

Culford, West Stow and Wordwell Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Culford Village Hall on

Thursday 28th May 2026 at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr Rachael Salt, Cllr Paul Luke, Cllr Andrew Miller, Cllr Paul Turnill, Cllr Matt Benson.

In attendance: Christine Mason (Clerk to the Council), District Councillor Susan Glossop, County Cllr Tim Kent and four members of the public

1. Election of Chair

Proposed and seconded that Cllr Salt be re-elected as Chair for the forthcoming year

2. Election of Vice-Chair

Proposed and seconded that Cllr Fisher be re-elected Vice-Chair for the forthcoming year

3. Apologies

Cllr Fisher.

4. Declaration of Interests

- a. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature –none.
- b. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda, and their nature –none.

5. Minutes

Proposed and seconded that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 26th March 2026 be approved and signed by the Chair as a true record – all in favour.

6. County & District Councillor Reports

Heard in the Annual Parish Meeting, there were no further matters reported.

7. Public Forum

Issues raised related to the enforcement signage put up by the Forestry along Icklingham Road and at the picnic site at North Stow to deter parking on the road that is causing ruined verges, damage to trees and SSSI protected fauna and flora in the area. A concern was raised that the parish council had not been informed of the intended action to be taken by the Forestry Commission.

No clear or adequate signage to indicate the concealed entrance at the junction of the A1066 near to the WaterTower, Brandon Road. Highways to be contacted by County Cllr Tim Kent.

8. Rolling Action Log update

A progress spreadsheet was circulated prior to the meeting. An updated schedule to be appended to the minutes.

9. Planning and Environment

DC/26/0671/TPO

Proposal: TPO 191 (1993) tree preservation order – three Sycamore (T1-T3) on plan within W1 on order) and one Oak (T4 on plan within on order) reduce height by 3.5 metres

Location: The Willows The Triangle Culford Suffolk IP28 6TZ

To be advised by the Tree Officer.

DC/26/0483/FUL

Re-Consultation in respect of a planning proposal

Proposal: Planning application – one agricultural workers dwelling

Location: Brockley Corner, Equus Lodge Kings Forest Livery Limited

No objections.

10. Insurance

The insurance premium for 2026 2027 received from Clear Councils for £860.47 was unanimously approved.

11. Finance

- a. The schedule of receipts and payments and cheques to be authorised at the meeting was unanimously approved. A copy of the signed finance report to be appended to the minutes.
- b. The bank reconciliation for 2025-2026 was unanimously approved.
- c. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return was unanimously approved and signed by the Chair/Clerk.
- d. Section 1 was unanimously approved.
- e. Section 2 was unanimously approved.
- f. Certificate of Exemption was unanimously approved.

12. To receive a quotation for a solar panel speed device

Discussed in agenda item 8: Rolling Action log update.

13. To agree a date for a meeting with Lloyds Bank

Discussed in agenda item 8: Rolling Action log update.

14. Rat's Hall Corner

Discussed in agenda item 8: Rolling Action log update.

15. To discuss a road safety concern regarding lack of adequate signage on Brandon Road

Discussed in agenda item 7: Public Forum.

16. Councillor reports and items for future agendas

None.

17. Date of next meeting

Confirmed as Thursday 30th July 2026 at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.