

SEA PALLING & WAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Meeting details	
Date	Monday 27 th July 2026
Time	6.30pm
Venue	Sea Palling Village Hall, Waxham Road, NR12 0UP
Meeting type	Main Meeting

Present

Cllr Val Bird (Chair), Cllr Simon Burrell, Cllr Gina Casson, Cllr Susan Deary, Cllr Amanda Draper, Cllr Patricia Rowe.

In Attendance

County Cllr Matthew Taylor, District Cllr Harry Blathwayt, Becky Furr (Parish Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

Public Participation

a. Public Participation

A parishioner raised concerns about caravans that have been erected towards the Lessingham boundary without planning consent. Cllr Blathwayt confirmed that the NNDC Enforcement Team is fully aware of the situation but was unable to comment further as the matter is confidential. Cllr Deary agreed to provide the Parish Council with the What3Words reference for the exact location.

b. County Cllr News

i. The Local Member's Fund of £12,000 has been removed, with the funding reallocated to the pothole repair budget. There is considerable concern about this decision. Although NCC is the second highest-performing county in the country for pothole repairs, County Cllr Taylor expressed concern that the fund had been a lifeline for rural villages needing support for highway matters not covered by the Parish Partnership Scheme.

ii. The Community Outreach Fund provides grants of up to £25,000 to support local groups taking over valued community assets (including local nurseries) through freehold purchase or long-term leaseholds, covering up to 50% of total capital costs.

iii. A location for a new phone mast has been identified locally, although the exact details remain confidential. The project is privately funded by Vodafone. County Cllr Taylor is continuing to press for Sea Palling to be prioritised within the delivery timescale.

iv. County Cllr Taylor continues to pursue CityFibre regarding repairs required to the Beach Road footpath following works carried out in January last year.

v. On 24th July, the Beach Road Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation opened, enabling residents to submit their views on the proposed year-round yellow line parking restrictions.

c. District Cllr News

i. The Broads Authority has received a planning application for a telephone mast in Repps with Bastwick.

ii. NNDC has purchased additional dog bins due to concerns over the heightened risk of fire.

iii. A hearing is taking place tomorrow to review the temporary event licences submitted by Poplar Farm. Despite support from the Parish Council, the licensing team remains minded to object, and District Cllr Blathwayt is unable to make representations.

iv. Waxham Sands Holiday Park has revised its application, reducing the proposal from 130 lodges to 70. Horsey Parish Council has objected to the application. District Cllr Blathwayt does not oppose the proposal, recognising the economic benefits of the holiday park, provided the development does not have an unacceptable impact on the natural environment.

v. NNDC is replacing damaged street signs and encouraged the Parish Council to report any damaged signs directly. A member of the Youth Council, who was in attendance, agreed to inspect the village and report any issues.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and ACCEPTED from Cllr Preston.

2. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Cllr Bird and Cllr Draper declared a pecuniary interest in item 7b. Cllr Deary declared an interest in item 10.

3. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2026 were APPROVED and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

a. Weed killing

A report was received that contractors were using weed killer along the footpaths. The grass contractor appointed by the Parish Council confirmed they do not use weed killer. As a result, the Clerk has reported the matter to the Norfolk Trails Team, which maintains the public rights of way.

b. Poplar Farm Entertainment Licence

Standing Orders were suspended, and Anna Meduka, owner of Poplar Farm, was invited to speak. Anna confirmed that she would be attending the hearing the following day and would have 15 minutes to present her case in support of the application. Anna was thanked for her continued engagement with the Parish Council in promoting safety at Poplar Farm.

c. Public Toilets and Dog Signage

The clerk contacted NNDC to see if the public toilet opening hours could be extended to 9pm. This is being investigated, but is unlikely as all the public toilet facilities are due to be closed at 8pm. Cllr Gasson requested whether Sea Palling could be closed at the end of the schedule, which the clerk will explore.

NNDC will be sending a warden out to deploy A board dog signage so visitors know which side of the beach is dog friendly.

d. Beach Wheelchairs

Bookings are now almost daily, and the wheelchairs are being well used. Cllr Draper **AGREED** to display signage in local GP surgeries. Cllr Bird requested that the scheme also be advertised in *Crab Tales* magazine.

5. Planning

No applications received.

6. NNDC Scoping Consultation and Call for Sites

No sites have been identified in Sea Palling. No large development can also take place in the Hickling Ward. It was AGREED not to comment.

7. Finance

a. Payments Received (NOTED)

Payee	Description	Amount
NCC	Highways Verge Grass Cutting 2026-27	£892.84

b. Payments APPROVED

Payee	Description	Amount
Century Printing	Mobile phone survey Flyers	£37.00
A Draper	Stationary for the Youth Council	£32.45
V. Bird	Printer Cartridges	£24.99
NALC	Website Hosting Fee	£86.88
NALC	Social Media Training	£58.56
B. Furr	Clerk's Expenses	£75.20
B. Furr	Beach wheelchair cleaning products	£8.93

c. Queried Invoices – Update

The Clerk has raised and chased multiple times 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	£861.20
HMRC	PAYE – May	£132.41
	Credit	£789.73

	Balance	£657.32
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7. Parish Matters

a. Youth Council Update

The Youth Council met prior to the Parish Council meeting and discussed arrangements for their meeting with MP Steff Aquarone on Wednesday 29th July at 5.30pm in the park, proposals for a community sensory garden, and activities for the Community Christmas Carols event on 6th December.

Their next meeting will be held on Monday 28th September at 5.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Youth Council also agreed to write to County Cllr Taylor outlining the issues they experience with mobile and broadband connectivity within the village.

b. 4G Telephone Mast

Leaflets promoting the mobile and broadband connectivity survey have been distributed with the monthly village newsletter. A total of 98 responses have been received to date. On 1st September, the Clerk will circulate the survey data to the local MP and County Cllr.

c. Planters near Mill Lane and Waxham Road

The clerk consulted with Highways, whom have no objections to this proposal. The clerk will re-consult with local residents.

d. Dog bin by safety mirror on Stalham Road

The clerk has consulted NNDC for emptying approval (£5 per service). Subject to approval, it was AGREED to purchase a dog bin (£250 with installation) and ask the local handyman to fit it upon delivery.

e. Hearing loop system at the Village Hall

It was AGREED to defer this matter, as it is to be reviewed by the village hall committee again. In the interim the clerk is making enquiries about the most suitable system.

f. Parish Council Whats App Group

Cllr Bird reiterated that the WhatsApp group is not a platform for decision-making and reminded members that any matters discussed should be placed on the agenda for formal consideration.

9. Parish Online Mapping

It was AGREED to subscribe to an Annual Subscription of £80+VAT.

10. Community Dog Show Sponsorship

It was AGREED to sponsor two dog classes, at £25 each.

11. Items for inclusion on the next agenda

- 4G Telephone Mast
- Hearing Loop System at Village Hall
- Traffic Island Update

12. Next Meeting

Monday 28th September 2026 at 5.30pm at Sea Palling & Waxham Village Hall

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:31pm.

Signed (Chair): _____ Date: _____

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