect of the tide being too high, insufficient sand, and people getting stuck on the rocks. The Clerk will make enquiries with the EA.

b. Highway Matters to Report to Norfolk County Council (NCC)

A parishioner raised concerns about drivers misusing the island junction, noting that it is unclear where vehicles can turn in and out of Beach Road and that there is not sufficient space for two cars to pass each other. It was also reported that the tarmac on the footpath along Beach Road is breaking up.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and ACCEPTED from Cllr Casson, Cllr Rowe, District Cllr Blathwayt, and County Cllr Taylor.

2. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Cllr Bird declared a pecuniary interest in item 6b.

3. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2026 were APPROVED and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

a. Footpath between Dunes Lodge Caravan Park and Coastguard Cottages

Norfolk County Council (NCC) has served notices on the affected owners. The Parish Council is not privy to further information due to data protection restrictions.

b. Feedback from Community Solstice Event

The event was well attended, with positive feedback received, particularly regarding the youth council activities, children's entertainment, and the Brazilian percussion band that opened the event. Three formal complaints were received regarding noise, particularly after the event's official 6pm finish time. The clerk will discuss this with the live music organisers.

c. Traffic Regulation Order, Beach Road

The formal consultation process has restarted.

d. Dog Access Signage, Beach

The signage directing dog walkers to the designated dog area is missing. The Clerk will contact the lifeguards, who previously provided the A-board.

e. Weed Killing

The clerk will investigate whether NCC are using weed killer when maintaining the verges and PROWS.

5. Planning

None.

6. Finance

a. Payments Received (NOTED)

Payee	Description	Amount
HMRC	VAT Reclaim – Qtr 4 2025-26	£200.74

b. Payments APPROVED

Payee	Description	Amount
Century Printing	Community Event Flyers	£41.00
Westcotec	Solar Lighting for Stalham Road Bus Shelter	£1,238.40
V. Bird	Hook a Duck kit for community event	£38.94
NPTS	B. Furr – Parish Online Mapping Training	£38.40
NPTS	S. Deary – Parish Online Mapping Training	£38.40
NPTS	G. Casson – Engaging Communities	£72.00
B. Furr	Clerk's Expenses	£100.79

c. Queried Invoices – Update

The Clerk has raised the following queried invoices with North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) and is awaiting a response:

Payee	Description	Amount
NNDC	Litter Bin Emptying 2026-27	£468.00
NNDC	Dog Bin Emptying 2026-27	£936.00

d. Payments Already Approved by Direct Debit or Standing Order

Payee	Description	Amount
B. Furr	Salary, including 3-hour weekly increase agreed 18th May	£768.36
HMRC	PAYE – May	-£4.34
	Credit	£794.07
	Balance	£789.73

7. Parish Matters

a. 4G Telephone Mast

Cllr Draper was thanked for circulating a mobile phone connectivity survey. Over 40 responses have been received and these have been shared with County Cllr Taylor and MP Steff Aquarone. This has clearly highlighted that Sea Palling and Waxham suffer from very poor mobile connectivity.

b. Waxham Road Bench Consultation

Fourteen responses were received: 10 objections and 4 in support of the proposal. Concerns were raised that a bench would not deter parking and could invite people to sit outside resident properties. It was AGREED that the Clerk will contact Highways to explore whether planters would be a viable alternative subject to resident approval.

c. Beach Wheelchair Matters

Bookings are increasing and the Clerk has given Sandy Hills a walk-in pack, including terms and conditions and consent slips. Cllr Bird, Cllr Draper and the Clerk are meeting with the FiPL team and a local parishioner to raise awareness of free beach wheelchair hire in Sea Palling.

d. Public Toilets

The Clerk has made a formal complaint to Serco regarding the cleanliness of the toilets, drainage issues, and inconsistent emptying of the bins at the ramp. The Clerk had a productive meeting with the Property Services team at NCC, who have agreed to provide storage for the beach wheelchairs; the Clerk will discuss with Sandy Hills whether they would prefer the wheelchairs to be stored there. Reinstating the outside tap and water fountain is not possible due to a high risk of Legionella, as the water supply to these facilities is connected to the disabled facilities and there is insufficient flushing to prevent risk.

e. Grass Cutting at Churchyard

The existing volunteers have informed the Parish Council that they would like to keep the grass cutting support local and did not want services from the Community Payback Scheme. The Clerk has posted on social media to seek local volunteers.

f. Dog Bin by Safety Mirror on Stalham Road (by West End Terrace)

It was AGREED that the Clerk will obtain quotes for a new dog bin, check that NNDC can empty it, and complete the necessary street furniture application form.

g. Hearing Loop System

A parishioner brought to the Parish Council's attention that they struggled to hear proceedings at parish council meetings. It was AGREED to investigate suitable hearing loop systems.

8. Items for Inclusion on the Next Agenda

- Telephone Mast
- Youth Council update

- Dog show sponsorship

9. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 27th July 2026 at 6:30pm at Sea Palling Village Hall, Waxham Road, NR12 0UP.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:29pm.

Signed (Chair): _____ Date: _____